

# SANTA LUCIA Fly Fishers



## Tight Lines January, 2013

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Please take a moment and pay your \$35 for your 2013 dues.

We will not require a renewal application this year.

CHECK THE ROSTER AND IF YOUR INFO HAS CHANGED NOTIFY SHERI (spnb@aol.com).

Mail your payment to: SLFF PO Box 166 SLO CA 93406 or bring it to the meeting.

### President's Letter

John Gierach: *I think I fish, in part, because it's an anti-social, bohemian business that, when gone about properly, puts you forever outside the mainstream culture without actually landing you in an institution.*

**JANUARY MEETING:** Steve Cooper will be our guest speaker. Jim Crescenzi, Art Chapman & I had the pleasure of fishing with Steve on the Grande Ronde & the Owyhee last July. His program will focus on the Owyhee (see page 3).

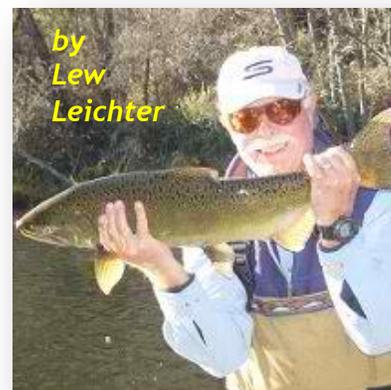
**2013 OUTINGS SCHEDULE:** Art Chapman & Rich Chubon are planning our fresh water outings and Andy Malovos & I are doing salt water. If you have thoughts for a new outing please contact one of us (see next page). Understand that the schedule is always subject to change.

And don't forget if you want a fun outing close to home check out Rick Paaske's lake. Get a couple friends and contact Rick directly. rickpaaske@hotmail.com (805 705-4005).

**ANNUAL BANQUET FUND RAISER AND REQUEST FOR DONATIONS:** Last year your member donations played a big part in our successful efforts and we hope you all will consider a contribution this year. We will be contacting you.

THIS YEAR WE'RE TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT. IN THE PAST WE PURCHASED A SELECTION OF FLY FISHING GEAR UP FRONT FOR THE SILENT AUCTION. IT WAS AVAILABLE ONLY TO THOSE ATTENDING THE BANQUET. WE HOPED WE BOUGHT THE RIGHT STUFF AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD SELL.

THIS TIME WE WILL OFFER ALL MEMBERS THE CHANCE TO ORDER THE EXACT GEAR YOU NEED/WANT AT DISCOUNTS EQUAL TO WHAT THE MINIMUM BID IN THE SILENT AUCTION WILL BE. THIS WILL INCLUDE: SAGE FLY RODS & REELS, REDINGTON FLY RODS, REELS & WADERS, RIO FLY LINES, KORKERS WADING BOOTS & SHOES, ECHO FLY RODS & AIRFLO FLY LINES (QUANTITY LIMITED) We will send out an order form with instructions and pricing information soon. We are only able to make one purchase and will place it after the banquet. (Continued next page)



You should still plan to attend the banquet as there will still be guide trips, some neat member contributions and a limited amount of gear in the silent auction. Plus it's a great time!

**CLUB SHIRTS:** We will start taking orders again for our club shirts. We are only able to place one order which we will do after the banquet. The shirts are from Redington; the men's shirt is the Gasparilla and the women's is the Coastal Technical. Colors & size info at [www.redington.com](http://www.redington.com). The shirts retail for \$60 and your price including embroidering the club logo & and your name on the shirt is \$50. Get your orders including which shirt, color, size & money to Sheri and Ron Bryant

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Jan 3rd: Fly tying 6:30PM SLO Odd Fellows Hall. Terry Croxton will be tying Burk's Aggravator.

Jan 4-5th: Carpinteria surf perch outing. Contact Lew Leichter.

Jan 10th: Board of Directors meeting 5PM at Margie's. 6:30 General meeting featuring Steve Cooper and the Owyhee River. Steve's pre-meeting nymphing and tying demo starts at 4pm (see page 3).

Jan 19th: SWCFFF Club Management Day

Jan 26th: Laguna Lake Fish-Float (see page 6).

Feb 1-2nd: Carpinteria surf perch outing. Contact Lew Leichter.

Feb 7th: Fly tying 6:30Pm SLO Odd Fellows Hall. Jim Crescenzi will be tying a Slim Zonker.

Feb 14th: Board of Directors meeting 5PM at Margie's. 6:30 General meeting featuring Rus Schwausch Alaska adventures.

Feb 16th: SWCFFF Flybuy

Feb 22nd: Lower Kings outing (see page 7). Contact Alex Beattie.

Feb 22-24th: Pleasanton Fly Fishing show. Contact Gaye Holman.

Mar 9th: Annual Luncheon at Madonna Inn (more later)

Sept 20-22nd, 2013 SWCFFF faire in Mammoth

## 2013 SLFF OUTING SCHEDULE

*Scheduled outing dates may change because of weather or water conditions*

JANUARY 4-5	SURF PERCH OUTING -Lew Leichter
JANUARY 26	LAGUNA LAKE FISH-FLOAT -Alex Beattie
FEBRUARY 1-2	SURF PERCH OUTING -Lew Leichter
FEBRUARY 22-23	LOWER KINGS BELOW PINE FLAT -Alex Beattie
FEBRUARY 22-24	PLEASANTON FLY FISHING SHOW
MARCH 3-4	SURF PERCH OUTING -Lew Leichter
MARCH 9	ANNUAL BANQUET
MARCH 10	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT BASS -Andy Harrison
MARCH 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	CASTING CLINICS
MARCH 30-31	PYRAMID LAKE OUTING -Rich Chubon
APRIL 20	SANTA MARGARITA LAKE OUTING -Jim Crescenzi
MAY 25-26	AMERICAN RIVER SHAD OUTING -Rich Chubon
JUNE 21-25	MANZANITA LAKE -Bernard Pieters
JUNE 27-30	LAKE ALMANOR -George Prostman
JULY (date TBD)	WALKER RIVERS -David Holmes
AUGUST 3	ANNUAL BBQ & HALIBUT OUTING -Bernard Pieters
SEPTEMBER 13-15	MAMMOTH FFF FLY FISHING FAIRE -Rich Chubon
OCT 5-6	KERN RIVER OUTING -Lew Leichter
NOVEMBER 15-16	O'NEILL FOREBAY -Mark Shelton

**NEXT SLFF MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013 AT 6:30PM**  
**MARGIE'S DINER, 1575 CALLE JOAQUIN, SLO**

**\* NYMPHING AND TYING DEMO BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS AT 4PM—SEE BELOW \***

**Guest Speaker--Steve Cooper, High Plains Drifters Guide service**  
**Program--High Plains Adventure: Owyhee River Journal**



Join Steve on a journey to the Owyhee River located in Eastern Oregon. This blue ribbon fishery offers anglers unique opportunities to stalk wild Brown Trout with a back drop of stunning high desert scenery. The program includes a gallery of photos compiled from Steve's numerous trips to this remote, scenic river. Learn the secrets to angling on this reliable year round fishery that consistently produces Brown Trout exceeding 20 inches. Possibly the West's best kept secret.

Steve Cooper was born and raised in Stockton, California, where he lives today with his wife and youngest son. Growing up in a fishing family his passion for angling began at a very early age. His father, Carl, helped pioneer the Monterey Bay blue shark fishery in the early sixties. Steve, a fly fisher at heart, began to develop salt water fly fishing strategies and by the mid eighties, Steve owned his own boat and was guiding for a number of offshore species. Steve's reputation as a guide and knowledge of the central coast salt water fishing scene earned him a spot on the Budweiser national fishing team, and attracted national sponsors such as Sea Ray boats and Mercury out-board motors. Major sponsorships gave Steve the opportunity to present his slide shows and seminars throughout California. Currently, Steve is owner/operator and head guide for The High Plains Drifters Guide Service, devoting most of his summers to exploring the remote regions of Eastern Oregon and Washington; taking the roads less traveled exploring rivers and streams often overlooked by the general angling population. His programs, Bronze Back Fever and Owyhee River Journal, document the trials, tribulations, joys and heart aches encountered when fishing remote locations. In spite of himself, every now and then, he stumbles onto some great fishing!



**NEWS FLASH!** Before the meeting Steve will demonstrate a productive and proven nymphing system he has devised and optimized. This demonstration will be from 4:00 PM to 5:45 PM at Margie's Diner. Steve has developed a unique slip indicator system that allows straightforward and quick adjustment of the position of the nymph relative to the indicator. This system allows for quick exploration of different depths of nymph presentation, which is often critical to success in nymph fishing. The system uses inexpensive but somewhat hard to locate materials, and he will share the details of material choice. Steve will also show (and demonstrate tying of) several simple generic nymph patterns that are chosen because of their effectiveness, and because they can be tied very quickly. Steve's presentation will be all about efficiency in one's approach to nymphing. He has devised effective nymph patterns that are easy and quick enough to tie that one doesn't mind losing a few as different water depths are explored. Several of our club members have fished with Steve Cooper on the Owyhee River in Oregon, and we can vouch for his expertise in putting clients onto large brown trout using his guidance in nymphing.

Jim Crescenzi recently shared this letter from Annie Gillespie of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. It explains how the funds we donated to MBNEP in 2012 will be allocated:

Hi Jim-

Our intention would be to use the SLFF donation to support our spring eelgrass pilot plot monitoring fieldwork. We'll have staff and volunteers out on the water to monitor the status of all of our 2012 pilot replanting sites to see how they fared over the winter and in to the beginning of the 2013 growing season. We'll be spending significant time out monitoring, and potentially sampling, to get a clear picture of which sites were successful and which were not. The 21 sites that were planted in September will have to be monitored to see if they were successful, and to determine if there are similar conditions in other parts of the bay where additional replantings might succeed in 2013. The SLFF funds would be used to support the monitoring effort, which will guide the next steps of our eelgrass monitoring and restoration work.



We are still working out the specifics of what the spring monitoring will look like, and what information will be most valuable to the planning process. Aside from visiting all of the sites, soil or water sampling may prove very useful. For instance soil chemistry or water chemistry measurements or algae biomass measurements may help us zero in on the slight differences between planting sites that led to success or failure. Any funds remaining from the SLFF donation at the conclusion of monitoring would be applied towards the potential summer 2013 replanting effort.

I'm really deeply appreciative of the group's interest in this project, and am very thankful for the support. We're having to work in a rather 'adaptive' manner on this issue due to changing field conditions, funding constraints, and the questions that have arisen as we've witnessed environmental changes taking place. I'm happy to report that we have some of the brightest minds in estuarine ecology working with us and offering their advice, expertise, and consideration to guide the route forward. This has become a true collaborative effort to understand, protect, and restore eelgrass habitat in Morro Bay, and I'm very pleased to add SLFF to the roster of supporting parties.

Annie Gillespie ([annieg@mbnep.org](mailto:annieg@mbnep.org))  
Monitoring Projects Manager, Morro Bay National Estuary Program

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## Fort Hunter Liggett Fishing News & Info

*Bass season at Fort Hunter Liggett will begin again soon. Here are some things you should know:*

**New for 2013: All boats or vessels to be launched in any FHL pond will be required to have a Level 1 Zebra-Quagga Mussel inspection certification.**

This includes float tubes, pontoons, and canoes. Reportedly FHL staff will be conducting the inspections and providing certifications at the checkstation, but details are still being worked out—stay tuned for more info or call the Fishing Registration Center (831-386-2677).

**The location of the Fishing Registration Center has changed.** The old building at the previous location, across from the campground, was condemned after some winter storm damage. The new location is now in the main FHL Cantonment Area in Building 191. To find it, pass through the guard check at the FHL Cantonment Area entrance and proceed straight to

the stop sign at Infantry Rd. Proceed straight through the stop sign; Building 191 will be in second building on the left. YOU NEED ID AND UP-TO-DATE CAR REGISTRATION AND PROOF OF INSURANCE TO PASS THROUGH THE GUARD CHECK.

**You must obtain a FHL Fishing Permit to fish there.** For more info, and to download a permit application, visit <http://www.liggett.army.mil/sites/fishhunt/fishing.asp>. CASH AND PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED—you must pay for your permit with a money order or cashier's check.





## **Burk's Aggravator to Kick Off 2013 Fly Tying**

*By Jim Crescenzi*

The next fly tying session will be held on this coming Thursday, Jan. 3rd, 2013 at the SLO Oddfellows Hall (in the small meeting room to the right as you enter the hall), at 6:30 PM. The pattern will be **Burk's Aggravator**, led by Terry Croxton. A central Sierra fly fishing guide, Andy Burk, originally designed this fly for smallmouth bass. It has also proven effective for other species, including trout. The pattern is basically a composite of a Nymph and Marabou Streamer with rubber legs thrown in. It provides lots of action, and is a pure attractor streamer. The pattern is detailed at the Fly Fishing the Sierra website: <http://stevenojai.tripod.com/burkaggrav.htm>. One reason we chose this fly pattern is to provide an effective streamer for smallmouth fishing in local lakes in the early season (late February & March).

Our December session, led by Larry Sederberg, covered the popular Kern Emerger. It was well attended, as demonstrated by the group photos. The product of this session was sold out at December club meeting (proceeds pay for materials for future tying sessions). We hope to have reports of success with these flies later next year.

*(r) Larry Sederberg leads the group, tying a Kern Emerger (pictured (l to r) Bob Bayer, Bernard Pieters, Bill Winston, Terry Croxton, Larry Sederberg, Rich Chubon, and Jim Snodgrass).*



*(l) Joining the Kern Emerger fun are (l to r) Jim Snodgrass, Paul Crafts, Mike Powers, Steve Soenke, and Pat Hogan.*

2012 was a very productive year for the Santa Lucia Fly Tyers. We had twelve sessions that covered the following patterns (from January thru December, 2012): Murdich Minnow (Terry Croxton), Midge (Paul Crafts), Pyramid Beetle (Rich Chubon), Callibaetis Nymph (Ray Belknap), Prince Nymph (Bernard Pieters), Foam Ant (Jim Snodgrass), R.A.M. Caddis (Mike Powers), Burlap Steelhead Fly (Bernard Pieters), Parachute Blue Winged Olive (Terry Croxton), Jig Fly (David Holmes), Gold Rib Hare's Ear (Paul Crafts), and Kern Emerger (Larry Sederberg). Our only restriction on fly patterns is that they have been tied and fished successfully by the individual leading the session. Additionally, we attempt to schedule patterns that are appropriate to the fishing season.

# Upcoming Outings

Laguna Lake Fish-Float *by Alex Beattie*

Sat. Jan 26, 9-12 AM

Join us at Laguna Lake on Sat., Jan 26 for a discussion of stillwater craft and fishing techniques, a demonstration of various types of flotation craft and equipment, an opportunity try out a craft or two, and then fish the lake. We will have several different types of flotation devices for you to try out and experienced boaters to guide you. There really are bass and carp in Laguna Lake and we will have someone to show you how to fish for them. Also plan on sticking around for a pizza lunch.

Bring a 6-8 wt rod with floating line and a 12-20 lb straight 5-8' leader, a few streamers or poppers, and beg, borrow, rent or steal some waders and flippers. PFD's are required. Various members and the club are making available boats, PFDs, flippers and a couple of rods and reels for participants to use, so don't let lack of equipment keep you on your couch.

Meet at the pavilion at the southwest end of Laguna Lake Park at 9 AM and be ready to go for an exciting and educational day. Reservations required. This event has a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 6. If we don't get 6 reservations one week before the beginning of the event then it will be cancelled. If you already have a boat and feel confident about fishing from it but would just like to fish the lake then *Come On Out!* Contact Alex at [chloefishdog@hotmail.com](mailto:chloefishdog@hotmail.com) or 772-5694 for more info and to reserve a spot. Chance of rain greater than 50% cancels and reschedules to following Saturday.



## Schedule

9:00-9:05- Introduction - What, when, and how we are going to do it and why we are doing it. -**Lew Leichter**

9:05-9:15 - History and Hydrology of Laguna Lake -**Alex Beattie**

9:15-9:35 - Fishing for bass and carp on Laguna Lake -**Mark Shelton**

9:35-10:00 -Discussion of different types of flotation craft and their necessary accessories. Different types will be on display for reference and inspection. -**David Holmes**

10:00-10:05 Summary remarks -**Alex Beattie**

10:05-10:10 Move to the launch ramp

10:10-10:25 Demonstration of casting from float tube -**Bernard Pieters**

10:25-10:30 Move to different launching points.

10:30-10:45 Discuss and demonstrate inflating, launching, fins, safety, oars, etc. Participants will be allowed and encouraged to actually get in one and propel it. Lew, David, Mark, Art, Bernard, Paul, Rich, Andy, Peter, Don, Ray

10:45-12:10 Claim a boat, get it ready and hit the water! An experienced stillwater fisher will accompany 1 or 2 participants to demonstrate and coach fishing techniques, such as casting, stripping, landing fish, rigging, and safety.

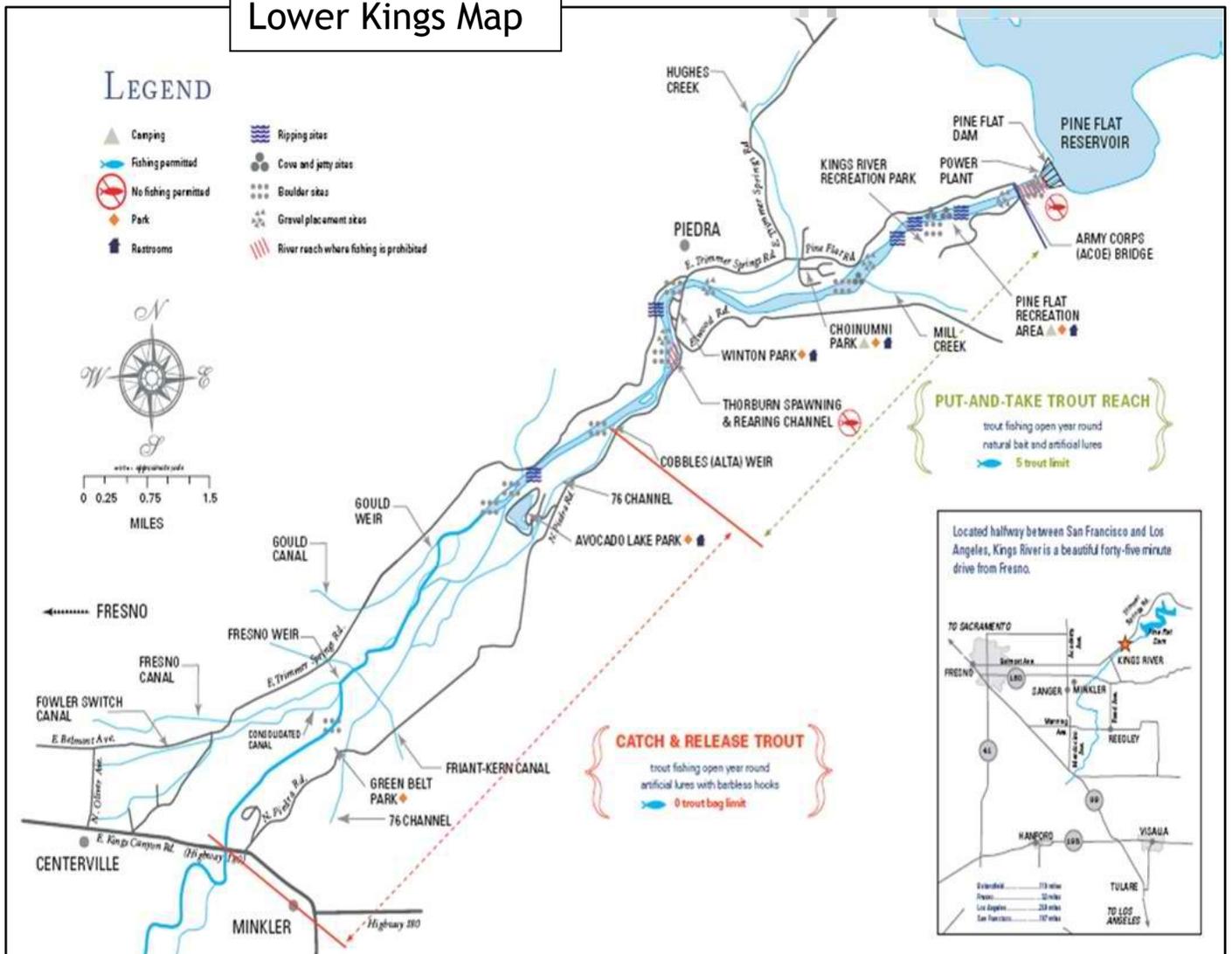
12:15 - Pizza Lunch at pavilion - \$5 for all you can eat pizza, \$0.50 ea for water, \$1 ea for soda; \$1.50 ea for beer. **Must reserve!**

# LOWER KINGS RIVER BELOW PINE FLAT DAM Feb 22-23 by Alex Beattie

The Kings River below Pine Flat Dam is a tail run river that fishes very well in the early part of the year. There is a catch and release barbless only section for about two miles below Cobbles Weir (see map) that is stocked weekly with 20"+ Rainbows during January and February and sometimes into March. At this time of year the flow will be about 100-200 cfs; it can be waded or fished from the bank. I would come prepared with a range of standard nymphs in the 16-18 size and a selection of 18-20 midges. I prefer to swing a streamer with a soft hackle or wet fly behind it. There may be a gentle rise on BWO's or midges in the evening. The trip only has room for 8 persons so call me @ 772-5694 if you are interested.



Lower Kings Map



# Past Outing Report

## MIKE PINTO GUIDED TRIP FOR STRIPED BASS SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DELTA, OCTOBER 18, 2012

by Andy Malovos

At the Santa Lucia Fly Fishers luncheon/silent auction in March of this year, I was able to win an all day striped bass trip with Guide Mark Pinto aboard his 24 foot boat in Stockton. I was joined by fellow SLFF member Terry Croxton for the outing. We met Mark at the river at 10 AM high tide. He had requested that we bring 2 8-9 wt rods: one loaded with floating line the other with sinking line. He would supply the leaders and flies. At the dock, he tied onto our sinking lines 6ft of 20lb line leader. It consisting of 3 feet of 20lb leader material, then a Bimini Twist for strength, then 3 feet of Hal Jansen leader tamer, and finally a non slip loop knot tied to a chartreuse/white Clouser fly on a 1/0 hook. We used this set up all day. I used a 330 grain Rio Outbound integrated fast sinking line.



Mark took us out to the river and located fish- likely areas with birds and bait activity. He positioned right handed Terry in the bow of the boat and lefty me in the stern. He put nylon line storage barrels behind our retrieving hands and told us the how-to of striped bass fishing. Make a long cast--the longer the fly presentation the better chance to entice a striper. Strip your line quickly in irregular pull patterns so that the fly's head dips to interest the fish. Hold your rod tip steady 6 inches from the water. When the fish bites keep stripping the line to strip-set the hook. Raise your rod to a good bend and put the butt in your mid-section. After we had figured out how to fool the fish with our retrieval patterns, we began hooking stripers. Mark would then coach us to land the fish. I had forgotten how powerful the Striped Bass are--battling hard and never quitting, especially close to the boat. Even the "Shorts" in the 12-15 inch bracket give a very stiff tussle. (18 inches is legal size)

We broke for lunch in the late afternoon at the Garlic Brothers restaurant on the water. Hamburgers and calamari sandwiches were great! We returned for the early evening high tide and found an aggressive striper bite that kept us going until about 7PM. Final Score was 7 fish apiece for Terry and myself, ranging in size from 12-24 inches. Mark had put us on some good schools of fish, and through his coaching we had landed most of them. We came away better fishermen because of his knowledge and expertise. Fish are still in the river. Great time!

Details:

8-9 wt rods. Mark supplies leaders and flies. Stayed at the La Quinta hotel in Stockton which is close to the boat launch just South on I -5. We wore long sleeve nylon shirts, shorts hats, dark glasses. Bring a sweat suit in case of the wind and cold. Weather started out in the 70s and climbed to 90 degrees but we did not care.

Consult Mark's website: [www.pintoshomewaters@AOL.com](http://www.pintoshomewaters@AOL.com) or phone (209-948-3474), (209-581-3474)

Come wet a line with us! For SLFF membership information, please visit  
<http://www.santaluciaflyfishers.com/membership.htm>

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