

SANTA LUCIA Fly Fishers



Tight Lines

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President's Letter

John Gierach: I guess you never understand the full weight of a moral principle until you have violated it once and see what happens. The principle pertaining to secret fishing spots goes something like this: Hide the vehicle while fishing and keep your mouth shut afterwards. Lie if necessary even if it means you won't be able to brag.

NEW MEMBERS: Let's all welcome our newest members Steve Lefler and Stan Rose and let's welcome back, after a year's sabbatical, Catherine Harper and Randy Dobbin.

NO MARCH MEETING: With the banquet this month there will be no general meeting. **AS OF TODAY, 24 OF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR \$35 DUES RENEWAL. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE SUSPENDED.**

ANNUAL BANQUET FUND RAISER & LIST OF SILENT AUCTION GUIDE TRIPS, GEAR & MEMBER DONATIONS: Looks like we will have a good turnout for the banquet. Lee Terkelsen our guest speaker will present a very well-received program on the John Muir Trail. See page 2.

As mentioned previously WE'RE TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. WE ARE OFFERING **ALL MEMBERS** THE CHANCE TO ORDER THE **EXACT GEAR YOU NEED/WANT** AT DISCOUNTS EQUAL TO WHAT THE MINIMUM BID IN THE SILENT AUCTION WOULD BE. THIS INCLUDES: SAGE FLY RODS & REELS, REDINGTON FLY RODS, REELS & WADERS, RIO FLY LINES, KORKERS WADING BOOTS & SHOES, ECHO FLY RODS & AIRFLO FLY LINES (qty. limited). David Holmes will be at the banquet with catalogs and order forms for last minute orders. See pages 2-4 for a list of the numerous great items available to bid on in our silent auction and

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED.

CLUB SHIRTS: We are 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. 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:

Mar 2,16,23 & 30th: 9-11AM at Laguna Lake. Casting clinics (members only). Contact Bernard (pg. 6)

Mar 2-3rd: Carpentaria surf perch outing. Contact Lew Leichter.

Mar 7th: Fly tying 6:30pm at SLO Odd fellows Hall. Jim Snodgrass will be tying a Bead Head Stone Fly. (pg.7)

Mar 9th: 11:30AM TO 3:30 PM Annual Banquet Luncheon at Madonna Inn. (pg. 2)

Mar 10th: (POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT) Bass outing to FHL ponds. Contact Andy Harrison. (pg. 8)

Mar 30-31st: Pyramid Lake outing. Contact Rich Chubon. (pg. 8)

Sept 20-22nd, 2013 SWCFFF Faire in Mammoth



Annual SLFF Fundraiser Banquet

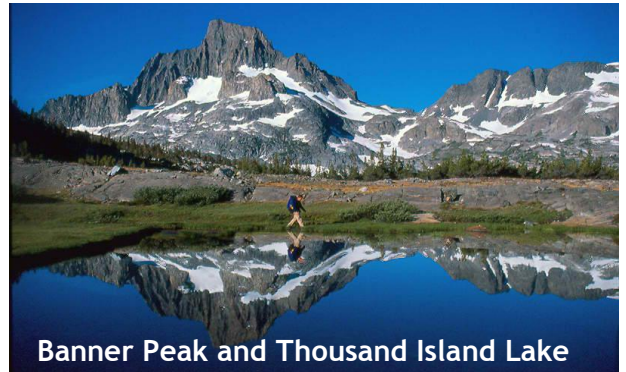
SATURDAY MARCH 9TH, 2013
MADONNA INN, 11:30AM-3:30PM

Guest Speaker: LEE TERKELSEN Program: THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL



Come and experience a journey along The John Muir Trail, which a *National Geographic* writer describes as “the most dramatic stretch of wilderness in the United States.” Following a mountain path 211 miles from the summit of Mt. Whitney to the Valley of Yosemite, the trail tops 10 majestic mountain passes and descends into valleys filled with lush meadows and crystal trout-filled lakes. In this documentary, narrated live by the producer, you’ll absorb this breathtaking beauty and meet a variety of hikers on the trail, including a couple on their honeymoon, a retired doctor and his wife fulfilling a lifelong dream, a husband and wife jogging the trail in eight days, and an inspirational retired school teacher who just barely makes it to the top of Mt. Whitney.

Lee Terkelsen, the producer, has hiked the John Muir Trail several times during his free summers as a high school journalism, photography, and English teacher in Visalia, CA. He recently retired from teaching to devote full time to video production. His most recent project was a documentary profile of actor Lee Stetson who has portrayed John Muir on stage in Yosemite and throughout the U.S. for the last 30 years. The program has been broadcast on PBS stations nationwide. During the summer, he presents two of his video programs in Yosemite National Park.



Banner Peak and Thousand Island Lake

SILENT AUCTION MEMBER DONATED ITEMS

Donated by	Value	Min. Bid	Description
Andy Harrison	?	12	4 Bass Buggers
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	?	12	6 Worm Flies
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	?	50	Fort Hunter Liggett bass ponds “tour guide” for a day
Andy Malovos & Peter Van Hest	150	100	Channel Island Fly Fishing Trip on Sea Jay
B.L. Harrock & Judy Chubon	400	100	Ice Caverns Lithograph by John Ballou & Anne London
Bernard Pieters	95	25	2 hour Casting lesson for 1 or 2 people
	140	50	Half day guided halibut fishing at Avila with pontoon boat and flies
Bill Winston	30	15	Selection of Pear Valley Wines - 2008 Syrah, 2010 Sauvignon Blanc
Bob Hartzell	200	50	Wind River by C. D. Clark, signed limited edition
Craig Kincaid	125	65	Original Photograph of “New River”, mounted on form board

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SILENT AUCTION MEMBER DONATED ITEMS (CONT.)

Dan McBride	200	50	Complete Home Plumbing Inspection
	350	75	Complete HVAC Home inspection
David Holmes	250	100	New Redington 7'6", 4 piece 4 wt Rod with Classic Reel & 4 wt. line
Doug Daniels	40	20	Autographed copy, Gary LaFontaine's Trout Flies Proven Patterns
Ed Filice	270	144	Case of wine from La Filice Winery
Gaye Holman	75	20	Collectible Conolon live fiber fly rod, vintage 1955
	30	10	Collectible South Bend "Oren-O-Matic" Fly Reel with Cortland line
George & Madline Protsman	200	85	Crab dinner for 4 with paired New Zealand Wine
	800	250	4 days & nights in early September at the Protsman's Lake Almanor home
George Protsman & Rich Chubon	200	50	Powell 12 weight 2 piece Fly Rod, custom wrapped
Greg & Mary Lugo	75	20	Gallery Wrap on Canvas "Flyfishing Feeder Stream to Nenana River, Alaska"
	75	20	Gallery Wrap on Canvas "Couple Flyfishing in Alaska"
Jim & Lynda Snodgrass	80	30	6 hand tied flies, Tobin James Rock & Roll Syrah, & Tobin James Ballistic Zinfandel
Jim Crescenzi	100	50	Fly tying platform
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John Ljung	25	15	Gift Certificate for Four Seasons Outfitters
Lee Baermann	20	10	6 Assorted surf flies
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Lew Leichter	?	125	Full day for 2 on a Lake Nacimiento, lunch included
Madonna Inn Resort & Spa	75	40	\$75 Gift Certificate for Madonna Inn & Spa
Margo Anderson	45	20	Wine Lover's basket featuring Cypher Winery wines
Mark & Kathy Shelton	50	20	2 Hand embroidered tea towels
	100	50	4 tickets for Hearst Castle Tours
	40	20	2 bottles of Cal Poly wine
Rich and Judy Chubon	75	25	Oil and Filter change at Perry Ford
	30	10	Armor All Ultimate Car Lovers Gift Pack
	170	50	2 rounds of golf with cart at Avila Golf Resort
Ron Sheri Bryant	50	25	\$50 certificate for Brads Restaurant
Steven Stoenke	150	50	William Joseph Confluence Chest Pack
Sylvia Leichter	40	25	Hand made woman's vest
Ted Pope	50	25	Dicks Sporting Goods Gift Card
Tim & Karen Marshall	40	25	Qupe 2006 Sarah Santa Maria Valley "Bien Nacido Hillside Estates Wine
	35	20	Au Bon Climat 2005 "Hildigard" Santa Maria Valley Wine
	25	18	Makor 2002 Zinfandel Arroyo Grande Valley Wine
Tom Nickelson	175	100	Carved Ziricote Kokanee on an Oregon Myrtle wall mount.
Bob Hurd	95	25	2 hour Casting lesson for 1 or 2 people
Todd Tose	95	25	2 hour Casting lesson for 1 or 2 people
Jim Jamieson	300	75	Bamboo Fly Rod made by Denverod
	600	200	Scott Fly Rod Outifit
John Orchard			Dental services
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SILENT AUCTION MEMBER DONATED ITEMS (CONT.)

Hal Janssen	50	40	Autographed copy of Hal Jassen's new book Stillwater Fly Fishing Secrets
Mike Hildenbrand	50	35	Harry & David Deluxe Assorted Fruit basket

SILENT AUCTION GUIDE TRIPS, GIFT CERTIFICATES & GEAR

GUIDE TRIPS	Price	Bid	Increment	Trip
Guy Jeans	300	200	20	Half day for 1 on the Kern (Full Day + \$100 to Guy)
Beryl Rea	375	275	25	Full day for 2 in the Bishop area
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George Durand	425	325	25	Full day for 2 on Trinity, Fall, Lower Sac etc.
Tom Maumoynier	275	200	20	Half day for 2 on lakes or steams in Almanor basin
Mark Pinto	425	350	25	Full day for 2 striper fishing on the Delta
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Keith Kaneko	450	350	25	Full day for 2 on Lower Yuba, Feather or American Rivers
Ernie Gulley	770	550	25	2 Full days for 2 on Crowley Lake
Andrew Harris/ Confluence Outfitters	220ea	125ea	15	Full day at Eagle Canyon Trophy Lakes (4 Anglers Minimum 6 Maximum)

GIFT CERTIFICATES	Bid	Increment	Good for: (Note on GCs: More expensive = more savings)
Simms	75	25	A certificate to buy ANY ONE of the following Simms waders at the price indicated: G4 Pro Stockingfoot Price \$700 Your cost \$435 G3 Guide Stockingfoot Price \$450 Your cost \$285 Headwaters Stockingfoot Price \$350 Your cost \$215 Womens Headwaters Stockingfoot Price 350 Your cost 215
Waterworks-Lamson	100	25	A certificate to buy ANY ONE reel & spare spool from their catalog at a 50% discount from retail (www.waterworks-lamson.com)

GEAR	Price	Bid	Description
Jeff Abel JTA Products	29	22	Measure Net, small w/rubber bag
	33	25	Measure Net, medium w/rubber bag
	33	25	Measure Net, medium w/rubber bag
	44	33	Measure Net, large, ext. handle w/rubber bag
	44	33	Measure Net, large, ext. handle w/rubber bag
Rio Products	75	50	Rio Gold WF floater 5 weight
	75	50	Rio Gold WF floater 6 weight
	80	55	Rio Outbound Short sink tip 6 weight 235 gr
	80	55	Rio Outbound Short sink tip 10 weight 425 gr
	75	50	Rio Camolux I line 5 weight
	75	50	Rio Camolux I line 6 weight
William Joseph	200	125	Exodus Back Pack/Vest

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PLEASANTON FLY FISHING SHOW by Lew Leichter

SLFF was well-represented at the show. Margo Anderson, Bob Bayer, Judy & Rich Chubon, Jim Crescenzi, Terry Croxton, Trish Curtis, Ed Filice, Gaye Holman David Holmes, Mary & Greg Lugo, Don McGeorge, Larry Sederberg, Steve Soenke & I enjoyed the seminars, casting & fly tying demos, and all the vendors and outfitters that had exhibits at the show. A couple of the highlights were our friend Hal Janssen doing a couple of seminars as well as selling and autographing his recently published book on Still Water Fly Fishing, and Ernie Gulley who has done a couple of our programs doing a seminar on fishing Crowley. Incidentally Ernie has donated a Crowley outing that will be in the silent auction.



Lots of money was spent; I was really good and just bought Hal's book and a dozen flies.

The real highlight was Gaye & Margo's wine & cheese party after the show on Friday. All who attended had a great time so thank you very much.



KNOT TYING CLASS – HEADS UP! by David Holmes

On May 18 (a Saturday), at 9:00 AM at his home (63 Benton Way, SLO), Dave Holmes will be leading a class, where we'll discuss and demonstrate a few of the old and new knots which are most practical and useful for fly fishing. In addition, we'll talk about line, leader and tippet selections.

More information will be in the April Newsletter.

APRIL 6-7 FREE FLY FISHING EXPO AT FISHERMEN'S SPOT from Lew Leichter

VAN NUYS, Calif. Representatives from all facets of flyfishing--guides, lodges, fly tiers, tackle manufacturers and exotic locations--will be at the Fishermen's Spot, 14411 Burbank Blvd., Van Nuys, for a free two day exposition, April 6 and 7, 10 am-4 pm.

The expo will be held both inside the store and at an adjacent parking lot with speakers, films, fly tying demonstrations, 2013 products and other aspects of the sport, both fresh and saltwater. The event coincides with the forthcoming opening of the Sierra trout season as well as the warming of ocean waters.

Speakers and audio/visual presentations are scheduled by David D'Beaupre, Secrets to Success in the Eastern Sierra; Conway Bowman, Flyfishing for Carp in Southern California; Chris Taylor, Tactics for Big Trout in the San Juan (New Mexico) River; Jason Newmack, Fishing Missouri River Hatches; Jeff DeBrown, Baja Roosterfish and Beyond; and a presentation on Catching Saltwater Bass on the Fly.

Lodges, guides or flyfishing destinations include The Reel Baja, Baja California Sur, Mexico; Henry's Fork Lodge, Henry's Fork of the Snake River, Idaho; The Lodge at Eagle Rock - Missouri River, Montana; San Juan River, New Mexico; and River Ranche, Bow River, Alberta, Canada.

Tackle manufacturers and manufacturers' representatives on hand to display and demonstrate new products include Simms, Sage, Redington, Rio, Tibor, Ross, Scientific Anglers, Umpqua Feather Merchants, Buff, Galvan Reels, Royal Wulff Lines, Temple Fork Outfitters, Pacific Fly Group, Winston Rods, Abel Reels, Fishpond, Hardy USA and Adams Built.

Fly tiers demonstrating their art and skill are Buz Buszek Memorial Award Winner Steven Fernandez, Capt. Vaughn Podmore, Adam Perez, Dave Valadez and John Shaner.

For additional information and a schedule of speakers and topics, phone 818.785.7306.

2013 SLFF Club Casting Schedule

"THE GOAL IS TO MAKE YOU A MORE COMPLETE FLY CASTER"

presented by Eric Sherar & Bernard Pieters



This spring SLFF will hold four casting sessions:

Saturday March 2nd

Saturday March 16th

Saturday March 23rd

Saturday March 30th

All sessions will be held at
Laguna Lake Park, SLO, from 9-11am

Casting sessions are supervised and given by our Certified Casting Instructors. The casting program is for club members only, and is free of charge! The instructors will present the casting program to separate groups of students, from beginners to the advanced (plus) casters.

WHAT TO BRING: 5-7 wt rod and reel with floating line and 7-9 ft leader, protective eye wear, sunscreen

March 2: PRE-SEASON CASTING TUNE UP The first session is a major stepping stone to the three future sessions. We will focus on practice and fine tune a variety of casting mechanics. At the same time we take on the bad casting habits. The facts are these habits are prevalent in the majority of fly casters and at all skill levels. Bad casting habits prevent us from casting to our full potential. "The good thing is it can be cured!"

March 16: ACCURACY CASTS Rather than work on perfecting our abilities we tend to look for the magic fly pattern, invisible tippet material, or expensive rods/reels to catch fish for us. Unfortunately, that approach DOESN'T WORK. The best fly pattern in the world won't catch a fish if the fish doesn't see it. An accurate presentation on the very first cast (which is one most likely to take a fish) is the ultimate goal of every fly caster. Do you come to try it?

March 23: IMPROVE YOUR DISTANCE CASTS Would you like to learn to cast further than 40 ft with a gale force wind against you? This session will cover the different techniques and styles on how to do that. Ocean casting is DIFFERENT from trout fishing, and can be more challenging for your upper body and shoulder. We work with you to have a smoother transition from fresh water to ocean casting. Shoulder injuries occur and come from an IMPROPER (distance) CASTING TECHNIQUE.

March 30 :CASTING STATIONS and PRESENTATION CASTS To catch fish successfully with a fly rod, you've got to be able to control how your line and your fly are affected by a river's various currents! Ultimately learning to play the different currents (with a variety of casts and techniques) is the key to a natural presentation of the fly to the fish, and will MAKE or BREAK any fly fishing outing! Like last year we intend to work again with different casting stations. Every station has a different instructor who will work with you on 1 or 2 different casts. By rotating from one station to another everyone has the opportunity to cast with 4 or 5 different instructors in the same session. This was last year's favorite casting session.

NOTE: It would be helpful to let me know if you are coming.

For any more info call or e-mail Bernard Pieters 489-3085 bpieters@aol.com

SLFF Fly Tying Group

Having Fun at the SLFF Beginner's Fly Tying Class by Jim Crescenzi

The Santa Lucia Fly Fishers held a Beginner's Fly Tying session on Feb 16th. Students and instructors had a great time, and we all learned from the experience. Thanks to David Holmes for sharing his home, providing snacks and taking the photos used for this article. We started the session with a discussion of the basic equipment and tools, and a demonstration of the first steps in tying a fly. Then, it was off to Woolly Bugger creation by all. Watch out Mr. Fish, you've never seen anything as appealing as these flies!



The class follows Jim's initial demonstration of basic tying steps and thread manipulation. Mary Lugo, Margo Anderson, Bob Bayer, Jim Crescenzi, Greg Lugo, and Trish Curtis.



Randy Dobbin tying his first Woolly Bugger under the watchful eye of Art Chapman.

The HUGE Montana Stone Fly Nymph by Jim Crescenzi



The March Santa Lucia Fly Tying session will be on Thursday, March 7th, at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo (6:30 - 8:00 PM). Jim Snodgrass will lead the session, tying a Montana Stone Fly Nymph. This fly is so huge, you would swear it is a bass fly, but in fact the trout key in on it at the appropriate time and under appropriate conditions. The stonefly family includes golden stoneflies and salmon flies, and the both emerge in the June time frame in Montana.

According to a <http://chronicleoutdoors.com> posting: "Unlike caddisflies, mayflies and midges - which emerge from their juvenile state to adulthood through the surface of the water - stonefly nymphs crawl from the river bottom onto the bank where they break out of their exoskeletons to complete their metamorphosis to winged adults. The stonefly's migration from river bottom to bank is a vulnerable time for the bugs. Trout will hang in the shallows along the banks and pick off the big nymphs as they struggle toward land. This period offers an excellent opportunity for anglers to capitalize on the feeding frenzy."

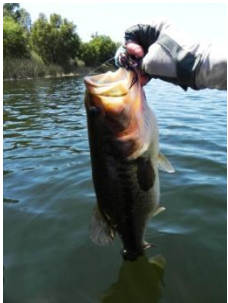
Regarding the mechanics of tying, this pattern is sort of a fancy woolly bugger, so it should be perfect for our fly tying beginners. For the rest of us, we can be sure to learn the finer details from Jim, who is one of the most experienced tyers of our group.

Jim Crescenzi led the February session, tying a Slim Zonker streamer. This well attended session involved a tandem hook version with a minnow body and long rabbit fur strip that moves in a life-like manner in the water. Our April 4th session will be led by Paul Crafts tying a Dave's Hopper.

Upcoming Outings

FORT HUNTER LIGGETT BASS FISHING Sunday March 10th, BUT MAY BE POSTPONED
Outing Leader: Andy Harrison (aharrison99@att.net, 805-235-8076)

NOTE: Because of military training, Fort Hunter Liggett fishing access will be severely limited for most of the month of March. This outing will likely be postponed to a later date. The ponds suitable for a club outing may not be open until April. When we have confirmation of a date when the "good" ponds will be open, we'll set a firm date for the outing, and then send out an e-mail notification. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SO I CAN ADD YOU TO THE NOTIFICATION LIST. STAY TUNED...



Fort Hunter Liggett has a dozen different bass ponds scattered throughout the post. A couple of them can be fished from the bank, but a float tube or pontoon boat is ideal. Gas motors on boats are not allowed. You need a Fort Hunter Liggett fishing Pass (\$20 online), which can take a week to process, or you can buy one at the fort while you wait (\$30). Money orders only (made to 'MWR, US ARMY'), no checks or cash. See <http://www.liggett.army.mil/sites/fishhunt/fishing.asp> for more FHL permit info.

Good flies are wooly buggers in a variety of colors and sizes. Assorted nymphs and jig flies are also effective. 5-7 weight rods with sinking or floating lines are best.

We will be meeting at 8AM at the FHL Fishing Check-In parking lot. If you don't have your permit yet, get there a few minutes early since the process takes a little time. We will decide as a group which pond(s) to fish based upon what is open that day.

Please call or email Andy if you are planning on attending, have questions, or need directions.

PYRAMID LAKE March 29-31st

Outing leader: Rich Chubon (richorjudy@sbcglobal.net, 805-782-9193)



This year's outing is scheduled for the weekend of March 29-31. Our plans are to travel early Friday and fish the lake that afternoon as well as Saturday and Sunday. We have reservations for a trailer unit at Crosby's Lodge at Sutcliffe (<http://www.crosbylodge.net>). It sleeps six and includes a kitchen. As of this date 4 club members have signed up. You can also opt to stay in Reno and travel out to the lake each morning (a 45 minute drive). Call me if you plan on going. We will make arrangements for car pooling for the drive up to the lake.

This year appears to be a big fish year. The 10 largest fish caught in the recent President's Day tournament ranged from 9 to 17 lbs. All fishing reports indicate that this could be a great year.

Here are the basics for fishing Pyramid. You will need an 8 or 9 wt rod and a reel loaded with a full sink line or an intermediate line and 15 to 30 foot sink tip for stripping 2 fly rigs. If you indicator fish, a 6 wt rod with floating line works. The fish are not leader shy so 7 1/2 ft leader works when stripping flies. I use either 1X (13 lb) or 2X (10lb) fluorocarbon depending on water clarity. You can go smaller, but risk losing a big fish. You will also need waders, warm clothing, a 6 foot ladder to stand on while casting, and a stripping basket. Fly patterns which work include black, purple, chartreuse, and white wooly buggers in sizes 4 - 10, and foam pyramid lake beetles and tadpoles sizes 6-10. Flies are available at the lake or in Reno. Here is a fishing tip link which is helpful: <http://pyramidlakefisheries.org/fishmap/lctrout.html>. For an excellent article about fishing Pyramid visit <http://www.fishsniffer.com/guest/041104pyramidtechnique.html>.



As always weather conditions may result in the need to change dates for the outing. If there is more than a 40% chance of rain/snow in the Reno area we will need to reschedule.—Rich Chubon

Past Outing Reports

PERCH ONCE IN A WHILE *by Andy Malovos*

On a perch status scouting trip on Friday January 18th, I drove by Toro Creek Beach, just North of the City of Morro Bay. I saw good conditions: pelicans, diving ducks a seal or two, and even a sea otter drifting around close to shore. Best of all the 4-6 foot breakers were crashing 100 yards off shore sending a nice frothy even spread of sea water toward the beach. No wind and sunshine too! I have had occasional luck on this beach during low tide. It was 11AM and the low had hit at 10:12AM. I began casting into the surf in front of the Standard Oil abutment and lo' and behold got an immediate strike on my #6 Orange Bristle Worm fly. The feisty 10 inch Barred Surf Perch put up quite a struggle. Over the next hour I fought 18 BSPs ranging in size from 3/4 of a pound to 2 pounds. As long as I casted my 8 wt. type 6 heavy sinking line into this narrow school of fish I got bit. There was no North-South current to take my cast off "The Bucket". This was how this beach used to produce. In the last few years however, the fish just quit coming in their former numbers. Heavy winds and colder water played a part. Unfortunately the weather turned over the next few days and 2 other fishing attempts were unsuccessful. Don't forget to keep your hooks sharp! These guys like to spit out flies just before you land them. I will advise Lew for a quick outing. Keep your gear ready!



PERCH DANCE AT RINCON BEACH *by Andy Malovos*



Our monthly winter perch fish out was held at Rincon Beach just South of Carpinteria, on February 1-2. Club President Lew Leichter, Rich Chubon, Alex Beattie, Bernard Pieters, new guy Steve Lefler, and myself Andy Malovos traveled for the low tide at 6pm Friday evening, and/or 630am Saturday morning. Rich, Alex and myself arrived about 2pm on Friday. Conditions were very good: 2-3 foot breakers, no wind or current. Right away Rich got into fish! His home designed orange fly had the Barred Surf Perch biting. Alex was using his Spey rod and hooked some BSPs. After a good afternoon battling 18 inch trout in Lago Fig, Lew arrived and joined our party.

I was not doing well. My orange Bristle Worm or Surf Rat produced no bites. I moved about 50 yards North, and saw a diving duck hard at work in the surfline-- hmmm. It was getting a little overcast, so I tied on a purple/pink #6 Checkerboard fly. Bang what a hit! Going- going -almost every cast I was into a BSP. The size was variable, from 1/2 pound up to an occasional 2 pounder. The fish were packed into a narrow perpendicular strip about 10 feet wide, and 60 feet long, just enough for one guy. I hooked some as close as 20 feet away. This situation is common during the winter season. One guy gets to dance with the BSPs. The guys next to him get a few once in awhile, and the rest of the fly fishers/conventionals get occasional fish or none. Having been in the outer brackets many times, the only thing you can do is walk and blind cast until you find your dance. Rincon is a versatile beach--halibut and the elusive corbina are also taken there in season. Saturday's weather surf conditions were a bit choppy, but the steady bite continued. Steve Lefler's first fish was a big one. Bernard Pieters joined us and fished the morning, and then visited Mussel Shoals Beach where he did very well. The Checkerboard Flies are tied by past club guest speaker Lee Baermann at www.flyfishthesurf.com. Next perch outing will be March 1-2. A very good time was had!

PS: On the way home, Rich, Alex, Lew and myself checked out the Santa Ynez River for carp. Yup...they are there. Learn to tie the horse fly!

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