

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Flycasters, Inc. is governed by an elected board comprising President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five board members. Meeting once a month, the board manages the business of the club as a not for profit corporation.

In addition to club activities, the board also oversees activities and funding for the education foundation which is chartered to provide education on fish, their habitat and resource conservation. The fund draws funds from responsible companies and individuals and disperses funds for selected programs.

STEP

One such program is the STEP program. STEP is an acronym for Salmon and Trout Education Program. Club members join with the STEP managers to distribute Steelhead eggs to schools where teachers and students watch as the eggs develop and hatch; then take the newly hatched fish to appropriate streams for release. As part of the program, classroom teachers educate students on fish, their habitat and conservation for future generations.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To support the many aspects of Flycaster's activities, each area such as conservation is managed by a committee chairperson who is responsible to develop, manage, and run activities such as club fishouts, the monthly Flylines newsletter, membership, winter banquet, etc. Chairs report to the Board of Directors. A complete list is available on the web page, www.flycasters.org. Each committee has volunteers who plan activities and programs for club members. Participating in these groups is an great way for you to get more value from being a member of Flycasters.



Flycasters, Inc.
San Jose, California
www.flycasters.org

San Jose Flycasters is a fly fishing club open to members who want to participate all aspects of fly fishing. Members pay an annual fee which is used to fund the clubs business and activities. Activities are varied and broad and open to all members. You are only limited by your individual interests, energy and time. You can join the club, at a regular meeting or just sit in as a visitor. Visit our website for more details: www.flycasters.org.

MONTHLY MEETING

A regular club meeting is held the second Wednesday of each month at the Moreland Apartments Community Room located at the intersection of Saratoga Avenue and Payne Avenue; park in the shopping center parking lot across Payne Avenue. Doors open at 6:30 P.M. and the meeting starts at 7:20 P.M. Meeting agendas include club business, upcoming events, fishing stories, a raffle for fishing equipment donated by participating fly fishing stores and ends with a good guest speaker who presents information on a fishing venue of interest. Socializing with fellow anglers before the meeting, during the break or after is part of the fun.

FLYLINES

Flylines is a monthly newsletter e-mailed to all members. It covers interesting club business along with stories and articles containing useful information. A copy of each month's Flylines is posted on the web page. Information and articles are written by club volunteers with an occasional article gleaned from an affiliate like the NCCFFF newsletter and other clubs.

AFFILIATIONS

Flycasters is affiliated the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) through the Northern California Chapter of the Federations of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF). Members are also encouraged to join the NCCFFF and other organizations dedicated to conserving our waters and fisheries as Flycasters has a strong participation in conservation. Other organizations dedicated to protecting fish and the environment are supported either through funding or volunteer work. Organizations such as CalTrout and Trout Unlimited receive support from Flycasters.

The Boy Scouts of America has a fly fishing merit badge. Flycasters have worked with Boy Scout troops to instruct boys on fly fishing skills in preparation to get their merit badge. Volunteers teach casting, fly tying, knots, lines and entomology, plus participate in a fishout where the scouts must catch two different fish.

FLYCASTER'S WEB SITE

Information on club activities, upcoming speakers, calendar, club roster, list of available videos, details on upcoming fishouts, videos, etc. are available on the web site. Flycaster's also has a 'private pages' area that is password protected and available only to members.

SEMINARS

Much of the interest and fun in belonging to Flycasters in learning about fishing from the many seminars are organized managed and conducted by our volunteer members. Some seminars are divided into beginning, intermediate and advanced allowing an angler to progress and achieve a high level of expertise. Seminars include:

- Casting
- Entomology (bugs)
- Fishing basics
- Fly tying
- Knots
- Rod building
- Salt water fishing

ACTIVITIES

Club members enjoy social and angling activities. Club sponsorship and support for these events are ongoing including.

Fishouts

Monthly fishouts are held where members can join together for several days of fishing. Club members volunteer as Fishmasters, coordinate these fishouts and arrange housing, food, on-stream seminars, etc. A nominal fee is often charged to cover expenses.

A template containing details about fishouts, type of fishing, equipment used, recommended flies, etc. are posted on the website

Occasionally members get together for a mid week fishout. These are normally one day events to nearby waters.

Informal fishouts are also arranged by individual members who may want to go and fish specific water ad hoc.

WINTER BANQUET

Early in the year the club has its annual winter banquet to thank outgoing officers, welcome new officers, and socialize. These is a fun affair with excellent food and drink, time for members and their significant others to socialize, and participate in a good auction/raffle, etc.

SUMMER CELEBRATION

In July the club has its annual picnic sponsored by club dues. Members enjoy great food, games and socializing.

VIDEO LIBRARY

Flycasters owns an extensive library of video tapes and DVDs covering every aspect of fly fishing. These videos are available for club members to check out for a month and return the next month. The video library is set up at the club meeting and a list of the videos is available on the website.

MEMBERSHIP

Three membership categories are available: individual, family and children. An initiation fee is charged for new members, but not for juniors. Annual membership fees are:

Individual	\$50.00
Family	\$60.00
Junior (under 18)	\$10.00 (no initiation fee)

Membership fees are due at the first of each year. For those who join during the year, fees are prorated to the end of the year. Sign up at the next regular monthly meeting held at the Moreland Apartments on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7:20 P.M.

MERCHANDISE

Each regular club meeting has a merchandise table with a variety of items such as club logos, hats, etc. Many of these items can be personalized with embroidered names or other symbols like fish or flies.

DISCOUNTS

Some merchants offer substantial discounts to club members. Merchants who know that customers are club members tend to give better service and advice because they know the customer is involved, informed and has a real interest in fly fishing.

CASTING PONDS

FlyCasters maintain the casting ponds which are part of the Los Gatos Creek County Park off Dell Avenue in Campbell CA. Ponds are located between Hacienda and Camden Avenues in Campbell. Ponds are used for casting instruction, practice and casting tournaments. Since they are property of Santa Clara County, they are open to all. However, a few safety rules apply; please read safety and use rules at the entry gate and remember, eye protection must be worn in the area at all times to protect from fly lines damaging the eyes. And, the most important safety rule -- NO HOOKS.



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