



FLYLINES

FLYCASTERS, INC. SAN JOSE – SINCE 1965

President's Message

BY ROY LITHERLAND

Welcome Flycasters to a new year.

The job of the officers of Flycasters is to provide you, our members, with a bounty of social and fishing opportunities. And we need your suggestions. So, if you have any ideas for programs we might provide, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

And yes, Flycasters is a SOCIAL club, the common interest being fly-fishing. It says so in our Articles of Incorporation and application for tax exempt status. Now I know we have all suffered through the last three years with the pandemic. We have had to shelter in place and limited our social activities. One of the consequences of this has been a melding of our rumps to our recliners. We have gotten so comfortable staying at home and not venturing out, that any opportunity to get out and experience life just seems like too much effort. So, I am encouraging you to join us for our monthly meetings. "But Roy, Covid isn't don't with us yet." I know, and I expect we will learn to live with it, just as we have the flu. Get your shots and take precautions.

And who the heck is Roy?

See, you should be reading the monthly newsletter, Flylines. I am Roy Litherland, the club president for 2023. There are plenty of pictures of me holding fish in the member photos gallery on our webpage /Community/Member Photos. I'm the one with the floppy looking hat and wide grin. (Photo page 3)

Here are some things you may want to immediately consider.

The 2023 fishout planning meeting is at 7 PM on January 19th at the Moreland Apt Community Center. All members are welcome to attend, ask questions, and contribute to planning fishing events

for the upcoming year. It is also a great opportunity to learn more about the various outings and meet other members.

Some of our fishouts are extremely popular and attendance is limited. Examples are the Rogue River, Big Hole, Klamath and Trinity fishouts. I recommend you immediately view the schedule of upcoming fishouts and reserve your spot.

How do you build a fly rod? The spring rod building classes start at 7 PM on January 10th, again at the Moreland Apt Community Center.

Monthly club meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 7 PM at the Moreland Apt Community Center. These meetings are simulcast on Zoom, but we would love to see more members coming in person to the live meetings. Doors open at 6:30 PM before the meetings to permit members to socialize.

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FLYCASTERS Calendar

January 2023

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NEW LOCATION

10 – Rod Building Classes begin – Moreland Apts meeting room – 7pm to 9pm see page 6

11 – First EVER Fly Tying class – 5:00pm to 6:30pm Moreland Apts meeting room – immediately prior to January Club meeting see page 8

11 – Club Meeting – John Williams – Utah Fly Fishing

18 – First EVER Fly Tying class – 7pm to 8:30 – Bass Pro Shop

19 – Fishout Planning meeting – 7:00pm – Moreland Apts Meeting room see page 9

25 – Introductory Fly Tying classes begin – Online via ZOOM see page 7

FLYCASTERS Code of Ethics

As a member of Flycasters, I will do all in my power to conduct myself in a manner befitting the traditions of our sport of flyfishing.

1. *I will follow the fish and game laws wherever I fish.*
2. *I will support conservation practices in order to preserve our natural resources for this and future generations.*
3. *I will encourage the practice of "Catch and Release" in all but "put and take" waters.*
4. *I will encourage other fishers, whether they fish with flies or other means to abide by the same standards as expressed in this Code of Ethics, and I pledge to report any violations I observe to the appropriate authorities*
5. *I will always remember that my conduct afield is a reflection on our Club, its' members, and our sport, and I will endeavor to conduct myself accordingly.*



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On the Saturday preceding the monthly meeting there is an informal gathering of members around 8 AM at the Holders Country Inn (having relocated to 10088 N. Wolfe Road, Ste 130 in Cupertino). There is plenty of parking in the underground parking garage just beyond the restaurant, and more across the street in the parking structure. Everyone, bring your cellphone and show off pictures of your most recent catch. I do.

The fly-casting ponds have water. There is almost always someone from the club midday, any day of the week, who will be glad to help you develop that effortless cast experienced casters are always talking about.

In the last several years several studies have been undertaken to determine how to make friends and how much time it takes to do that. A 2018 study undertaken by Associate Professor Jeffrey Hall at the University of Kansas determined that it takes roughly 50 hours of time spent together to move from a mere acquaintance to casual friend, and 90 hours to move from there to the level of "friend." If you feel the need to develop new and deeper friendships, I suggest you consider getting involved in the club's activities giving you the opportunity to spend that kind of time with future friends. Personally, I have found my joining the board of directors, becoming the treasurer and now the president of the club to be very rewarding in this regard.



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Many thanks to the members who have served the club in the past – especially these past few years when Covid threw us a curve and some complex decisions had to be made

JANUARY PROGRAM

JOHN WILLIAMS

SOUTHERN UTAH



Why Southern Utah?

is the name of the program.

Uncrowded fishing

More species to catch

Less expensive to stay and play

Beautiful Scenery

Knowledgeable Guides

Use of the guides equipment if yours fails

Use of the guides transportation as the roads are rough and hard to find

I have been fishing this area for 17 years and fish streams, rivers, and lakes.

I graduated from Long Beach State College 1972 and spent two years in the army - one of them in Vietnam.

I have fished all over the world, from Argentina to the Arctic as well as Europe. I have spent most of my time in the USA. I guided pack trips into the Ansel Adams Wilderness for 14 years.

This program will cover: How to get there - What to bring - Where to stay. I will cover five different locations. The main focus is on the area closest to Loa, Utah and Mike James the guide who owns the Quiet Fly Fisher in Loa.

Wednesday January 11th @ 6:30pm
IN PERSON / ZOOM Hybrid MEETING

In Person meeting at the Moreland Apts meeting room

An email will be distributed to all Club Members outlining the simple steps needed to take part and the needed login information

DID YOU KNOW?

Our new website allows members to register for classes, seminars, fishouts, and nearly all club events via the

ONLINE CALENDAR

Go to www.flycasters.org and log in

Use the **Calendar** drop down menu and choose the appropriate month

Events are highlighted and color coordinated by type of activity

For example:

Click on January 10 and there is an activity highlighted in **BLUE** which indicates a class or seminar

In this case it is the **Rod Building Classes**

Once you click on the activity you will be directed to a description of the event and on the right side you can click on **Register Now** and follow the prompts to register and pay online.

Click on **Registrants** to find out who is already registered for the class

Click on **Add to my Calendar** if you wish to add the date and activity to your computer's calendar app

Not all activities require registration

ROD BUILDING CLASSES JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023



and



The cost of the seminar will be \$20.

Make your checks payable to Flycasters, Inc.

Topics to be covered will include:

- An overview of rod building
- Selecting a fly rod blank
- Marking the spline
- Tools and materials used in building fly rods
- Attaching reel seats
- Building and attaching cork handles
- Guide spacing and wrapping
- Finishing coats - marking your fly rod - slow drying motors
- Resources and answering questions

Tom Key and Albert Yi will be teaching the rod building class. Tom is an expert rod builder having built numerous bamboo, fiberglass, and graphite rods over the years. Albert has many years of experience in rod building and is a true calligraphy master, his finish work is second to none.

The seminar will take place over 6 nights - Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning **January 10th and 12th** and then continue after a two (2) week break --- the break between the first sessions and the following classes will give members time to buy blanks and materials they need to build a rod. Continue **January 31st and February 2nd and finally February 7th and 9th.**

Sessions begin at 7:00 PM, at the Moreland Apts Activities Center
Northeast corner of Payne Ave. and Saratoga Ave.

Same place we meet each month!!

4375 Payne Ave, San Jose, CA

Class size is limited so sign-up ASAP. Sign up begins at the November club meeting

For more information contact Mason Seim (408) 398-2520 or msseim@aol.com

Flycasters Inc. presents:

The Dick Nelson Beginning Fly Tying classes, online.

A course for beginning fly tiers developed by Flycasters' Dick Nelson. We will tie approximately 10 different flies in 6 lessons including such classics as the Wooly Bugger (Wooly Worm), Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear nymph, Elk Hair Caddis. The emphasis is on trout flies, however, the skills developed, and materials used will provide a solid foundation for tying flies of all types.

Intermediate and advanced fly tiers can also benefit from this course. Some members have taken this course multiple times.

If you have never tied a fly before (or even if you have) please first attend our "very first fly tying lesson" (Zebra Midge) preferably in person. SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Each lesson will be approximately 2 hours. There is homework.

Schedule: Wednesdays 7-9PM Jan 25, Feb 1, 16, 22, Mar 1, 15 (*Feb 16 is a Thursday*)

Required equipment: Vise, bobbin, bobbin threader, thread (black 6/0 tying thread), scissors, bodkin, hackle pliers, hair stacker.

In addition to the on-line lessons, written instructions and materials are provided.

There is a \$40 dollar materials fee which is fully refundable if you attend all the lessons and tie all the flies. You will receive more than \$40 worth of materials, enough to tie forty flies with material to spare.

This class has limited enrollment. Sign up by getting your \$40 (PayPal or check), name, email address and mailing address to Bill Zuravleff by Jan 12. Materials will be mailed to you prior to the first class. If you would like to help out, please let me know.

Bill Zuravleff

billz@computer.org

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Flycasters Inc. in cooperation with Bass Pro presents:

The very first lesson for beginning fly tiers

If you have never tied a fly before, this is the place to start. This first lesson is being offered multiple times and locations. We recommend you attend a class live-and-in-person if possible.

Date/Time/Location:

Wed. Jan 11, 2023, 5:00 - 6:30PM at **Moreland apartment complex**. This is directly before the club meeting. Unlimited space, signup not required, you will need tools. If you are an experienced fly tier, you could view this session as an opportunity to tie some Zebra Midges for free. It is possible this class will also be broadcast on Zoom.

Wed. Jan 18, 2023, 7:00 - 8:30PM at **Bass Pro (the White River Fly shop** inside Bass Pro) Limited space, signups required. If you would like to shop for or buy tools, come way, way early, I will be there by 6:00.

Tue. Feb 16, 2023, 7:00 - 8:30PM **Bass Pro (the White River Fly shop** inside Bass Pro) Limited space, signups required.

These lessons are open to all Flycasters members at no cost. Reminder (!) you are a Flycasters member if and only if you have paid your dues.

Required equipment: Vise, bobbin, bobbin threader, thread (6/0 black tying thread), scissors.

Need help assembling equipment? We have you covered. Email me BillZ@computer.org You can buy them online, or at Bass Pro; we may have a limited number of sets you can borrow on a favor-for-favor basis.

In this lesson we will be tying the Ice Cream Cone chironomid also known as the Zebra Midge.

Materials will be provided. (Hooks, beads, ribbing wire.) You are encouraged to tie multiple Zebra Midges. But first we will check out your vise, learn some hook basics, how to mount a hook, thread a bobbin, adjust thread tension, tie on, half hitch, make tight wraps.

The Zebra Midge is one of the simplest flies to tie, but it is also arguably the most effective in numerous fishing situations. I am happy to share success stories of using this fly.

Note: If you plan to take our on-line series, the Dick Nelson beginning fly tying lessons, (different class, separate sign up required) you need to learn the particularly important basics of this very first lesson first.

If you would like to sign up, have questions, need help obtaining equipment, or would like to let me know you will be there (thanks) please email Bill Zuravleff, billz@computer.org



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2023 Fishout Planning Meeting

Want to help decide where Flycasters holds its fishouts for the coming year?

Have a favorite fishing location you want to fish with club members?

Willing to host a fishout?

There will be a 2023 Fishout Planning Meeting

7:00pm on Thursday, January 19th, 2023

In person at the Moreland Apts meeting room*

**Zoom Meeting details will be emailed to the membership*



All fishmasters and members with ideas and/or interested in helping with fishouts for 2023 are welcome to attend. An IN PERSON / Zoom meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Jan 19, 2023, at 7pm, so mark your calendars and start thinking about fishouts for 2023.

You don't have to volunteer to be a fishmaster to attend – maybe you just want to ask questions or add some input – or just hang out and see how the club comes up with its fishout schedule ---- All members are welcome to participate

FLYCASTER'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

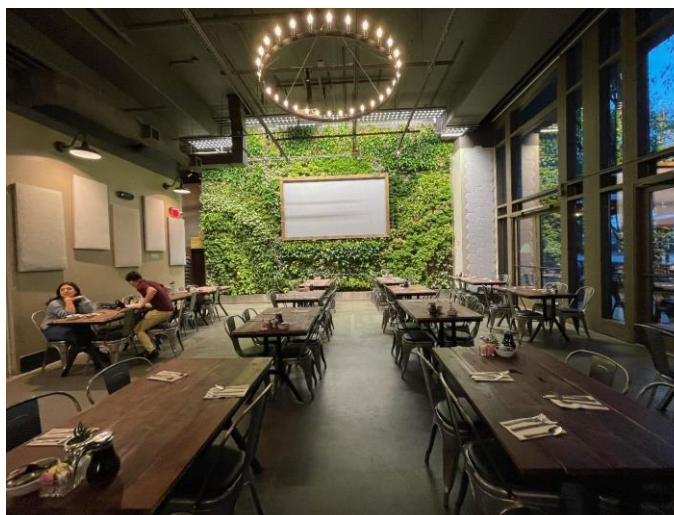
BACK TO ANOTHER NEW LOCATION

10088 N. WOLFE RD SUITE 130

Our Breakfast Gathering is moving to ANOTHER new location – Holder's Country Inn on N. Wolfe Rd. in Cupertino. *Very close to the original location on DeAnza.*

The owners of the DeAnza Holder's Country Inn found a new location and we can expect the same great food and service.

These monthly no host breakfasts (everyone pays their own tab) begin at 8:00 am at **Holder's Country Inn – 10088 Wolfe Rd, Suite 130 in Cupertino** the Saturday before the club's monthly meeting.



So, if you want a good breakfast, enjoyable conversation, and friendly faces, join your fellow Flycasters for breakfast **Saturday January 7th at Holder's Country Inn at 10088 Wolfe Rd. in Cupertino**. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the rest of 2023.

Again, our monthly breakfast is held the Saturday before the monthly Flycasters meeting.

NEW FISHING AWARDS CHAIR

Wade Goertz has volunteered to be the new Fishing Awards Chair. The Flycasters Fishing Awards Program was established to encourage members to participate in club Fishouts and submit "Big Fish Cards" to recognize the fish they catch.

The Flycasters Fishing Awards Program consists of a number of awards, including.

1) Angler of the Year Award -- Award is based on the total number of points awarded – so it is in your best interest to submit as many Big Fish Cards as possible.

2) Ring of the Rise Award -- Two categories, Freshwater and Saltwater – Awarded to the member who lands the largest fish on a fly

3) 20-20 Club -- Name goes on a plaque which recognizes a catch of a fish 20 inches or larger caught on a dry fly size 20 or smaller. More than one person can qualify each year, but since this is a rarity, it has not happened yet. The most recent recipient of the award gets to keep it at their house.

All of the awards are based upon the submittal of "Big Fish Cards"

"Big Fish Cards" can be submitted for each species of fish an angler catches.

There are two categories.

1) California 2) Out of State

Anglers are awarded points on a maximum of one species in each category, IE an angler may submit a "Big Fish Card" for a Rainbow Trout from one trip in July and then another Big Fish Card for a larger Rainbow from a trip in August but only the larger fish will count – this is true for fish caught in California, and also for fish caught outside of California. Make it easy on yourself – submit Big Fish Cards whenever you fish and Wade can sort out the ones that count.

*There is an online submission form found on the Flycasters website under **Community>Fishouts>Fish Card Form**. Just click on the Fish Card Form link found near the center of the FISH CARD FORM section directly across from the Fishout Schedule and an online form will open that you can fill in.*

ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO wade_tull@comcast.net

Eligibility Rules are as follows.

The flyfisher must be a member in good standing with the San Jose Flycasters.

The fish must be taken with fly fishing equipment only.

All applicable fishing regulations must be followed.

Eligible fish are any species of fish considered to be a "sportfish" listed by the IGFA or the applicable government fisheries agency.

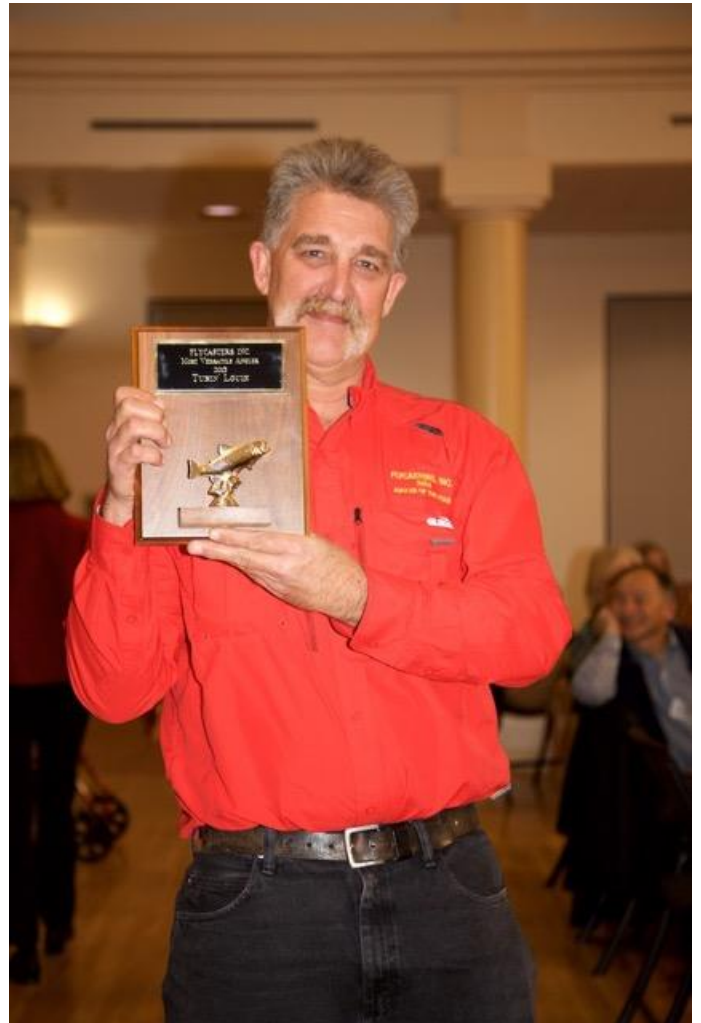
The fish must be caught in “public waters” open to all anglers

(This includes waters that have a paid fee that is available to all).

The fish must be released and retention under any circumstances will disqualify the entry.

A photo of the fish must be submitted, or a witness must be identified to verify the catch.

For the Angler of the Year Award, an angler cannot win the award in consecutive years (IE, previous year winner is not eligible the following year).



Judy and Tim are an example of members who have collected
Angler of the Year awards and **Ring of the Rise** awards

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL

FFI

JANUARY 2023 REPORT

I want to wish you all a happy new year, and to say that we in your Northern California Council, FFI have been working hard to create some great fly fishing programs for 2023. We plan to introduce them to all club Presidents in our January Club President's Happy Hour on January 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Here's the link to attend: <https://zoom.us/j/96999165694?pwd=bWt0NVVMxZnovZENNb1hPL014VEFCUT09>
Club leadership & members are all invited!

Here is a listing of what we have planned for 2023:

International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) - January 19-22, 2023 –

We will have a group of fly tyers demonstrating their fly tying abilities and styles all day, each day.

Thanks goes to Frank Rinella, Jeff Stevens and all the tyers who participate. We will also have a Q & A table where Council Board members will talk to visitors, direct those interested to fly clubs in the region, and tell them that our Council and Clubs are the place to go to learn to fly fish and have fun on our rivers and lakes. We will collect names & Contact info of those interested in Fly Fishing and share this with our clubs to call and invite them to a meeting.

Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton - February 24, 25 & 26th - We will have several events at this show:

Fly Casting Skills Development Program - With the assistance of the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club & Certified Casting Instructors Sarah Trenchel & Russ Carpenter, we will be offering training for club instructors on implementing the Skills program. They'll also be teaching fly casting to show visitors. One goal is to 'Train the Trainers' from our local fly clubs so they can set up and run this great learning program at their clubs.

Club President's Lunch - On Saturday the 25th at 11:30 a.m. we will host a 'Club Get-together' for our club leaders to sit together and share information and meet each other. **Please plan to attend as this is our only time of the year, we'll all be together.** In addition, we'll have a nice lunch available at no cost and have a chance to discuss Club-Council activities and support. We'll also do a short presentation on the programs we will be doing for our clubs & their members (see below for more info).

NCCFFI Booth at the show - We will be doing several activities here. Boy Scout merit badge teaching and certification, briefing visitors on the Trout-in-the-classroom program many clubs manage locally, Discussion on joining a fly fishing club and taking names & contact info to send to clubs, talking about joining FFI to support both the national and local work we do in Conservation and skills training for fly fishers. Goals: new club member referral and growing FFI membership.

Fly Fishing Skills Development - This is an easy to do program to improve our casting skills. It's fun and there are 3 competitive levels of accomplishment - Bronze, Silver, & Gold. Each level requires skill abilities and there is a test to move to the next level. For those who want recognition, you submit it to FFI, and they send a certificate of accomplishment. We will be doing 3 training days around our region to "Train the Trainers" from your club to be able to set up and teach at the club level, including testing for each skill level. This will provide consistent and thorough fly casting training in our clubs so more members have the skill level they want. We all know the better the caster the better the catching. The locations and dates for these trainings will be given at the Club President's Lunch at the Fly Fishing Show.

NCCFFI Skills Clinics - **Learn to be a better fly fisher** - Our goal here is to provide professional level training that is consistent and thorough. **Fly Fishing 101** - learn to fly fish is a program that includes 15 Power Point programs that that the student from beginning to end on what fly fishing is all about. This serves as a resource that will be available to clubs to use over the years, they teach a fly fishing course. Gone are the days where a club program is totally dependent upon one person to do all the work to teach. Use these programs to guide and teach, resulting in a club program that is reliable and thorough. Other programs we will be introducing in 2023 are: **Euro nymphing** and why it works so well; **Fishing techniques for technical water** - spring creeks, etc.; **Fishing the Yuba River**, a specific technical river we visit often.

All of these will be available to all our clubs and members in various locations in 2023.

Yuba Fest 2023 - The Gathering of the Clan - September 23rd - Sycamore Ranch County Park on the Yuba River. This has become the annual celebration of fly fishing which will include most all of the programs discussed above. It will include many of the programs and classes to teach beginning fly fishing as well as the more complex fishing challenges like technical waters, fishing the Yuba River, and others. We'll also have a conservation program where many of our state and local NGO watershed groups will be available. We'll have a raffle, auction and other fun things to do, as well as lunch and a great dinner in the afternoon. We've moved it up a month in 2023 to allow for more sun and longer daylight. **Why Yuba Fest? To bring the fly fishing clan together to celebrate! It's a party. Mark it on your calendar! Be there and have fun!**

The Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI) is working to be a resource our clubs can rely upon to assist them to bring high value, quality programs to our fly fishing community. Working together - clubs & Council - means we can be more engaging with club programs that are valuable to new as well as experienced fly fishers. We have heard often the question, "What does the Council do for us?" Well, we do a lot to help clubs be more appealing to members, and to take fly fishing to your local communities.

Additionally, we take on conservation challenges that are large, state-level problems that a club cannot manage alone. Actions like removing 4 dams on the Klamath River or protecting salmon & steelhead in large watersheds like all of Santa Clara County. We work with a host of conservation partners to advocate for fishery and watershed health throughout our state. Working together - clubs & Council - we have more clout and influence, which means healthy fisheries our sport & fishers can access and enjoy.

We do better together - in many ways. We just need to remember both clubs and the Council are important - for fly fishing and to protect our fisheries.

Mark Rockwell, President
NCCFFI

Flycasters supports many worthy groups

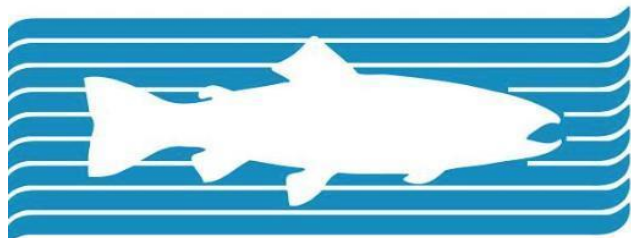


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Meetings: Flycasters' general meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Moreland Apartments Community Room at the corner of Payne Avenue and Saratoga Avenue in San Jose. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for socializing. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. The main program and slide show, as well as raffle follow the intermission.

There is ample parking on Payne Avenue and in the shopping center parking lot across Payne Avenue. Guests of club members and all interested visitors are encouraged to attend.

Membership: To become a member of Flycasters requires completion of a registration form plus an annual fee of \$50 for a regular membership, \$60 for a family or \$20 for juniors.

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