



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN IMATANI

We have an exciting May 8th club meeting coming up at the Moreland apartment center. As usual doors open at 6:30pm to meet friends. At around 7pm we will cover club business updates. Our guest speaker will be Dan Johnston of Trout Unlimited who will be talking about TU's latest projects in California.

As May is coming up, we have concluded our spring casting classes with a record number of new members in our beginning casting class (around 30 new members). I was able to meet with many members in person and was happy to see everyone improving their casting skills. The next step is to sign up and participate in our upcoming Fly Fishing 101 seminar in the middle of May. Also, don't forget about signing up for our annual club banquet at the Los Gatos Lodge on June 8th.

Last, but not least, Ray Chin is again hosting his practical Fly fishing seminar on June 2nd. This is a great way to meet new members for future fishing trips and increase your overall fly fishing knowledge. Please sign up soon so that we can accommodate everyone.

Regards, Ken Imatani
President, San Jose Flycasters

PS - We are working on finding a replacement venue for future club meetings and will keep everyone posted on our progress

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FLYCASTERS CALENDAR

May

Saturday, May 4th

Breakfast Gathering | 8am - 9:30am
Holder's Country Inn
10088 N Wolfe Rd, Cupertino

Wednesday, May 8th

Club Meeting | 7pm - 9:30pm
Moreland Apts Meeting Room
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Thursday, May 9th

Board of Directors Meeting | 5 - 6:30pm
[Zoom Link](#)

Saturday, May 11th

Casting Clinic - Accuracy and Distance
Los Gatos Creek County Park | 8am
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Sunday, May 14th - 16th

Fly Fishing 101 | 7pm - 9:30pm
Moreland Apts Meeting Room

Saturday, May 18th

Surf Fishout
LG Creek County Park | 8 + 10:30am
more information on page 8



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 fly fishing.

- 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

MORELAND APTS CLOSING

We recently learned that the Moreland apartments will no longer be able to host our future club meetings starting **June 1st, 2024**.

The Moreland site was recently purchased by an outside group that is refurbishing all of the apartments and totally changing the main conference room that we have used in the past.

We are actively looking into alternate meeting locations at this moment, but nothing concrete has been decided yet.

In the interim, we are likely to schedule a zoom meeting for our June meeting and hopefully will have a new site for in person meetings by our August club meeting. *There will likely not be a swap equipment meeting in July since we have no site lined up for that meeting.*

In the meantime, our regularly scheduled club meeting is still on for May 8th at Moreland.

We have a few remaining club seminars including our popular Fly Fishing 101 seminar that is still scheduled for the month of May.

By the end of May, we will have to clean out the storage room at Moreland and move the contents to an alternate location. If any club members have a recommended venue, please let Mason, Frank or myself know. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Ken Imatani
President, Flycasters of San Jose

MAY PROGRAM

DAN JOHNSON



As anglers know, no two streams are exactly alike. With restoration, as with fishing, the right tool for the job can change with every bend of the river. Trout Unlimited's Dan Johnson will demonstrate this concept through three different restoration projects in three very different areas of the Sierra Nevada and introduce the restoration techniques most appropriate for them.

Dan Johnson works as Trout Unlimited's Engagement Coordinator, connecting communities to Trout Unlimited's mission through volunteer and outreach events, youth education, and communications. Dan grew up in Georgetown, California fishing the Middle Fork of the American River in the winter, and deck handing for his family's salmon charter in Craig, AK in the summer. Living in Reno, Dan spends most of his fishing time on the Truckee and Walker Rivers, but still finds his way back to the Middle Fork several times a year.

Wednesday evening, May 8th

Doors open at 6:30pm

Meetings are held at the Moreland Apts meeting room

Northeast Corner of Payne and Saratoga Ave.

Zoom details will be emailed to members

“BILL ZURAVLEFF, MASTER OF FATE”

YOUR FLY LINES EDITORS, WADE AND TAYLOR

Near the end of every month it is customary for a tranche of photos, write ups and fly fishing news to come pouring in from you, our fellow club members. Your contributions are what make this newsletter possible, giving it the substance and character that only we - a cohort of folks living in this place, at this time, with this particular interest in fly fishing - can.

Wade and I comb the submissions for glaring spelling or grammatical errors, make styling adjustments to match the relaxed formatting of the newsletter (or admittedly, to make the fish look bigger), and then go about our days.

This month, a fellow club member submitted not one - not two - but three versions of copy along with photo evidence to summarize his grand slam month of fishing. This is the level of thought and consideration - and pursuit of ardent perfection - in newsletter submission achievement that editors dream of.

And so, although he is likely finding out about it at the same time you are, we would like to celebrate Bill Zuravleff on his four fish and his three copy blocks (which both lend themselves fabulously to the timeless art of trash talking here in the fly fishing community).

Bill also had the absolute nerve to end his email with “edit at will, or use your own copy.”

Which brings us to where we are today.

Without further ado....

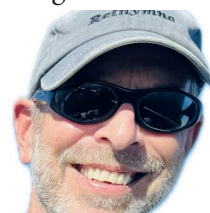
BILL ZURAVLEFF

BY BILL ZURAVLEFF

Version 1: “I caught a tarpon! (5 in 1 day actually, my best tarpon day ever.) and a striped bass and a large mouth and a trout (and perhaps some other less glamorous species) all in the month of April, and the fishing year is just getting started.”



Version 2: “I had the pleasure of fishing with fellow flycasters Bob Laskodi and Tim Anderson this month who are both excellent fishermen but perhaps each less of a braggart than I, which is why I’m not including photos of their fish here. Happy fishing!”



Version 3: “Bill Zuravleff, not a baiter ... but a master ... of all species ... and his own fate, caught a tarpon (Campeche, Mexico) a large mouth (the delta) a striped bass (San Luis reservoir) and a trout (lower Sac) all in the month of April. I had a bit of a hiatus but my downtime had a happy ending. I’m back in the saddle again! Happy fishing!”

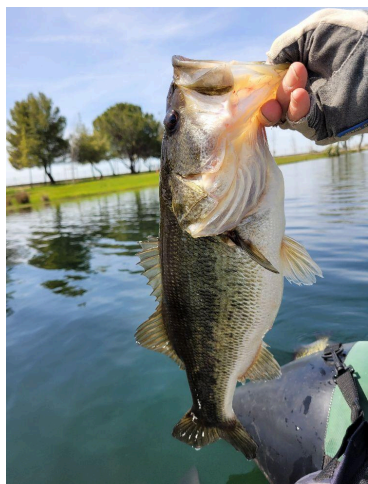


Rancho Seco Lake Joint Fishout with Granite Bay FF

BY JEFF LORELLI



We had 8 Flycasters join 15 Granite Bay Flyfishers for a fun day of catching fish, great camaraderie, and tasty food on a beautiful day on RSL just outside of Galt, CA.



In the morning, the Granite Bay folks had a coffee and donut station set up along with some last minute reports of fishing conditions, flies, lines, and tactics.

Flycasters had several newbies, including a few first timers in their float tubes.

After some short instructions on navigation and setup, I am happy to report that all of them learned how to navigate their float tubes and of them caught fish.

There were several “Seco Slams” caught by the group (Largemouth Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, and Rainbow Trout) with quite a few large Crappie, Bass, and some Rainbow’s that were pushing 5#!

At lunchtime, the Granite Bay folks provided a lunch of Brats, Beans, and homemade cupcakes. We really appreciated their hospitality and hope we can join them again next year.





CASTING CLINIC

Accuracy and Distance

Presented by Tony Yap

Saturday May 11, 2024, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

at the Los Gatos Creek Casting Ponds

Tony Yap will host another casting clinic on Saturday, June 17th at 9:30 am at the Los Gatos Creek casting ponds. Tony Yap is an accomplished fly fisher, a fantastic teacher, and a highly successful tournament winning fly caster, a four-time All Around National Champion (senior Division). His list of accomplishments in competitive fly casting is impressive.

The key to success in fly fishing is **accuracy and distance**— Tony will be focusing on both.

Bring your favorite fly rod. Anything between 5 and 10 weight, with a reel and weight forward floating line, appropriate leader and tippet and some yarn (no hooks).

Bring a notebook and pen to take notes. Use your camera or phone to video.

Be sure to bring protective eyewear. Sunglasses or eyeglasses - just as long as they cover your eyes. This is a requirement; without eye protection you cannot attend the clinic.

and like Tony says ... **BRING AN OPEN MIND!!**

Clinic is FREE for members of Flycasters.

***Parking at the ponds is \$6 - payable at the kiosk - they do ticket non-payers**

SURFS UP DUDES & DUDETTES

Barr Surf Perch (BSP) are in!



My fishing partner Alexie with her catch of the day.

Come on out, have fun, and catch one (or more than one). As you know, it has been a killer winter for big BSP this year. Every year Mike Lovejoy makes a fantastic breakfast for all of us, after you catch the big “one.”

Beside your fly fishing rods, you can use your Spinning Rig/Rod for this event.

Remember this event is **FREE**

Date: May 18, 2024

Time: 6:00 am – 9:00 am

Conditions: High Tide is at 8:03 am, Sunrise is at 5:57 am

Location: Beer Can Beach at the staircase entry

1191 Via Palo Alto, Rio Del Mar

Breakfast: 9:15 at Mike's place only ten minutes away

115 Driftwood Court, Aptos, CA

If you are attending or have any questions, text me 408-464-5793

Luke Sing

SPEY CASTING CLASS



Let's get you in tune for Spey Fishing for Trout SHAD, Steelhead and Striped Bass.

May 25 & 26, 2024 (Two day class)

Four Openings per class

Early Session 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Saturday and Sunday

2nd Session 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday

Location: Meet at the Casting Ponds, Los Gatos Creek Park

Need to Bring:

- **Waders - we will be IN the water**
- **Wading shoes**
- **Wading staff**
- **Spey rod/reel rig**
- **Skagit or Scandi with sink tip or poly leader or mow tips with yarn**
- **Wear appropriate clothing for the weather (sun or rain) hats, sunscreen, eyeglasses protection NO GLASSES = NO CLASSES**

NOTES:

1. **Let us know if you need a Spey Rig**
2. **Parking might be a charge**
3. **If you are attending or have questions text me on (408)464-5793**

Luke Sing

FLYCASTERS 2024 FISHOUT SCHEDULE

| DATES | DURATION | LOCATION | FISHMASTER | STATUS |
|---|------------|---|------------------------------------|--------|
| Jan 27 – Feb 3 | 8 days | Peacock Bass – Brazil | Rich Otto | |
| Mar 2 – 3 | 2 days | Lower Yuba River | Lee Dorius | |
| May 9 – 10 | 1 – 2 days | Rancho Seco with Granite Bay Club | Jeff Lorelli / Jim Degnan | |
| May 7 – 10 | 4 days | Lake McCumber and Hat Creek | Phil Brouwer | |
| May 22 – 25 | 4 days | Pyramid Lake | Lee Dorius / Jeff Lorelli / Others | |
| | | Scotts Flat Lake | CANCELED | |
| May 18 | 1 day | Surf Fishout | Luke Sing / Mike Lovejoy | |
| June 5 – 8 | 4 days | Spicer Canoe Trip | Greg Takata | Full |
| June 14 - 15 | 2 days | Sawmill Lake Tahoe National Forest | Jeff Lorelli | |
| June 23 – 29 | 7 days | Big Hole Lodge Montana | Wade Goertz | Full |
| June 24 - 27 | 4 days | Crater Lake in Lassen National Forest New Member fishout | Phil Brouwer | |
| June late – July | 4 days | Marble Mountain Wilderness Backpack | Tom Hamilton | |
| August | 5 - 8 days | High Sierra / Packer Supported | Paul Lai | |
| Sept 5 - 9 | 4 days | High Sierra Backpack | Bill Zuravleff | |
| Sept 20 – 22 | 3 days | Yamsi Ranch – Oregon | Dan Romani | |
| Sept 3 rd week | 4 days | Fall River | NEEDS FISHMASTER | |
| Sept – Oct | 3 days | Upper Sacramento River | Scott Conradson | |
| Oct 5 – 6 | 2 days | Hwy 108 --- New Member fishout | Jeff Lorelli / Lee Dorius | |
| Oct 11 – 14 | 4 days | Hat Creek, Baum Lake, Manzanita Lake | Phil Brouwer | |
| Oct 17 - 20 | 4 days | Davis Lake | Lee Dorius | |
| Oct late | 4 days | Rogue River Steelhead Float trip | Paul Kopacki / Roy Litherland | |
| Oct 30-Nov 3 | 5 days | Klamath River | Frank Eldredge | |
| Nov 3 – 6 | 4 days | Trinity River | Jim Isaacson / Mike Lovejoy | |
| Nov 6 – 9 | 4 days | Eagle Lake | Larry Sasscer | |
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| Club Fishmasters: Lee Dorius and Jeff Lorelli | | | | |

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Cupertino Lions Club Fishathon

By Greg Takata



On Saturday April 27th the Cupertino Lions Club held their annual Fishathon at the Stevens Creek Quarry.

Over 120 special needs kids and adults each caught 3 rainbow trout weighing from 1 to 3 pounds and enjoyed a nice lunch afterwards.

Jim Issacson, a Lions Club member, recruited fellow Flycasters, Bob Shoberg, Mason Seim, Tim Anderson, Greg Takata, John Reyes, Bob Pimentel, Jeff Spedding, and Grady Wright to assist with the fun filled event.

About 80 volunteers from other groups including local Lions Clubs and Boy Scouts made this “Opening Day” a big success.

If you would like to volunteer at another event, consider the Santa Clara County Fishing in the City to be held at the Los Gatos Creek Park Ponds on Saturday May 18th from 8 am to 11:30 am.

This event is open to the public.

Volunteers must register in advance at: <https://parks.sccgov.org/south-bay-fishing-city>

FLYCASTERS GALLERY

FEATHER RIVER | IRENE AND DIANA





CAMPECHE, MEXICO | BILL





MYSTERY LOCATION | FRANK, COSTA, AND MATT



RANCHO SECO | JEFF



FLYCASTERS CONSERVATION FUNDRAISER AND AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY JUNE 8

LOS GATOS LODGE

Approximately 5pm to 9pm

Go to the front page of our website to sign up

www.flycasters.clubexpress.com/

Buy your tickets before May 8th for only \$65 —

After May 8 the price will increase to \$70

There are over 40 prizes for the fundraiser - including lodge trips,
gear, guided fly fishing, fly selections, and more.

The 2023 banquet was tremendous.

We hope to make the upcoming banquet even more fun for everyone.

BUY-SELL-TRADE



**FREE ADMISSION. OPEN TO
PUBLIC. ALL THINGS/
FISHING/OUTDOORS! RAIN
OR SHINE. HOT DOGS &
SODAS AT 11AM**

SWAP MEET @ APTOS GRANGE

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024

Time: 9am to 1 pm

**Where: Aptos Grange (2555 Mar Vista
Drive Aptos, CA 95003).**

VENDER SPACES FREE TO CLUB MEMBERS

\$10 SPACE FEE FOR NON-CLUB MEMBERS

RSVP ON CLUB WEBSITE TO RESERVE

8 AM VENDER SET-UP

INFO:CALL/TEXT JEFF 831-234-0033

**LEARN MORE:
WWW.SANTACRUZFLYFISHING.ORG/**

FLYCASTERS is supporting YMCA Flyfishing Camp

Dates: June 17 and 18

June 20 and 21

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Place: Almaden Lake Park

Flycasters needs twelve (12) volunteers to help the students to learn the fundamental of flyfishing.

Class will consist of following:

- Casting - Knots Tying - River Science - Bugs Science

There will be two (2) classes a day.

There will thirty (30) students at the YMCA Camp.

The club needs to submit the volunteer names to YMCA organization, for fingerprint locations.

Note: If you have any questions, text Luke at (408) 464-5793



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