



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROY LITHERLAND

Several of our members meet at Holder's Country Inn on Wolf Road the Saturday immediately preceding our regular members meeting. I joined them last month, had a lot of fun, and an epiphany. After 45 years of practicing law, I thought I had my lying and exaggeration skills down to an art form. I was wrong; compared to a group of fishermen, I am a mere novice.

For instance, Mason Seim was telling me about the huge salmon his group had snagged out of Los Gatos Creek during one of his fish counting exploits. When I called him on it, damned if he did not have the picture to prove it. See the article written by Mason (page 9) and gawk at the picture of that huge salmon they pulled from that little bitty creek.



On the issue of local creeks, page two of the local section of the Mercury News published January 1<sup>st</sup> had a brief but interesting article about the removal of a concrete obstacle in Stevens Creek near the Deep Cliff Golf course which was preventing fish migration further into the creek. The program resulted from efforts of Friends of Stevens Creek Trail and Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition; just one more example of thinking globally and acting locally.

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## FLYCASTERS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

### Wednesday, February 1st

Beginning Fly Tying | 7pm - 9pm

Moreland Apts Meeting Room

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### Thursday, February 2nd

Rod Building Class | 7pm - 9pm

Moreland Apts Meeting Room

### Saturday, February 4th

Breakfast Gathering | 8am - 10am

Holder's Country Inn

10088 N Wolfe Rd. Cupertino

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### Tuesday, February 7th

Board of Directors Meeting | 5 - 6:30pm

[Zoom](#)

Rod Building Class | 7pm - 9pm

Moreland Apts Meeting Room

### Wednesday, February 8th

Club Meeting | 7pm - 9:30pm

Moreland Apts Meeting Room

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The fishmasters have gathered and come up with a list of truly exciting fishouts for the year. There are several outings which the club has not done for several years and some which we have not done before. To check out the offerings, once on our website, click Community, and scroll down to Fishouts. Fishouts tend to be very popular and often they fill to capacity. The club has established a rule that anyone attending a fishout in year one and wants to attend again, goes on a waiting list for year two giving priority to members who have not been able to attend previously. But even someone who has not attended a particular fishout previously may find the event is filled and they are too late to join. In that event, sign up anyway, get on the waitlist so if someone drops out, you may be able to fill the slot, and if not, you go onto the priority list for the following year. So, if you want to attend a fishout, or several, it is a clever idea to sign up early. Make plans now; three of this year's more popular fishouts are already full.

We have eleven people signed up for the Rogue River fishout. We need an even number of fishers, two per boat. So we either need one more person to sign up, or we may have to drop one. Once this last spot is filled, then we'll be at the maximum.

Some fishouts are more suitable for beginners than others. If you are new to the sport or are concerned about your physical abilities to manage a particular event, do not hesitate to contact the fishmaster for information and answers to your questions.

One exception to the above rule about repeat attendance is the fishmaster. Generally, the fishmaster will be someone who has attended the outing previously or even frequently and acts as a guide for members not familiar with a particular outing. Acting as a fishmaster has its benefits.

Speaking of fishmasters, one of the most popular fishouts is the Pyramid Lake trip. It is by far the largest group outing for the club, a great social event, and an opportunity to catch enormous trout. Tom Key has been the fishmaster of this trip for years beyond memory but can't do it this year due to impending knee surgery. We need someone to act as the fishmaster for this event or the event will have to be canceled. And we need to have identified this person by February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending this year's Pyramid Lake fishout, please consider acting at the Fishmaster.

The Medicine Lake fishout is also a time honored and popular event, and the people who have acted as fishmasters previously aren't doing it this year. If interested in attending the Medicine Lake fishout, please consider volunteering to function as fishmaster for the event.



#### Thursday, February 9th

Rod Building Class | 7pm - 9pm  
Moreland Apts Meeting Room

#### Thursday, February 16th

Beginning Fly Tying | 7pm - 9pm  
Moreland Apts Meeting Room

#### Saturday + Sunday, February 18-19th

Lower Yuba Fishout

#### Wednesday, February 22nd

Beginning Fly Tying | 7pm - 9pm  
Moreland Apts Meeting Room

#### Friday - Sunday, February 24-26th

Pleasanton Fly Show | 10am - 6pm  
Alameda County Fairgrounds  
4501 Pleasanton Avenue  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

## 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.



# FEBRUARY PROGRAM

## CHARLIE SCHNEIDER

CalTrout on the Eel River Watershed

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Charlie Schneider was raised by loggers in the forests of Northern California. He holds a Master of Natural Resources degree from Oregon State University and a graduate certificate in fisheries management. Charlie currently leads CalTrout's efforts to remove two obsolete dams in the Eel River and is also part of CalTrout's policy team. He lives in Petaluma with his wife and two sons.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th at 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.

# FLYCASTERS 2023 FISHOUT SCHEDULE

DATES	DURATION	LOCATION	FISHMASTER	STATS
Feb 5-12	8 Day	Peacock Bass Brazil	Rich Otto	Full
Feb 18-19	2 Day	Lower Yuba River	Lee Dorius	Full
Mar 28-29	1-2 Day	Rancho Seco w/ Granite Bay Club	Jim Isaacson / Jim Degnan	
Apr 17-20	4 Day	Pyramid Lake	Needs fishmaster	
May 5-7	3 Day	Smallmouth - Scotts Flat Lake Scout Trip	Lee Dorius / Jeff Lorelli	
May 27	1 Day	Surf Fishout	Luke Sing / Mike Lovejoy	
Jun 7-10	4 Day	Spicer Wilderness Canoe Trip	Greg Takata	
Jun 5-7	4 Day	Five Dot Reservoir	Jeff Lorelli / Phil Brouwer	
Jun 25 - Jul 1	7 Day	Montana Big Hole Lodge	Wade Goertz	Full
Jun/Jul	4 Day	Medicine Lake	Needs fishmaster	
Aug 2-10	8 Day	Golden Trout Pack - Evolution Valley	Lee Dorius	
Aug	4 Day	High Sierra Backpack	Bill Zuravleff	
Sep 14-17	4 Day	McArthur-Burney Falls / Fall River	Harris Hall	
Oct 15-20		Hat Creek, Baum & Manzanita Lakes	Phil Brouwer	
Oct 26-29	4 Day	Rogue River Steelhead Float	Roy Litherland	
Nov 8-12	5 Day	Klamath River	Frank Eldredge	
Nov 12-15	4 Day	Trinity River	Jim Isaacson / Mike Lovejoy	
Club Fishmasters: Lee Dorius and Jeff Lorelli				



## FLY TYING CLASSES

Our Dick Nelson Beginning Fly Tying class led by Bill Zuravleff is well underway. The course for beginning fly tiers covers 10 different flies in 6 lessons including such classics as the Wooly Bugger (Wooly Worm), Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear nymph, Elk Hair Caddis.

Please find photos of the Beginning Fly Tying Class of 2023 below.



# DID YOU KNOW?

One of the greatest features on our new website is a section devoted to

## Fishing and River Reports

Log in to [www.flycasters.org](http://www.flycasters.org)

Go to the **Community** drop down menu

Choose **Fishing and River Reports**

The first section is **River Flow & Fishing Reports**

You will find **California River Flows** with links to several online river flow sites

**Fishing Reports** – links to The Fly Shop in Redding; Confluence Outfitters;  
Reno Fly Shop

**California Fish and Wildlife** – a link to the California CFW website

The second section is **On-Line Fly Fishing Magazines**

3 FREE online magazines –

Catch Magazine

Fish and Fly Magazine

This is Fly Magazine

And lastly **Blogs**

There are 13 online blogs dedicated to fly fishing – local, statewide, national, and international – freshwater and saltwater

Spend some time exploring these resources. It will make planning your next fly fishing trip more productive, save you time, and take some of the guesswork out of when and where to catch fish.



# FLYCASTERS TRACK DOWN CHINOOK SALMON

MASON SEIM



*36 ½ in 30+ lb. male  
collected on Los Gatos  
Creek*

For the past six years, Flycasters has helped Steve Holmes group South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition (SBCCC) search for redds, spawning fish and carcasses. We cover the Guadalupe watershed which includes the Guadalupe River and Creek, Los Gatos Creek, Alamitos Creek, Ross Creek and Canoas Creek

Flycasters' crack CSI Team (Chinook Salmon Investigators), Mike Culcasi, Chuck Hammerstad and Mason Seim helped SBCCC track down this year's fall run of Chinook salmon. Below is Steve's report.

"This year's late Fall run for Chinook salmon along the Guadalupe Watershed saw an estimated 300+ fish enter the Watershed from Thanksgiving November 2022 till January 1, 2023. Our team of monitors led to 51 fish being harvested: (14) of a hatchery variety and (37) fish with an adipose fin. Our testing at UC Davis of the fish with adipose fin present saw our 2019 samples tested using a new protocol vs past years fin snips sent in for DNA testing which turned out to be inconclusive making agencies

assume all these fish were hatchery variety. The new testing takes samples from the eye lens and otolith and tests for nitrate which is found in hatchery food. Of the (6) fish tested (2) presented no nitrate and thus were wild fish. Our 2020, 2021 & 2022 will all be tested this year after COVID delays so we should have a robust sampling and can better understand the fish present in our watershed. Our sightings of live fish, REDD's & carcasses live in a Google map on our website with 6 years of data collection. We are excited to see what these testing efforts uncover as it could lead to more support from the local water district. "

Further information is available on SBCCC's website: [South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition \(sbccleancreeks.com\)](https://sbccleancreeks.com)



I would encourage all Flycasters to become involved in this year's survey which will start November of 2023. Until then SBCCC will continue its Team 222 bi-monthly Creek Cleanups. The next one is March 11, 2023, details will appear on the SBCCC website.



*December 5<sup>th</sup> at Campbell  
Avenue underpass*

Using fish eye lenses as a  
screening tool for  
hatchery and wild salmon





# LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

## Video Library & Fly Tying Instruction

Shiz and Judy Nakawatase have chaired the Video Library for so long I cannot remember who preceded them --- and they have recently announced their retirement.

Every member of Flycasters owes them our thanks and deep appreciation for their long service.

### **So Flycasters is looking for a new Video Library Chair or Co-Chairs –**

For a look at the Video Library go to [www.flycasters.org](http://www.flycasters.org) and choose **Skills** – and open the Video Library folder – You would be responsible for maintaining the collection of DVDs and acquiring new ones to add. At each meeting you help members check videos out and check previously loaned DVDs back in. Shiz and Judy can show you the ropes.

Contact them at [shiznaka@pacbell.net](mailto:shiznaka@pacbell.net)

### **Bill Zuravleff would like to pass the baton to a new Fly Tying Chair.**

The Fly Tying Chair is responsible for scheduling fly tying classes and arranging for fly tying instructors.

Contact [billz@computer.org](mailto:billz@computer.org) to ask Bill any questions or Roy Litherland [stjoeroy@gmail.com](mailto:stjoeroy@gmail.com)

# FLYCASTER'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

**A reminder of our 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



So, if you want a good breakfast, enjoyable conversation, and friendly faces, join your fellow Flycasters for breakfast Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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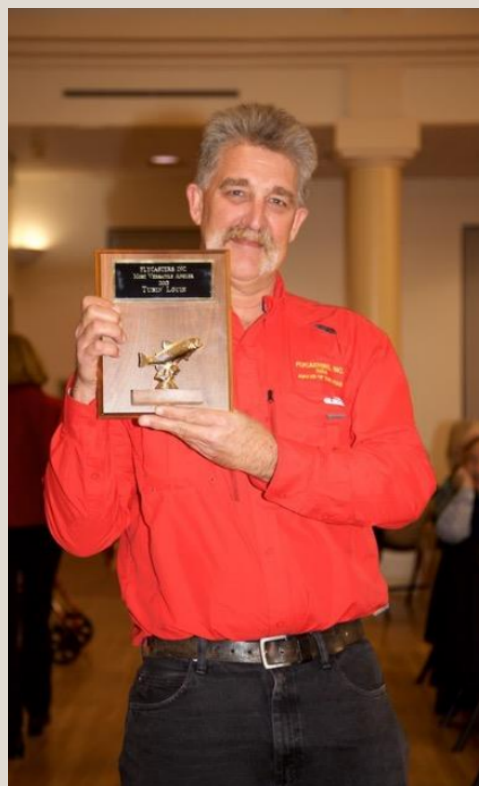
Wade Goertz has volunteered to be the new Fishing Awards Chair. The Flycasters Fishing Awards Program was established to encourage members to participate in club Fishouts and submit “Big Fish Cards” to recognize the fish they catch.

**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” which 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](mailto:wade_tull@comcast.net)*

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#### **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 is not eligible the following year).

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# Flycasters Inc.

and

## Flycasters Conservation and Educational Foundation Inc.

Flycasters Inc., P.O. Box 821, Campbell, CA 95009

**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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.flycasters.org](http://www.flycasters.org)

# FLYCASTERS GALLERY

LOUISIANA | JUDY AND SHIZ





LAGO ESPEJO, ARGENTINA | MATT





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## LAKE GALLARDO, ARGENTINA | MATT



## TRINITY RIVER | MARY



# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FFI REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2023

MARK ROCKWELL, PRESIDENT, NCCFFI



We invite all of you to the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, CA., February 24, 25 & 26th. We will be there in force with our normal booth meeting fly fishers and referring them to all of you, our clubs, so they can visit and consider joining. Beyond this club communication effort, we'll be again teaching fly tying to kids, with a focus on qualifying Scouts for the Fly Fishing Merit Badge. That will include tying 2 different flies, learning 3 knots, and doing some casting. In addition to our "in-the-building" efforts, we'll also be supporting a large host of fly casting instructors who will be teaching casting to the event visitors. This will take place on the grass lawn area which is located behind the pavilion of the show through the back gate and the right. Look for the signs for 'Casting lessons'

A major part of the show for us is introducing club casting teachers to the ***Fly Casting Skills Development Program (FCSD)***. It is a fun way to improve casting skills for all fly fishers in a self-paced fashion. There are now four levels from beginner to advanced: Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Sarah Trenchel and Russ Carpenter will be on site to teach club casting teachers how to set up the course and the process to actually teach the various casts needed to pass the different levels. Both Sarah and Russ are certified casting instructors from the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club in S.F.

This specific program will be taught on Saturday the 25th starting at 9:30 in the morning. **Please contact Clay Hash, [clayhash.fft@gmail.com](mailto:clayhash.fft@gmail.com), to register to attend.** We can only take 6 people at a time. It's possible we'll have more than one session, so it's important to register so we can advise you of the time you should be there for your session. Clubs that have started this program for members all say they have really enjoyed the casting sessions, and they are learning a lot. If you pass one or more of the levels - Bronze, Silver, Gold - you can apply and receive a certificate and pin from FFI. . **We promise you, it will be both fun and rewarding!**

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Another activity we will be doing is our ***Club President Luncheon***. It will be hosted starting at noon, location to be determined, but it will be at the show location. Our Booth will have location details, so stop by for directions.

**We invite either the club President, or, if they can't make it, a club representative. We want your club to attend to meet & share information about your club, and hear what NCCFFI has prepared for 2023 activities.** We have developed many exciting learning programs - casting, tying, fishing and techniques for difficult fishing locations. **Clay Hash, Founder of Fly Fishing Traditions**, will present at various locations in our region in 2023. All of these activities are designed to be utilized by our clubs and members, and, we promise, they will be both educational and fun. We'll cover details of locations, times and dates for all of these at the lunch.

For conservation, a major focus of NCCFFI, we'll give you a glimpse of what we're working on to improve & recover our watersheds and fisheries. We'll also present a wonderful short video on what will be happening on the Klamath dam removal & restoration process that starts in 2023 - this year!! We are focused on improved fisheries for all fly fishers.

**Please contact Mark Rockwell, [mrockwell1945@gmail.com](mailto:mrockwell1945@gmail.com), to register for the lunch.** We need to know who and how many will attend so we can provide adequate food and drinks, as well as enough space to have a restful and enjoyable time. It will be a fun time!

- Mark Rockwell, President, NCCFFI



# EDUCATION FOUNDATION UPDATES

MIKE CULCASI



The Trout in the Classroom program, under the leadership of the Flycasters Education Foundation and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, is growing by leaps and bounds. In this, our third season of providing aquariums to teachers and students in Santa Clara County, the number of classrooms served has grown from 23 to 35, covering 25 different schools in the valley and beyond. Our coaching team has also grown to 12 Flycasters members who are working hard to build aquariums for their specific teacher assignments.

The past couple of months have been very busy for the coaching team, procuring materials, cutting insulation foam, and assembling the tanks with all their peripheral equipment. Aquariums are not just tanks of water in which you throw fish eggs into. The environment must be controlled very carefully to ensure survival of the trout eggs. The temperature of the tank water must be maintained at 55° F +/- 3°, which is the ideal range for thriving alevin. That entails building foam insulation boxes surrounding each tank, plus equipping it with a chiller, water pump, temperature controller, filter, and thermometer.

This entire set-up is provided to each classroom by the Ed Foundation free of charge!



After delivery of the aquariums to their assigned teachers, Flycasters coaches will ensure that the tank environment is acceptable to accepting the trout eggs, which are provided by the CDFW. Eggs are scheduled to be delivered to our team on or about Feb 28, after which coaches will immediately deliver the eggs to their teachers. The eggs will typically hatch in 5-7 days. After development into fry, teachers will schedule a field trip with students to release the fry into a local lake, a very exciting time for students.

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Teachers and students alike love this program. Last year, every teacher rated the experience very good or excellent. Some teacher testimonials appear below:

“My students enjoyed keeping their daily logs of their observations as the alevin developed into fry. Because of the trout, we learned about the watershed and what we can do to clean up our waterways. My students were excited about the trout daily and really enjoyed the experience. quality of teaching tools available to you to deliver the class objectives.”

“All of the students were very engaged throughout the program. They enjoyed making observations and teaching what they have learned to their little buddies (we partner with several 1st grade classes).”

“Every moment was exciting, from the videos, to the hands-on experiences, games, research, and the release!”

It was very gratifying for our team to get such glowing reviews and we look forward to more this year!



# FLYCASTERS PROUDLY SUPPORTS



**FLYLINES** is published monthly and distributed free to members of San Jose FLYCASTERS.

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