

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN IMATANI

In April we have a number of fun events scheduled including our Spring casting classes that are scheduled over 3 weekends from April 13 to April 27. These classes are excellent at improving your casting skills for the upcoming season ahead. Additionally, they are a great way to meet new members for future fishing trips.

We have scheduled a fun casting contest just before our monthly May 8th club meeting. It will feature precision casting to targets at 30 ft at the Moreland apartments lawn area. There will be a monetary prize for the winner, too. So, turn out early (starts at 6pm) for the casting contest and stay for the updated club news and speaker Dan Johnson of Trout Unlimited.

Mary Nishioka has stepped up to help recruit future club speakers for the remainder of the year. Shout out to Mary

for assistance in this vital club function.

Looking ahead, save the date of June 8th for our annual club banquet to be held again at the Los Gatos Creek lodge. It will be a fun time for socialization, club service awards, and auction items. Look for more details on the banquet in a future message.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you at our upcoming April 10th club meeting at the Moreland Apartments. Our April guest speaker will be Matt Heron covering fishing in Cuba.

Regards, Ken Imatani
President, San Jose Flycasters

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FLYCASTERS CALENDAR

April

Saturday, April 6th

Breakfast Gathering | 8am - 9:30am

Holder's Country Inn

10088 N Wolfe Rd, Cupertino

Sunday - Wednesday, April 7 - 10th

McCumber Lake - Hat Creek Fishout

Tuesday, April 9th

Rancho Seco Fishout

Wednesday, April 10th

Club Meeting | 7pm - 9:30pm

Moreland Apts Meeting Room

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Thursday, April 11th

Board of Directors Meeting | 5 - 6:30pm

[Zoom Link](#)

Saturday, April 13th

Flycasting Classes

Beginner, Shooting Head

Los Gatos Creek County Park | 8am

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Sunday, April 14th

Flycasting Classes - Beginner, Shooting Head, Intermediate, Advanced

LG Creek County Park | 8 + 10:30am

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Saturday, April 20th

Flycasting Classes - Beginner, Shooting Head, Intermediate, Advanced
LG Creek County Park | 8 + 10:30am

Sunday, April 21th

Flycasting Classes - Beginner, Shooting Head, Intermediate, Advanced
LG Creek County Park | 8 + 10:30am

Monday- Thursday, April 22- 25th

Pyramid Lake Fishout

Saturday, April 27th

CHEER Dinner and Fundraiser
Gilroy Old City Hall

Saturday, April 27th

Flycasting Classes - Beginner, Shooting Head, Intermediate, Advanced
LG Creek County Park | 8 + 10:30am

Sunday, April 28th

Flycasting Classes - Beginner, Shooting Head, Intermediate, Advanced
LG Creek County Park | 8 + 10:30am

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.*

APRIL PROGRAM

MATT HERON

Join Truckee outfitter and travel host for his in depth introduction to fly fishing the much talked about, but often misunderstood, Cuba.

In recent years Cuba has become one of the most sought after salt water destinations on the planet.

In the last decade, American anglers have flocked there in pursuit of unpressured flats and the chance at a Grand Slam, bonefish, permit and tarpon.

However, embargos, communist politics and a long history of uneasy relationships with the US, there seems to be more questions than answers about this fly fishing 'gold mine'.

In his presentation, Matt not only discusses the fabulous fishing opportunities, but the locations, travel logistics and a quick history of all things Cuba.

Wednesday evening, April 10th

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

SPRING CASTING CLASSES - APRIL 2024

Classes are taught over three weekends:

Saturdays and Sundays

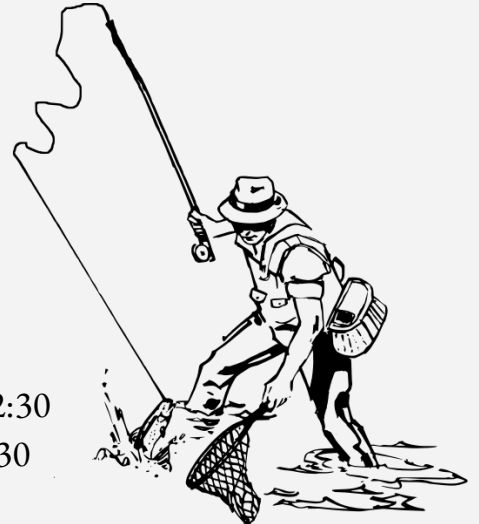
April 13 & 14*

April 20 & 21

April 27 & 28



- Beginning Casting – 8am to 10am
 - Shooting Head – 8am to 10am
- Intermediate Casting – 10:30am to 12:30
- Advanced Casting – 10:30am to 12:30



Each class is 12 hours of instruction – 6 days – 2 hours each day

Rods are available for beginners if needed, let us know when you sign up.

Classes are taught rain or shine – dress appropriately for the weather.

EYE PROTECTION IS A MUST – You must wear sunglasses or eyeglasses – no contact lenses.

NO GLASSES – NO CLASSES

**The first weekend – April 13 & 14 are offered to everyone free of charge – including non-members over 12 years old.*

**If you wish to continue the classes after the initial 2 days, you must join the club.
Instructors will be checking for paid membership.*

Signup on our website: Go to "About Flycasters", then "Contact Us" select "Casting" from the "Send To" menu and fill in the Email form with your information.

All classes are held at the Flycaster Casting Ponds
and Los Gatos Creek County Park.
1250 Dell Ave, Campbell

.....MORE INFORMATION FOR OUR 2024 SPRING CASTING CLASSES

Dress for rain, cold, wind or sunny day: Dress layered. Wear water resistant or repellent shoes/boots. Bring SUNSCREEN. A cap or hat with a brim. Bring bottled water, juice, coffee, tea, sodas, etc. NO alcoholic beverages please.

AGAIN – YOU MUST WEAR EYE PROTECTION – NO GLASSES = NO CLASSES

Parking: County of Santa Clara Park charges \$6.00 per car.

Information for the Beginner: If you have equipment, bring it with you. You should have a rod, reel with fly line, & leader - Either a weight forward or double taper floating line and leader attached. - Rod weight should be 5wt or 6wt and preferably 8-9 feet long. - We can provide equipment for you if yours is not appropriate for the class.

Information for the Intermediate: Bring your own equipment - rod weight should be 5wt or 6wt and preferably 8-9 feet long. Please have a clean line with a leader attached. A weight forward or double taper floating line is preferred. Please bring a line cleaner and a soft cloth to apply the cleaner.

Information for the Advanced: If you want to become one of the 10% of fly fishers who catch 90% of the fish, this is the class for you! You will learn specialty casts for every fishing situation plus casting exercises that will improve all of your skills. !!! You must be able to double haul to take the Advanced Class -- Rod of choice is a 9ft, 4, 5 or 6 weight forward floating line, but any rod will do. You will also need two (2) 9 ft. 1x leaders. Please dress your fly line before each class and bring something to straighten your leader. Class size is limited. Bring your own equipment.

Information for Shooting Head: Bring your 6, 7 or 8wt fly rod for this class. Bring out your current fly line set up and we will help you check your fly line/ fly rod balance. From this information, we can determine which shooting head will make your fly rod really perform. Being able to double haul is a plus, but not a prerequisite. Shooting head class will let you experience and learn “Old” and “New” school style of shooting head and how it applies to other fly fishing disciplines such as float tubing, surf fly fishing, river and spey (single, two hand, Scandi and Skagit). Bring waders - we will be in the water. Class size is limited. Bring your own equipment.

If you have any questions, Please contact Luke Sing (text) 408-464-5793 or

5minmile@comcast.net

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

LION'S FISH-A-THON

APRIL 27

The 2024 Lions FISH-A-THON will be held Saturday April 27. Many members of the Flycasters have volunteered in prior years and your presence and assistance is always appreciated.

This is 'the official invite', a message to Lions Club, to friends of the Lions, and to youth and adults interested in community service to people less fortunate. The invite to the 2024 Fish-A-Thon solicits your help and assistance with all the setup, operation, and clean-up that is needed to keep this as the marvelous event it has been (the event started ~1963).

Help is especially needed with the setup on Friday, so please factor this into your plans in addition to the work you do on the actual event day. So please put both dates in your calendar:

We can especially use Volunteers on Friday April 26, 2024 (1- 6:00 PM) for setup/food preparation, and of course, on the actual Fish-A-Thon date Saturday April 27, 2024.

On Saturday help is needed with Fishing Helpers, Equipment Management, Fish Cleaning, Fish Icing, Breakfast and lunch Prep, Serving, Cleanup, Breakdown, and Storage.

If you come to help between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm, on Friday, do not use the Main Entrance, you must come in the "back-way" passed the House with the Rec Room, and our new Storage Barns (replaced the Shipping Vans) down to the fishing pond.

John L. Hufferd

Cupertino Host Lions Club co-chairman for 2024 Fish-A-Thon

Flycasters contact Jim Isaacson (jimisaacson2016@outlook.com or 408-464-3901) for mini maps for directions to Stevens Creek Quarry (SCQ) and for the "back-way" into SCQ, along with the Flyer for Volunteers.

For directions go to the website and open the Community Directory – Choose the Club Documents menu and open the Events folder for "Fish-A- Thon"

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	
April 9 – 10	1 – 2 days	Rancho Seco with Granite Bay Club	Jeff Lorelli / Jim Degnan	
April 7 – 10	4 days	Lake McCumber and Hat Creek	Phil Brouwer	
April 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 early	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	
Club Fishmasters: Lee Dorius and Jeff Lorelli				

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FLYCASTERS GALLERY

SACRAMENTO RIVER | FRANK AND CHUCK



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY JUNE 8

**FLYCASTERS CONSERVATION FUNDRAISER
AND AWARDS BANQUET**

LOS GATOS LODGE

Approximately 5pm to 9pm

Details will be announced as they become available

The 2023 banquet was tremendous

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



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