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# QUICK VIEW CALENDAR

## **NEXT MEETING**RUSTY'S PIZZA

TUESDAY, JULY 12
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SECOND SALT
SATURDAY IS ON!
SATURDAY, JULY 9

MORE INFO

#### **INVITE TO JOIN**

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#### SANTA BARBARA FLY FISHERS

#### **Presidents Post July 2022**

Lately, it seems as if every time I come to the end of June and wonder where half a year has gone and where it went so quickly.

Just returned from three days floating the rivers around Missoula with fellow member George Zengel. Recent rains had left the Clark Fork like chocolate milk, the Bitterroot high, but clear and the Blackfoot, stained, but fishable. Salmon flies were buzzing!

We fished the main Bitterroot day one, the West Fork of the Bitterroot on the second and finished on the Blackfoot. Fishing was good enough, but high water puts the fish off of normal lies. Nevertheless, the later part of June is beautiful in Missoula Montana. was teeming with tourists and anglers from many parts.

Unfortunately I caught the Covid and had to quarantine an extra four nights in a local Best Western.

I watched a lot of TV and ate plenty of Cup-a-Noodles and was never happier to get home this past Wednesday. I'm healing quickly and this time was not nearly as bad as my first bout in December 2020.

We held a board meeting this past week and made significant headway on planning our August 13 Summer Celebration of Fly Fishing. We're expecting a good turnout and the Club is hosting a BBQ dinner with all the fixings at the Timbers Roadhouse Restaurant in Goleta.

There'll be door prizes and raffles for some really good stuff and a special program honoring two past members.

Please come and bring a fishing friend. We're looking for new members, but mainly we're looking to have some fun together. Please RSVP early as space is limited.

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PRESIDENT'S POST - continued -

The Club is putting together a team of 5 anglers to participate in the 6th Annual California Fly Fishing Open on Saturday October 8 in Kernville. We're up to 3 and need a couple more, or hell, why not another team! The Club will share in the entry fee which includes a BBQ dinner. Please contact Larry (drbuzz2@aol.com).

Be sure to attend this months General Meeting on July 12 at Rusty's in Goleta. Our own Mark Rockwell will present on the status of Northern California's Klamath River dam removal and watershed rehabilitation progress. Mark is an expert on the topic. He's also relatively new to Santa Barbara and is currently the President of the Northern California Council of Fly Fishing International.

We're still looking for new members and current members to help with general meeting raffles, membership management and more. Let me know if you can help.

I'll miss you at the next meeting because I will make my first trip to Bolivia on July 7. I'll be with a small group at the Pluma Lodge through Tsimane Untamed Angling. I'll spend 7 nights in the jungle fishing in rivers for the Golden Dorado, pacu and more. You can count on me to share details of this bucket list trip with you.

If you can't get away for time on the river or lake, consider spending Saturday July 9 with Joseph at Santa Claus Lane for some fly fishing in the surf. He's got all you'll need to fish. LINK

I hope to see all of you on Saturday, August 13! Please join

Vince Narez President, Santa Barbara Flyfishers





#### JULY'S MEETING PROGRAM

The Klamath River Restoring a historic River and Fishery By Mark Rockwell, VP Conservation, NCCFFI

We are near the end to a 20-year fight to restore one of the United States' great salmon & steelhead rivers. At one time the Klamath had millions of salmon & steelhead returning each year to spawn, and was the 3rd most prolific anadromous fish rivers in the U.S. Only the Columbia/Snake & Sacramento/San Joaquin systems were more productive. Those numbers have dwindled to a few thousand in good years, and hundreds in bad.

Historically, the Klamath was a famous river for fly fishers. Starting in September each year people came literally from around the world to fish the Klamath, with summer-run steelhead and Fall-run Chinook, followed by winter steelhead, and in Spring, the spring-run Chinook started. Only from June to early September were there no new fish in the river. It was epic!!



I will convey the story of this great river and its fisheries, as well as discuss what it takes to get the business and political worlds to aligned to restore & protect a historic watershed, and remove the



four dams that caused the problems. To say it has been difficult doesn't begin to convey the work, effort, time and expense it has taken to get us to where we are today. Collectively, it has taken millions of hours, engaging thousands of people and involving the most complex political and cultural challenges ever experienced for an environmental project.

The Good news - We are less than one year away from beginning the largest river restoration is United States history. Starting in 2023 construction begins on dismantling one of the dams. All this in preparation for decommissioning of all 4 dams starting in January, 2024. By October, 2024, all 4 dams will be out and the river will flow freely from Oregon to the sea.

It's a great story, and one I've been working on and directly involved with on behalf of California fly fishers since 2004. I look forward to sharing and discussing what a recovered Klamath River means to the fishing world, as well as to the Native American Tribes and others so connected with the Klamath.



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### SATURDAY, JULY 9 | 2ND SALT SATURDAY - SURF FISHING WITH JOSEPH NAKEVITZ

- **\$** 8:00-11:00
- **❖** MORE INFO > <u>click here</u>

#### TUESDAY, JULY 12 | CLUB MEETING 7:00PM

- ❖ Location: Rusty's Pizza Parlor
- ❖ 5934 Calle Real Calle Real &, Encina Ln, Goleta, CA 93117
- ❖ The club is providing pizza.

#### WEDS, JULY 20 | INVITE TO ATTEND SESPE MEETING

- **❖** HEATHER HODSON | DYI Fly Fishing the West
- **❖** Email Earl Arnold to attend or for the zoom link! > click here

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 | CLUB CELEBRATION, 5:00-8pm

- **♦** The Timber House Restaurant
- ♦ 10 Winchester Canyon Rd, Goleta, CA 93117
- ♦ More info | see the next page in the newsletter!

### **OUTINGS SURVEY**

The results of a member survey, asking club members where they would like to go fishing, had interesting and widely varying from the Arctic Circle to Argentina. Ranked below are a few of the most often listed.

- ❖ Kern River/Kings Cyn.
- ❖ Eastern Sierra (Owens River, Lake Crowley, Rock Crk., Hot Creek)
- Locally (Lake Cachuma, Carpinteria (saltwater)
- N. Calif. (Lower Sac., Trinity, Fall Rivers)
- Out of State (Green River, Missouri River, Bitterroot River, Pyramid Lake)

These are great suggestions and we will be working to have a line-up of exciting club outings. If you would like to lead an outing, please contact either Larry at: <a href="mailto:drbuzz2@aol.com">drbuzz2@aol.com</a>



Come to Our Summer Celebration of Fly Fishing & the SB Flyfishers Club!!

Chicken Dinner Salad & Dessert No Host Bar

Tri-Tip &

\*No Charge For Dinner\*

Bring A Guest & Get A Bonus Door Prize Ticket

We'll celebrate and honor the love of fly fishing & of our club which founding member Mike Clevenger (1st SBFF Pres.) and Diane Honaker (10 year Program Chair) had.

Auction Items:
Guided Fishing Trips on the
Green River & Missouri River
Rods Reels
& MORE!

Saturday August 13th, 5:00-8:00pm

Timbers Roadhouse Restaurant 10 Winchester Cyn. Rd., Goleta

**Park Behind Restaurant** 

## LIMITED SEATING!

RSVP Required by August 6th to Larry Basham Cell: 805-680-9572

Email: <u>DrBuzz2@aol.com</u>

Raffle Items

FREE Door Prizes



## OUTING TO BIG PINE CREEK AND 1ST LAKE AUGUST 14



A trip is being organized by local fly fisher Russ Redmond.

Dates: August 14 - 20, 2022

- Camp Sunday and Monday nights at Big Pine Campground. This gives us hiking time to get acclimatized.
- Tuesday morning we take mules with our gear to 1st Lake or Big Pine Creek below 1st Lake.
- Camp 3 or 4 nights in the back country.
- Mules pick us up and we head back down the mountain.
- Stay one night in Big Pine and drive home the next day.
- For details and cost of the trip please contact:
- Russ Redmond: <u>russ.redmond@gmail.com</u>



### **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!**

Please remember to renew your club membership for 2022 If you are new, please download & fill in registration form From the website and send w/payment. | download pdf

If you are renewing, just send your payment to:
Santa Barbara Fly Fishers
c/o Vince Narez
4853 Vieja Dr
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

You can pay by card if you call (805) 208-2224. Cost: Individual \$45, Family \$50

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## PLEASE SEND US YOUR PICTURES!

We want to see pictures from any recent trips you have taken so we can view them at the next meeting or add them to the newsletter. They can be pictures of fish, scenery, people fishing or just relaxing after a day on the water. If you think they will be of interest, we probably will too. If you had an unusual catch, please share it with your fishing pals.

Just <u>email me</u> your images as attachments and I will save them on a flash drive for viewing at the next few meetings and/or for the newsletter.

Thanks for sharing!

Lou Ternullo | <a href="mailto:liternullo@cox.net">lternullo@cox.net</a>







#### FEATURE ARTICLE | Lou Ternullo | Iternullo@cox.net

#### SPORT FISHING ROOTED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

I have been fortunate to be able to visit Santa Catalina Island more than ten times so far. It has become a vibrant tourist destination for Angelinos and travelers world-wide over the last century. My visits were mostly centered around the main city of Avalon since the early 1990s.

I had managed to get some fishing in every now and then, but one building captured my interest every time I walked past it on the shore. The Tuna Club of Avalon is situated on Avalon Bay with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean looking towards the California coast.

It was established in 1898 and the building itself has been subject to fires and floods, but it was rebuilt a little better after each disaster. Adjacent to the building is the following plaque:



Dr. Charles Frederick Holder had migrated from the East coast for health reasons and resided in Pasadena. He was a wellrespected zoologist and specimen collector for many national museums. His first visit to Catalina was by boat where he observed an ocean bursting with all manner of fish, birds and sea mammals.

During his visit there was huge commotion on the beach and people were rushing to the water's edge to hand line yellowtail fish feeding on bait they had crowded against the shore. Dr. Holder was aghast at the vision of fish being tossed back on the beach in huge piles one after another. It was especially troubling when he learned that these fish were not for human consumption, but would be fed to sea lions and sharks for amusement. He had seen what this wanton waste could do to a fishery and thought there was a better less destructive way to give the fish a fighting chance and make for a better challenge in the process.

Later that year he returned with his freshwater fly gear to see if he could capture a yellowtail on rod and reel. To improve his odds he hired a local boatman named Jose Presiado who was a long-time resident of the island. After much time and broken equipment Dr. Holder landed a Yellowtail to the disbelief of "Mexican Joe" as the boatman was known. It was a very gratifying moment that lit the fuse of saltwater fishing on rod and reel for sport. News of this event spread to the mainland and this was the catalyst of fishing tourism on Catalina Island. (continued, next page)



#### FEATURE ARTICLE | Lou Ternullo | Iternullo@cox.net

#### Sport Fishing Rooted in Southern California - page 2

People converged on the island and the gear began to get better with heavier rods and reels built for fish like Yellowtail, Tuna, Marlin, Swordfish and Black Seabass. After much study and debate six men (E.L. Doran, W.J. Landers, C.R. Scudder, H.K. Macomber, Fitch Dewey) led by Dr. C. F. Holder established the Tuna Club of Avalon with specific regulations regarding the gear and methods to be used in the sport capture of fish.

Most of the early regulations involved the rod weight (early rods were fashioned from hardwoods) and line (beginning with 24 thread linen) so that all the members would be using comparable gear. As interest in sport fishing grew, improvements in rods, reels and line made the catching of game fish more challenging on lighter and more refined tackle.

The Tuna Club began to take notice and began to offer awards in lighter line classes, which put more emphasis on technique versus brute force. The improvement of lines also created new classes using dacron and monofilament as technology allowed.

The driving force in all of these developments was to make a challenge of fishing and more importantly conserve the resources and fish stocks by giving the fish a fairer chance of escape. As time went on governments reacted to the dwindling fish stocks by imposing gear regulations and seasonal closures to insure future fisheries would provide anglers with a quality experience.

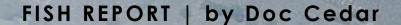
Much of the world has become acutely aware of the value of sport fishing and fisheries at risk of collapse. The Tuna Club of Avalon survives today with the same vision of conservation and sportsmanship offering the addition of catch and release awards to those who take the extra step towards preservation of fish stocks.

Catching fish is a lot more fun when there is an element of uncertainty until the fish is in the net. What we now call sport fishing began right here in our channel islands and has spread around the globe.

The Tuna Club | California Historical Landmark No. 997



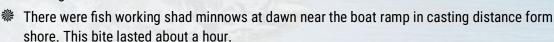
WIKIPEDIA: Early members included Zane Grey, Bing Crosby, Charlie Chaplin, Stan Laurel, Hal Roach, Cecil B. DeMille, Herbert Hoover and George S. Patton. Among the first honorary members were Theodore Roosevelt, then Governor of New York, author Henry Van Dyke (both elected in 1898), Henry Markham (elected in 1899), ex-President Grover Cleveland (1899), Gifford Pinchot (1906) and Charles Hallock (1907). Against widespread opinion and popular belief, the future prime minister Winston Churchill was not part of the membership. The club hosted Churchill once, for a unique visit in 1929. On that occasion the then Chancellor of the Exchequer caught a 125-pound marlin.



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## LAKE CACHUMA FISHING REPORT **JUNE 9, 2022**

- ₱ Fished the lake from 6:30 am to noon.
- Sixteen bass to hand, 7 on top with yellow gurgler and 9 stripping minnow pattern on #3 sinking line.



- \* Top water bite best first 2 hours o morning, and disappears when sun hits the water.
- Fish seem aggressive all morning until wind comes up in afternoon.
- ₩ Water temperature about 68 degrees.

#### LAKE CACHUMA FISHING REPORT

#### **JUNE 16, 2022**

- ₩ Fished lake Catchuma June 16th. from 6:30am to noon.
- Top water bite was slow because full moon.
- One giant blowup got me excited but missed the hookup.
- \* I did get 8 fish using minnow imitation (Merdich minnow pattern) on a 3 sink full line along deeper edges.
- Cast to edge, strip off of ledge and let sink for count of 10 thens strip back with pauses,
- ₩ Water temps around 68 degrees.





### EASY FISHING ON THE MISSOURI RIVER

**Article by Chuck Hunt** 

When we were younger, Mary and I traveled and fished all over the west looking for a place that has the best access for truly world class fishing, something that is exciting, challenging, and never the same as last time we were there, maybe similar, but never the same thing. A place that also has fish well over 2 feet long, very tricky to catch, and then harder land, but you still get to see it, and is the kind of fishing that makes anglers come back for more and more time on that stretch of water.

This happens in many places, with all kinds of fish types, but having the easy river access, home like accommodations, with a super fun fly shop to visit, with awesome and teaching fishing guides, and multiple ways to fish for wild trout, on miles of a made for fly fishing river, or even a big lake, that narrows the field of options by a lot.

This years long quest is based on true love of river fly fishing, and the warning from doctors of having limited mobility in the future, easy access to the water, with a large group of experienced guides, with drift and jet boats, backed up with a solid and well managed fly shop, based in a small town that just lives off of fly fishing, with enough local places to support everything you would might need on a fishing trip, it became our mission to find such a place.

Luckily, our close friend, and long time fishing guide, Captain Jeff Parker invited us to fish with him on the Missouri River,

in the small town of Craig Montana, back in 2012. And our eyes were opened to what we had been looking for years.



We fished out of his drift and jet boat over the week, and caught fish on nymphs, dries, and streamers, big fish, and lots of them, we saw lots of different water, had a blast in town in the evenings, met people from all over the county, and abroad, we were sold on the town of Craig!

There are lots of ways to get there, a long 2 day drive, and then there are not many places to stay without reservations, campgrounds do fill up during prime season, so where is the easy part?

I contacted Headhunters Fly Shop in downtown Craig, and the staff there was over the top friendly, and helpful, and we worked out what has become many easy access fishing trips!

Plan in advance, pick what time of year, and who wants to go, and call Headhunters. They have cabins to full homes for nightly rental, some within walking distance to the shop, as parking can sometimes be tough in the morning at the shop, lots of trips heading out for the day, so pick a place where your guide will pick you and your partners up, It's also nice not to have to drive yourself on a fishing day, and your guide knows the roads better anyhow.

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#### **EASY FISHING ON THE MISSOURI RIVER | continued**

Book a guide for your fishing days, if you like. This is about easy access, so fishing from a drift boat, while someone else rows, is the best way to get to lots of fish, plus most fishing guides are fun to be with, they want the anglers to have a great time, and we have met some amazing guides based in Craig.



After this is worked out, lodging and guided days booked, start watching for airline flights into Great Falls or Helena, mid-week, slightly off season, can be cost effective, flying out of SBA means several large airline choices, with connecting 1 hour or so flight from Denver, Salt Lake, and into Helena, or Great Falls Montana. Some online ticket sales also offer car rentals at a discounted price package, check it out.

Get your rental vehicle, and immediately go straight to the state-run liquor stores, and stock up. Beer and wine is in super markets and convenience stores, gas stations, but no real booze in the local stores, but most bars have cash and carry in limited supply, and also expensive. There are multiple super markets, and even Costco. to do your food shopping, close to the airport, and there is a very well stocked country store in Wolf Creek.

There is only 1 restaurant in town, and it can get very busy, so stock up and have some food or snacks in your rental place, a long day on the water makes me hungry, be prepared!



Call Headhunters a day or two before leaving on your trip, making sure everything is in order, get directions to your rental house, get your fishing license online, and then the allimportant fishing report!

The hour-long drive from either big town airport is awesome, winding through mountains and canyons, right into the town of Craig Montana, right off the 15 Highway.

Once in town, enjoy yourselves. Have a Fly-Fishing vacation, meet some new people, new guides, check out all the fly shops, and Joe's, the local Craig bar. Have Fun! Fish your butt off, then pack it up and head to the airport, daydreaming about returning soon, maybe book a trip for next year, a different time of year?

Bring your friends, or family for a world-class fly-fishing trip.

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#### **EASY FISHING ON THE MISSOURI RIVER | continued**



We would highly recommend 3 long time guides from Craig, working for Headhunters.

Capitan Jeff Parker, who rows or drives a jet boat on several large sections of the Missouri, he is extremely experienced, and just a great guy to spend a day on the water with.

Fishing Guide Beth Hood, who grew up on the river, and has a knowledge of the river only a local would know, plus she is fantastic with people new to the sport, a great teacher.

Fishing Guide Dewey Sutphin, who grew up in Great Falls, has fished the river for decades, and also is the trout spey fishing guide, for the spey fishers who want to improve their fishing skills, the Mo has miles of gravel bars to throw a spey line around.

We will only recommend fishing guides after we have fished with them several times, in different kinds of weather, and know that they are safe on the water, and have the skills to fish a variety of fly-fishing styles. Plus, they need to be fun people to be around, and a good sense of humor can go a long way in small boats.

Parker and Dewey also do off season caretaker work, one of those places they maintained is called the Hunt House, is just a couple of blocks from downtown Craig, is a full sized house, sleeps 6 comfortably, with a full kitchen, satellite TV, stocked fly-tying desk, and a large deck overlooking the town of Craig to BBQ on, or a

drink or two. It also has plenty of parking in case you bring your own boat, or have your guides pick you up, and drop off at the end of a great day! Park the rental and enjoy not having to drive.

Headhunters, and the town of Craig, is a fantastic place to center your next Fly-Fishing trip. All of this info is available at their website headhuntersflyshop.com, in Craig Montana. Check it out when planning upcoming fishing trips, they have an ongoing blog, and regular fishing reports.

Much of the material stated here is already know by lots of people in the fishing clubs, it is fantastic to hear how many people regularly fish the MO, for years, somehow every trip we always run into someone we know, and that's awesome in such a big state, seems like people are drawn to the best, easy access fishing there is.

Also expect the Missouri River to be busy for the next several seasons, due to the unprecedented flooding in Yellowstone Park, and for miles around the park, into Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. Watching homes being washed away, along with bridges, roads, train tracks, anything in the rivers path, was just heartbreaking. Many of those small towns affected survive on tourism and the fly-fishing industry, please do whatever you can to help support them, for the people that live there, their lives will be upside down for a long time after the flood recedes.

If you run into people fishing on the Mo because their fishery has been wiped out, talk to them, show some support, smile at lines at put-in's and take-out, this will go on for a while, some of the access roads into some small towns will take years to rebuild. The Missouri River is a big enough river for everyone to spread-out and get some quality fishing time in, and be friendly to your neighbors, we all want the best for our fellow fly-fishing family.

Have any comments or questions, give us a call, or pull us aside at the next meeting, both of us can talk fishing all day long!

Chuck & Mary Hunt | 805-689-3381



#### GREEN RIVER FISHING PRESENTATION

By Larry Basham

Last months' club program was a 30 mile pictorial float down the Green River, Utah from the Flaming Gorge Dam south to Colorado. The Green is one of my favorite rivers, both for the plentiful trophy sized rainbows and Brown trout and the scenic beauty of the river canyon with its' red rock walls, green foliage and wildlife. It's estimated there are 12,000 to 15,000 fish per mile!! If you haven't fished the Green, it should be on your bucket list.

"Just talking about it makes my right arm start twitching."

I've found that the fastest way to get to the Green River is to fly into Salt Lake City, (it was very nice when Delta had direct flights from SB to SLC) rent a car and take Hwy. 40 East to Vernal and then Hwy. 191 North to Dutch John, the nearest town to the put-in at the Flaming Gorge Dam. This is an easy 211 mile drive and takes about 4-5 hours.

There are several places to stay nearby: Red Canyon Lodge which has nice cabins and a good restaurant; Flaming Gorge Resort which has condos with kitchens or motel style rooms, a good restaurant, fly shop and gas station. At Dutch John there are cabins and an RV Park, coffee shop, convenience store and The Trout Creek Flies fly shop. I have used guides thru The Trout Creek Flies (Brandon Feller) and On The Fly (Gordon Tharrett).

The Green is defined into three separate sections: A,B, and C. The A Section begins at the dam where a narrow road leads into the



canyon to a put- in ramp. It's known as "The Aquarium" because of the water clarity and the ability to look down and see trout. In the upper part there are deep runs up to 40 feet deep and unless there's a hatch coming off, it's ideal for nymphing. However, there are areas with rocks or sandbars where wading is good. There's also a trail along the East bank from which one can cast dry flies. (In the Spring and Fall there are prolific Blue Wing Olive hatches.)

"It's a very "buggy" river with something hatching nearly all year long."

Rainbows seem to be mostly in the A Section with some Brownies and an occasional Cutthroat. It extends for 7.5 miles and is the most floated section as there are rafters on the river for the several Class III rapids. Don't be surprised if you see Osprey, deer or a Big Horn Sheep scaling the canyon walls. As the river starts to get to the end of the A Section, it becomes more shallow with nice riffles and grassy banks with holes and holding fish! A dry fly or dry and dropper are great here.

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#### GREEN RIVER FISHING PRESENTATION - continued

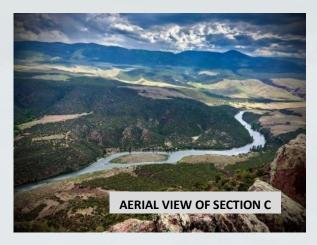




The take-out is at "Little Hole" where there's also a campground and a paved road back to Dutch John.

The B Section begins at Little Hole and runs 9 miles to Brown's Park. This primarily is a brown trout section with big browns hanging along the bank in undercuts and bubble lines. There's nothing better than seeing a big Brownie come out and grab our fly and the fight is on!

The river flattens out thru here but there are some deep holes and rapids but this is my favorite section. (see image right, below)



The take-out at Brown's Park is a gravel ramp and the road is gravel back to Little Hole.

The water gets a skinny in the C Section and I've only fished it once, usually doing a day on the A and a day on the B sections. If I did a third day, I'd do the B a second time.

You pass by the old homestead where Butch Cassidy hung out on this 11 mile section. I've read there are football sized Brown trout here but I haven't seen them but it is the least fished section. The road back to Little Hole and the paved road is a rough and bumpy trip! - continues on the next page -









#### **GREEN RIVER FISHING PRESENTATION - cont.**

On the way back to Salt Lake you might want to spend a couple of days in Heber, Utah or Park City and fish the Middle Provo. It's a popular area because it's near populated areas just off Hwy. 40, but the fishing is still very good with nice rainbows and Brown trout.

Another choice is to drive up thru Idaho to Montana and fish the Big Hole River (see above) in SW Montana, near the town of Wise River, before returning to Salt Lake City. I've done this several times. The Big Hole is a freestone river with the beautiful Beaverhead Mountains in the distance and green fields with wild flowers. It's known for the June Salmon Fly hatch and fishing for rainbows and Brown trout is excellent.

Here I've used the Troutfitter and Sunrise Fly Shop in Melrose, MT for guides. Both have comfortable lodging next to the fly shops and restaurants nearby. Call me if you want more information on fishing the Green or Big Hole Rivers.

- Larry Basham





## MEMBER PHOTOS TO SHARE



"Chris H. hit the Deschutes for the first time over the weekend (6/20) and caught his first Red Band on a dry dropper rig"



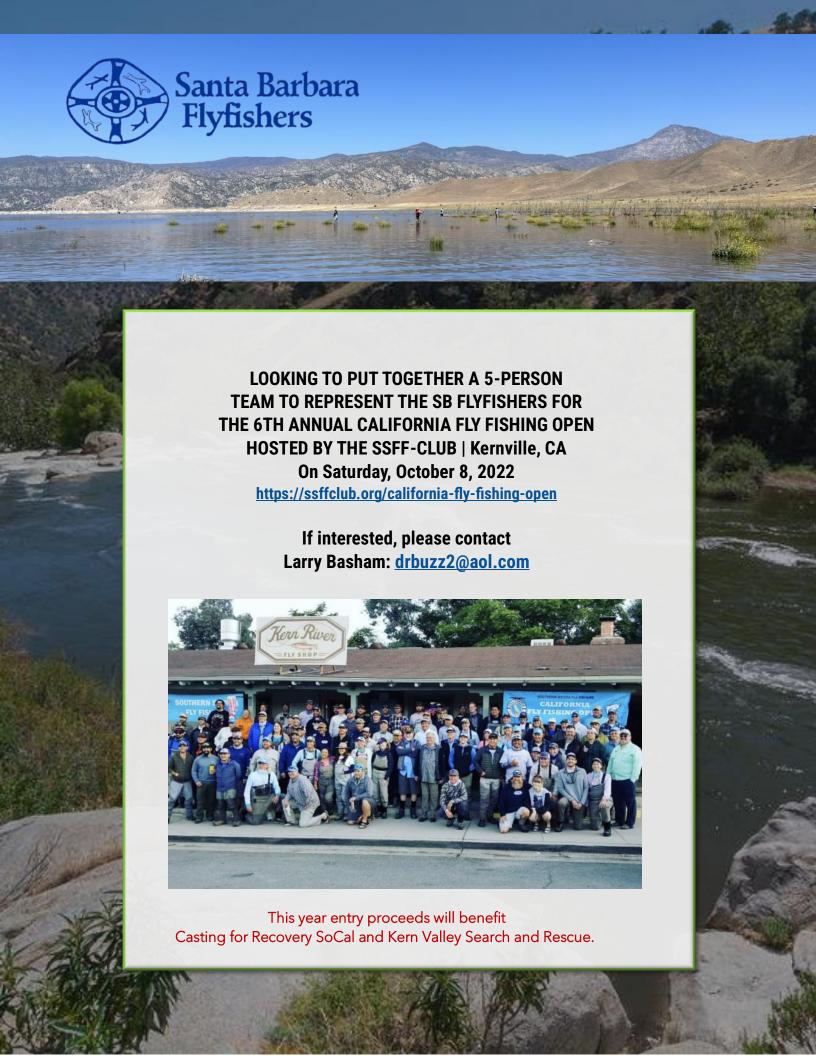
We are celebrating the LOVE of fly fishing and LOVE of the club which Mike Clevenger, SBFF Club founder & 1st club president (above) and Diane Honaker (below) had. We are combining it with our annual Summer Social (BBQ) which has been dubbed the "Celebration of Fly Fishing" for August 13th, 5pm at the Timbers Roadhouse Restaurant.



Submit your photo for the newsletter!











## SANTA BARBARA & SESPE FLY FISHERS SURF FISHING!



JOSEPH
NARKEVITZ
CARPINTERIA, CA

OF EACH MONTH



## **SECOND SALT SATURDAY**

**NEXT OUTING: JULY 9** 

Park near the condos. Walk the trail between the condos and the porta potty. Turn LEFT when you reach the sand. Look for the green banner with the club's name: Santa Barbara Flyfishers.

TIME: 8:00AM TO 11:00AM

- \*\* FREE INSTRUCTION & INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING IN THE SURF.
- \*\* ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR 6 ANGLERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION & CONFIRM EVENT: CONTACT JOSEPH NARKEVITZ - 805 705-3208

## SWCFFI PRESIDENT'S REPORT | July 2022 | NEWSLETTER ONLINE

#### IT'S SUMMERTIME

And we've got another great edition lined up for you. So go ahead, get comfy, grab a refreshing drink and enjoy!

#### **HAPPY READING**

- Be sure to check out the article "Tips on 'Engineering' A Two-handed Cast..." by Two-handed Master John Van Derhoof. It's full of insights and tips from his years of experience teaching two-handed casting. Learn to tie a new fly in the fly of the month "X- Caddis" article. It's one of the all-time greats and one of my personal favorites.
- Want to smile? The report and pictures from Southern Sierra's "Kid's Academy" and Santa Lucia Fly Fishers' program for kids will make you smile.
- The article by Cindy Wilson Casting for Recovery Fundraising and Participant Coordinator gracefully and beautifully reminds us of the healing qualities of nature and fly fishing. Throughout, you'll also find more good reads and lots of activities.

#### **BE FISH FRIENDLY**

In the summer heat, water temps rise, and trout become more susceptible to stress, and it's essential to handle them with care. "The Catch with Catch & Release," penned by Sascha Clark Daylchuk, Executive Director of Keep Fish Wet, and published in the 2021 edition of Fly Fisher Magazine, covers the principles of proper fish handling. Her article reviews some tips to help keep our catches healthy and happy. She distills the principles into three short phrases to help anglers remember:

- 1. Minimize Air Exposer
- 2. Eliminate Contact with Dry and Hard Surfaces (Handle fish with wet hands)
- 3. Reduce Handling Time

She also gives some great tips on capturing fish-friendly photos. To read the entire article, <u>click here</u>.

#### HOW HOT IS TOO HOT?

As temperatures rise, we often get asked how hot is too hot for trout? If water temps get above 68 degrees Fahrenheit, fish begin to struggle to breathe, get stressed, and need a little extra TLC from us. Here are a few guidelines courtesy of Trout Unlimited based on water temperature:

- Below 65 °F Fish are happy, healthy, hungry, and ready for a fight.
- 65 68 °F Trout start to slow down and feel the heat. Rope up with heavy tippet and land fish quickly. Skip the picture and give them plenty of time to revive before release.
- Over 68 °F Heads up: Too hot for trout. Mortality rates increase even with proper handling. Trout are feeling stressed and need a break!

#### FFI VIRTUAL EXPO 2022 | NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022

Save the date for the Fly Fishers International Virtual Expo! Like last year, FFI will be teaming up with some of the sport's best instructors, presenters, and personalities. This year's Expo will feature even more workshops and presentations on fly tying, conservation, women-focused topics, and travel. It's an excellent opportunity to learn from experts all over the world. Mark your calendar for November 4-6, 2022.

Wishing you a summer full of good times and tight lines,

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