

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN IMATANI

With March now here, it definitely feels like Spring is right around the corner and it's time to look ahead to some of our scheduled club activities. One of the main skills developments which we conduct each spring is our casting classes. We are beginning to see an impact from our outreach to new participants with casting a main drawing card. I would encourage our club members to turn out for the April casting classes. Increase your skills through one of the classes (beginning, intermediate, advanced) or support our casting instructors. Please contact Luke Sing if you have any questions or can help us this year.

Also, we are at the beginning calendar for many scheduled fishouts. In April we have scheduled events to Rancho Seco, Lake McCumber, and Pyramid Lake. There are plenty of opportunities to fish with other

club members. Check out our Flycasters website to obtain details of the fish outs. It is a great opportunity for fun, meeting new members and experiencing the beauty of the outdoors.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Dorius or Jeff Lorelli.

Looking forward to seeing all of you next at our monthly club meetings, casting classes or fishouts.

Regards, Ken Imatani  
President, San Jose Flycasters

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## FLYCASTERS CALENDAR

March

Friday - Sunday, March 1st - 3rd

Lower Yuba Fishout

Monday + Wednesday, March 4th + 6th

Beginning Fly Tying

Zoom class | 7pm

Friday, March 8th

Pontoon Seminar w/ Lance Grey | 8am

Feather River Oroville

Saturday, March 9th

Breakfast Gathering | 8am - 9:30am

Holder's Country Inn

10088 N Wolfe Rd, Cupertino

Monday, March 11th

Beginning Fly Tying

Zoom class | 7pm

Wednesday, March 13th

Club Meeting | 7pm - 9:30pm

Moreland Apts Meeting Room

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Thursday, March 14th

Board of Directors Meeting | 5 - 6:30pm

[Zoom Link](#)



Monday + Wednesday, March 18 + 20th  
Beginning Fly Tying  
Zoom class | 7pm

Monday + Wednesday, March 25 + 27th  
Beginning Fly Tying  
Zoom class | 7pm

**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.*



## MARCH PROGRAM

**STEVE WOZNIAK**

Wozniak, of San Ramon, Calif., has experienced numerous adventures on his worldwide quest to land the most species of fish. Steve now has over 2,000, he is now on his way to recording even more distinct species. "Going out and trying to catch that many species is not easy."

Along the way, Wozniak, not the Apple co-founder, has been warned to watch out for hyenas, stepped on a venomous fish, caught a rare stingray in the buff (Wozniak

was naked, not the fish), and landed fish anywhere from rice paddies to a decorative pool in a mall.

The idea to pursue his pleasure came about around the year 2000 when he and friend Mike Rapoport disputed each other's fishing prowess.

"It's one of the stories that happen all over the world -- two guys arguing over who has caught more species of fish," he said. "So we made our lists. I had him about 150 to 100. I thought it was a pretty cool idea. Around 2003, 2004, it started turning really stupid."

"But it's not all about the fish; it's the experiences along the way."

**Wednesday evening, March 13th**

**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



## PEACOCK BASS 2024

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RICH OTTO



The January 2024 trip to the Brazilian Amazon provided a group of 8 anglers (four from our club) the unique opportunity to fish the remote Xeriuini river. Double digit peacocks were landed each day, the largest for the week was 19 lbs. 27 double digit peacocks were successfully landed in the 6.5 days of fishing. A few more were “quickly” released... busted leader, thrown fly etc... Landing 40 to 60 fish per day was common during the week.

Peacock bass or Brazilian tucunaré are large freshwater cichlids. There are 14 known species which are similar in proportions and most metrics but differ in color pattern (and range). However, what is common among the species of Peacock bass is their aggressiveness, fight, and strength!

For Larry Sasser, Tim Anderson, and Rich Otto this return visit provided the opportunity to fish a beautiful river which had not been fished in 4 years, while Roy Litherland was making his first visit. But before flying several hundred miles



into the Amazon jungle we spent a few days acclimating to the climate, taking a few tours and enjoying the amazing Amazonian cuisine.

Very often we fly in and out without experiencing the unique culture, food, and scenery of the cities and towns we transit on our way to our fishing destination. Manaus is an old city founded in 1669, without much architecture to attract attention, but a rich 350 hundred year history as a transportation hub set 2500 miles upriver from the Atlantic Ocean. In the late 1800's it was one of the richest cities in the world because of rubber. A world class opera house was built entirely out of local wood. Its acoustics still rival the best of the world's modern opera houses.

Natural attractions include the formation of the world's largest river, by length and volume. The 2 major tributaries that form the Amazon River, the Rio Negro and Rio Solimoes, meet at Manaus. The tour included a trip to where the two rivers merge and create a clear line 30 miles long. Clear water on one side and brown water on the other side. You can feed the arapaima, the world's largest freshwater fish and swim with freshwater pink porpoises, landlocked when the ocean retreated several million years ago.



The best tour is of the amazing restaurants which serve the local fish and red meat cooked in a variety of ways for which Brazil is famous. 350 years finds Manaus with dishes that combine indigenous ingredients with Spanish, Portuguese and Italian recipes and a twist of creativity. Where else in the world can one taste Arapaima that looks and tastes like foie gras? Or a pumpkin ravioli, stuffed with Tambarqui (another favorite local fish) and topped with sauteed Jambu leaves? Jambu is a leaf used by Indigenous people for its anesthetic properties. It's also known as the "toothache leaf."

After a few days in Manaus, we left for the camp well fed and somewhat rested. Flying over the endless jungle with only tributaries of the Rio Negro breaking up the solid green canopy below us. 2 hours later we landed on water no more than 3 feet deep and started our adventure. During the course of the week, we fished the main river, side channels, lagoons upstream and downstream.

We helped our guides haul the boats over sand bars in the main river and into landlocked lagoons. Despite historically low water conditions, caused by severe drought in the Amazon, we were able to range a good distance up and down the river exploring lagoons and back channels. We saw and elicited strikes from large spawning peacocks protecting their nests. A large peacock exploding out of a bush pile, off the bank or next to the boat to crush the fly and rip the line from our hand was always a breathtaking event.



Light blue, smog free skies that had white clouds gliding by enhanced the beauty of the surrounding wilderness. On our fourth day, we had our first rain shower which cooled off the water and stimulated the larger fish. Occasionally, a low jet-like sound broke the silence of the jungle as howler monkeys raised their voices.

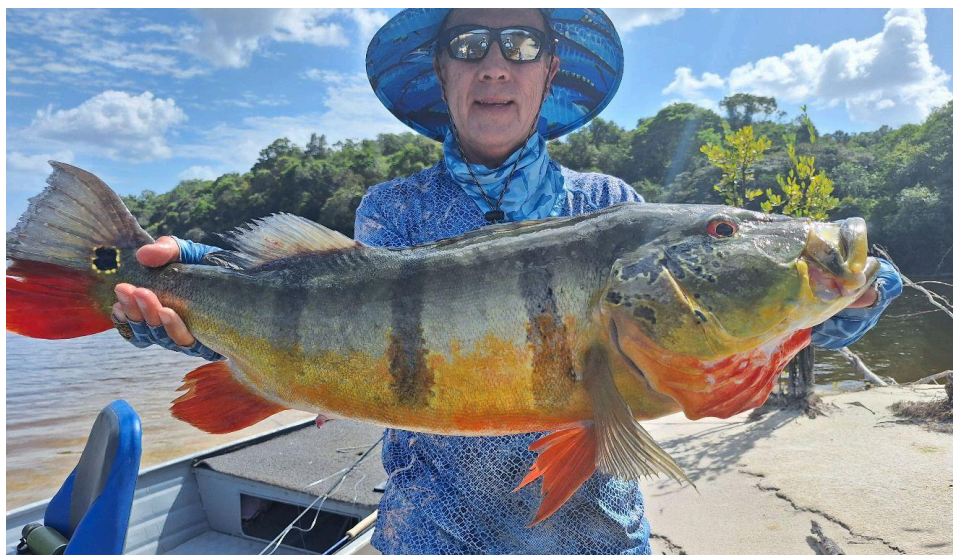


A spring creek feeds into the main river and it was a favorite place for me to take a cool dip. Imagine, a spring fed creek in the middle of the Amazon! White sand beaches graced every bend in the river as it wound its way to meet the larger Rio Branco. Sometimes a large solitary or mating pair of peacocks could be seen making their way upriver. Of course, they would see us as well.

At the end of the fishing day, sitting outside and enjoying the feel of the sand under our feet (this year the “no seeums” were absent) we shared our fish stories. Which became better after the 2nd or 3rd margarita, beer or whatever the beverage. Dinner at 7 pm was a round table of friendship, jokes and more fish stories.

Food was always a tasty experience of local cuisine, meat, and fish. Mid-week found us enjoying steak which had been roasted over a wood fire. We also had tambarqui, a delicious local fish, roasted over a wood fire. Homemade ice cream was always an enjoyable dessert. At the end of the dinner, a short presentation on various aspects of the Amazonian ecology usually followed.

It was lights out by 10 pm because the next day when the sun broke the horizon, bouncing an orange glow off low hanging clouds, four boats with anglers left the camp eager to hook and land the Amazon’s premier sports fish.



*To see more photos of Rich, Larry, Tim and Roy’s trip to the Amazon, please visit the Gallery on page 19.*

# ACHIEVING THE FFI “GOLD” CASTING SKILL LEVEL

## A MILESTONE IN MY FLY CASTING JOURNEY

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RAY CHIN

On February 23rd at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show, a colleague and I, successfully completed, on our first attempt, all eight casts required to pass Fly Fishers International (FFI), “Gold” Level of the Fly Casting Skills Development (FCSD) program. Gold is the highest Fly Casting Level in the four level FCSD program. Only the two of us completed the “Gold” Skills Challenge on the first try out of 14 casters. All the hours of practice and learning was well worth it.

In the FFI - FCSD program, in addition to Gold, there are the Silver, Bronze and Foundation Levels. There are a total of 30 fishing casts you can learn, all useful for fly fishing. More information on the FFI - FCSD program is available on the Fly Fishers International Website.



*Figure One. Ray Chin Practicing a 40 ft. False Cast with a One Foot Loop.*



*So how does one reach the Gold Level in Casting?* I can share with you parts of my journey.

My serious casting skills started after I joined San Jose Flycasters. This made a major difference for both my fly fishing and fly casting progress. I attended the monthly seminars, took the Fly Casting classes, and used the free video library. At that time, casting classes were run by Jo Hood and later by Luke Sing. There was the Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Classes. The Advanced class was taught by Bob Von Raesfeld. The classes were structured to teach you basic casts and advanced casts. It was through these classes where practicing every week became part of my routine.

I learned being at the Casting ponds is also important. Not because you were casting on water, but it was a great resource due to the excellent casters at the Ponds who would share their casting knowledge freely. It was like a “Knowledge Watering Hole”! Spending time practicing at the casting ponds, was also a terrific way to meet other club members and get exposure to different types of casting styles. I ran into experts like Tony Yap, Luke Sing, Glen Nagumo, and others. All were generous with sharing their knowledge and point of view. While some of the names are changing, what was true then is still true today.

To further broaden my skills, I sought knowledge from multiple sources. I have been involved at the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club (GGACC). I have met many excellent casters there who shared their knowledge. I learned a great deal from their programs. GGACC has been instrumental in rolling out the FFI-FCSD program.

From all these individuals and programs, I learned Loop formation, Arc and Tilt, Casting Strokes, Slack control, and other elements of casting. Built upon these basic elements were other casting elements I learned such as the Slipping and Shooting Line, and Hauling. These were used with False Casting, Distance Casting, Curve casts, Horizontal casts, Reach Mend, and other casts. The result is a casting toolbox to address a wide variety of fishing situations.

At this point, you may ask “Do I really need to invest so much time and effort to learn and practice so many casts?” My answer is quite simple. The more casts you can perform well, the better your fishing presentation will be. This will result in more fish being caught. Let me share with you two examples of two casts I used to catch more fish.

Example One; Horizontal Cast. Imagine the situation where you need to cast under some tree branches or an undercut bank to reach feeding fish. It will be impossible to reach those fish with an overhead cast. I had that very situation on the Upper Owens River. There was an undercut bank at a curve in the river. At the end of the curve, a large boulder had fallen into the water. I just knew there had to be a fish in soft water in front of that rock. Sure enough on my fourth horizontal cast that got well under the bank, the indicator disappeared - fish on!

Example Two; Distance Cast. Casting further than most other anglers allows you to reach naïve fish. You reach fish that have not seen very many artificial flies. These fish will be more willing to take your fly than those fish who have seen numerous flies floating by. This situation occurred for me on the Lower Yuba River near the Hwy 120 bridge. By casting further out from shore at about 55 ft, the rising fish there readily took my fly. The fish less than 35 ft away ignored the same flies that worked at 55ft.

Being able to place the fly where you want to in the stream or lake is key to making great presentations. This takes practice. In Figure One, I am practicing a 40 ft four false cast sequence. I have practiced this cast so much I have lost count of the hours. The loop has a size of about one foot. Narrows loops are energy efficient and help accuracy. They also look awesome!

So in summary; if you want to improve your casting and fishing, attend the Flycasters' Casting Classes being offered this April. Attend the "Learn to Fly Fish" program in mid-May that I will be leading. It will cover where and when to use different casts for different fishing situations. It will also cover dry fly and nymphing techniques. Build your casting skills with FFI - FCSD program. The program will provide a gauge of your casting ability and help to establish casting goals for yourself. Flycasters will be hosting the FFI-FCSD Foundation and Bronze Levels this summer.

Accelerate your learning with private lessons or look for classes or casting events offered by various Fly Fishing organizations. Meet up with other Flycasters club members at the Casting ponds and help each other learn. Video your casts. If you can't make it to the ponds, practice at the local park. Cast to targets and have casting goals. Seek help when you need it and practice, practice, practice. The fish will be lining up waiting for your well-presented fly and you will get the Gold!



Most importantly, cherish the friendships that will be formed on this journey.

Tight Lines, Narrow Loops, See you on the water!

*Note: If you have any questions about the programs or casting in this article, please feel free to contact me.*

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### **Appendix: Four Sample Casts from the FFI FCSD program**

Cast One – Gold Level, Distance Cast: Starting with the fly at 75ft, the angler will strip the fly to 40ft. A cast is made to 70ft or more, with the fly landing +/- 4 ft of either side of the tape and the leader relatively straight. False casting, hauling, and shooting are allowed.

Cast Two – Gold Level, Curve Cast: Starting with the fly at 40ft. the angler will perform a curve cast to the side of their choice with the leader curving around an obstacle at approximately 25ft. The fly should land about 45 degrees from the line layout between the angler and the obstacle. A pull-back mend to assist the curve is acceptable.

Cast Three – Bronze Level, 35ft. Horizontal PULD Cast: Starting with the fly at 35ft. the angler will perform a PULD (Pick Up & Lay Down) in a nearly horizontal plane (no higher than 2 o'clock) with the fly landing within 4 ft of either side of the tape. The leader must not pile but may be curved (no false casting or hauling).

Cast Four – Silver Level Right Reach Mend: Starting with the fly at 40ft. The angler will perform a reach mend to the right without slipping line with the fly landing within 4ft. of either side of the tape and without dragging the line/leader after landing. The final rod position should be at 45-90 degrees to the direction of the cast. The line/leader may be curved, but the position should be adequate to account for a faster current nearer the angler than the target

## FRANK AND BOB IN THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

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FRANK ELDREDGE



Being a steelhead fisherman means often enduring rain and cold, as I did all day today on the Olympic Peninsula. All morning the sacrifice of warmth and comfort yielded no fish. But, in the afternoon the reward came as five steelhead met us for brief but intense encounters.

I finally entered the steelhead "20-pounder" (about 38 inches) club with this huge "buck" (male), which I caught on the Hoh River. The battle lasted at least 10 minutes and required us at one point to chase it downriver in the boat. Both the fish and I were exhausted after the fight, but he swam away just fine afterwards.

## SHIZ AND JUDY AND VICTOR AND JUDY IN LOUISIANA

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### SHIZ

Judy and I did our annual redfish fly fishing trip to Louisiana with Judy and Victor Inouye.

We launched out of Cocodrie in Terrebonne Parish. We fished for 2 days with our long-time guide, Jeremy Chavez. Our other long-time guide, Ben Paschal, became

a first time papa last month, so was not available. To fill Ben's guide days, we had to scramble to hire several replacement guides.



We were able to fish 4 days out of 5, with one day rained out. The catching was slow, but we eked out a few nice redfish.

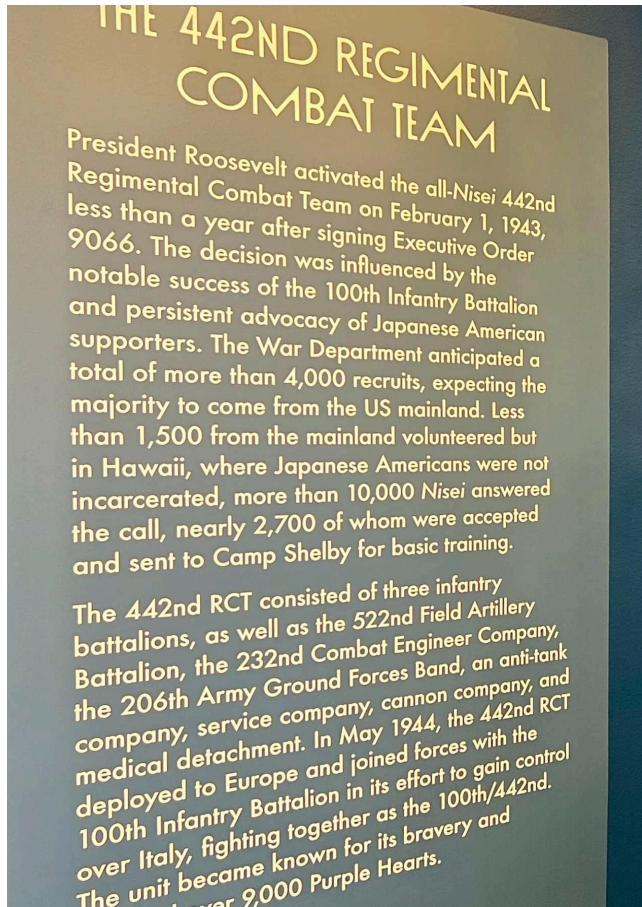
But the southern eating was good..... the 2 Judy's and Victor had their fill of shrimp, oysters, crayfish and other southern goodies, while I survived on beef, fries, pizza and donuts.

We spent a few hours at the National WWII Museum in NOLA to see Shane Sato's special photo portraits exhibit of Japanese American veterans who served in Europe and the Pacific during WWII.





His project took 18 years to complete and many of the vets had already passed.



We also visited the WWII Medal of Honor Wall where the 472 WWII MOH recipients are honored, including my oldest brother who served in France and Italy.

My brother was a member of the famed Japanese American 100th/442nd RCT, which received 21 Medal of Honors, 45 years after WWII ended. In addition to the 21 MOHs, the unit received 9,000 Purple Hearts.

*To see more photos of Shiz and Judy's trip to Louisiana, please visit the Gallery on page 21.*



# FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

## FCSD CASTING RESULTS

FFI hosted the Fly-casting skill development challenge on February 10 & 11 at Los Gatos Perc casting pond. Participants demonstrate casting skills which are vital to Fly fishing.

Congratulations to our club members who completed FCSD Challenge Test:

a. Bronze

- a. Lilip Lau
- b. Bill Zuravleff
- c. John Bianchi

b. Sliver

- a. Lilip Lau
- b. Luke Sing
- c. Dave Turner

c. Gold

- a. Bob Van Raesfeld
- b. Ray Chin\*
- c. Luke Sing\*

Note: \* Demonstrated at Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show



Mark your calendar for future Fly-Casting Skill Development Challenges that Flycasters will host throughout the summer in the coming months, at Los Gatos Creek Park Casting Ponds from 9:00am – 12:00pm:

- a. June 1<sup>st</sup>
- b. July 6<sup>th</sup>
- c. Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>
- d. Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

If you don't think you are ready for the FCSD challenge, still come out and work on your cast. Hope to see you out at the Ponds.

Luke Sing

## SPRING CASTING CLASSES - APRIL 2024

Classes are taught over three weekends:

Saturday's and Sunday's

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*

*\*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 repellant shoes/boots.

Bring SUN SCREEN. 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.

Membership fees for new/returning members are \$50 for an individual and \$60 for a family.)

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 a 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 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](mailto:5minmile@comcast.net)

Join Flycasters online at <https://flycasters.clubexpress.com/>

There is a JOIN button in the upper right corner.

# PONTOON SEMINAR WITH LANCE GREY



If you are an experienced stillwater fisher with a Pontoon or Kickboat, here is an opportunity to take your experience to the next level. Lance Grey offers a 1 day seminar on the Feather to learn the basics on floating rivers, reading the water, safety, etc... and after the instruction, we get to fish the river for Steelhead! Take a look at the following website link and get back to me by Jan 15th. Note - this seminar moved because of scheduling conflicts. You can also choose to stay an additional day and fish the river on Saturday.

<https://www.lancegrayandcompany.com/workshops-3>

**When:** Friday, March 8, 2024, 8:00 AM Pacific Time

**Where:** Feather River Oroville, CA

**Event Contact:** Jeff Lorelli





# 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	WAITLIST
June 14 - 15	2 days	Sawmill Lake Tahoe National Forest	Jeff Lorelli	
June 23 – 29	7 days	Big Hole Lodge Montana	Wade Goertz	
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 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 days	Fall River	Harris Hall	
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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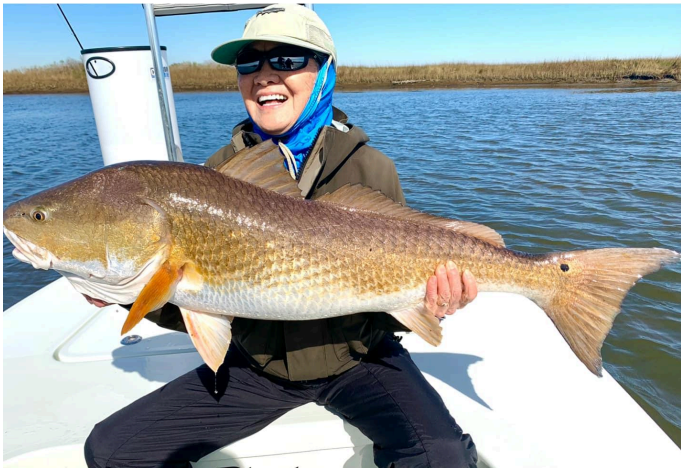








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Frank and his 20 pounder



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**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.**

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FFI REPORT

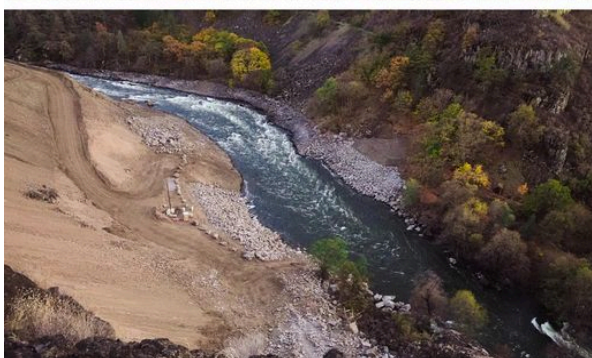
March 2024

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The Nor Calif. Council, FFI, wishes all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year for 2024! It is our mission to work with and provide benefit to all the member clubs of Fly Fishers International, and that includes all club members who enjoy club activities, and fishing the waters of Northern California. Our Council Board is working on your behalf, and it is our goal to create and make available great learning programs on fly fishing, fly tying, and casting to all of you in our member clubs. We'll once again be working to bring the new Fly Casting Skills program to you and hoping that it makes your casting skills and fishing more productive this year.



Additionally, we will be working on groundbreaking conservation projects like dam removal on the Klamath River. For 20 years we have been the fly fishing voice in the negotiations to remove four dams on the river, and we have finally reached success with the first dam - Copco 2 - removed in 2023, and the remaining 3 dams - Iron Gate, Copco 1, & J.C. Boyle slated to be removed by October 2024.



This is the beginning of the largest dam removal and river restoration project in U.S. history.

As you can see with the removal of Copco 2, a free flowing river is beautiful. By October 2024, the remaining 3 dams will be out of the river, providing access to more than 400 miles of the upper Klamath

watershed to spawning and rearing salmon and steelhead.

Here's a recent T.V. news video on the impacts of this restoration given by our partners in this project - the Yurok and Klamath Tribes.

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/native-american-tribes-impacted-by-demolition-of-dams-on-klamath-river/3391125/>

In addition to this effort, we are now working with other partners on the Eel River, and removal of 2 dams on the middle fork. PG&E has released its plan to terminate use and a removal schedule for the dams, and we are working with local partners and our conservation partners - Cal Trout and Trout Unlimited - on completing this effort soon.

The Eel River was once the third largest salmon and steelhead producing river in California. We hope that will return once the dams are out.

Fly Fishing Show - March 23, 24, & 25 - Pleasanton, California.

<https://flyfishingshow.com/pleasanton-ca/> .

On Saturday at 11:30 a.m. - All club leaders are invited to attend the Nor. Cal. Council, FFI club leadership lunch. Hear about our plans for 2024, meet other club leaders, learn about club-focused programs and events NCCFFI has planned for 2024. Check on our website for more information and updates. <https://www.nccffi.org/>

This show has been a longtime event where we all can come together and get a look at new equipment, do some casting, and visit with lodges and guides and perhaps book a trip for the year. It's vital that we in fly fishing come to the show and support it with our presence. As we know, the show has been lightly attended in the past years due to COVID and last Year's poor weather. We need to show our support for the show. Please attend to tell the show owners and managers Northern California is a good location to come to every year. We owe it to them and we need to show our support by our attendance. If we want the show in 2025, show attendance in 2024 is critical.

Club Leaders: Let us know if you plan on attending our lunch - email Clay Hash at [clayhash.fft@gmail.com](mailto:clayhash.fft@gmail.com) . See you at the show!!

Mark Rockwell,  
Outgoing President, NCCFFI



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