



# The Cast

## Russian River Fly Fishers

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*Sailfish on a fly, Sea of Cortez*  
(See "Binky Castleberry's Interview", pg. 2 below)

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Visit our website at  
[www.rrflyfisher.org](http://www.rrflyfisher.org)

### President's Message *Spring Approaching*

With warmer weather on the way and spring just around the corner, it's time to shake off those winter doldrums and get casting again. The RRF will be having casting clinics at our casting pond in Galvin Park weekly on Thursdays, 4:30 – 7PM (weather permitting). The sessions are open to the public, so feel free to bring friends or family who are interested in learning to fly cast. We will have some rods available for loan to visitors who do not have their own equipment.

We are beginning the process of electing RRF Board Members. We have one vacancy on the board and nominations are open if you are a current member and would like to join the Board. See the ballot on Page 6.

For those of you who want to cast and feel a tug at the other end of the line, early spring in California offers some of the best fishing opportunities. The past two months of drought have halted steelhead fishing on our coastal rivers, so be sure to check for low-flow closures before heading out (707-944-5533). Lake Ralphine at Howarth Park in Santa Rosa gets bi-weekly plantings of rainbow trout (check CDFW website for dates) that can be caught on a fly – a good setting for beginners. Elsewhere in Northern California, the Lower Sacramento River and Baum Lake have been providing good rainbow trout action (see articles in last month's CAST). Further away, there are reports of a trophy-sized Lahontan cutthroat trout being caught by fly anglers at Pyramid

Lake in Nevada. Those are just a few of the possibilities, and there are many others in between.

With this winter's COVID outbreak waning, opportunities to get out of the house are appealing, but please continue to follow all local regulations to ensure your health and safety while you enjoy the great outdoors.

Tight lines,

~ Ed Barich

Check out the Russian River Fly Fishers on the Internet at [www.rrflyfisher.org](http://www.rrflyfisher.org)

for outings information, RRFF events, member news, photos and more!

### Note:

We encourage members to check our **website calendar below** and get out there and go fishing.

<https://www.rrflyfisher.org/club-calendar-and-trip-signups.html>

We continue to have monthly outings planned through June (with signup sheets and trip leaders) and later months are still in planning stages.

April 8-10<sup>th</sup> - Clearlake (Mike Borba, trip leader)

May 5-8<sup>th</sup> - Baum Lake (Ed Barich, trip leader)

June 9-12<sup>th</sup> - Manzanita Lake (Ed Barich, trip leader)

July 16<sup>th</sup> RRFF Picnic Dinner (Details will be announced soon).

Talk to the trip leaders if anyone needs any suggestions on equipment or mentoring on the water.

## RRFF General Meeting

Penelope Gadd-Coster, VP & Program Chair  
Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 P.M. – In-person & Zoom Meeting

This month's speaker will be George Revel of Lost Coast Outfitters – The San Francisco Fly Shop.

George will be giving an educational talk about fly fishing for local stripers, surf Perch, and Halibut. For those of you that enjoy the tug of saltwater fish, this will be a presentation you won't want to miss.

There will be a raffle at this meeting. See you on the 13th.

### Important Message: Mark Your Calendar

for the **RRFF Summer Picnic** at Galvin Community Park **July 16<sup>th</sup> 4PM - 7PM** (north of the casting pond). This event will be a gathering to rekindle friendships, memories, eat good food and drink. Dinner will be catered and there will be raffles and silent auctions. Ticket sales for the dinner will be announced soon.

## Binky Castleberry—Interview

Interviewer—Dave Stone, Editor, The Cast  
Interviewee—Binky Castleberry, RRFF club member

**Editor's Note: All fish photographed were caught by Binky using a fly rod. This interview was lightly edited by Binky and Dave Stone. And to my surprise, this interview brought out a connection and passion we both had for surfing Pleasure Point and other surf breaks that Santa Cruz had to offer during our youth.**



**How did you get the name Binky?** My mom slapped it on me when I was just a little kid. I kind of liked it as I was growing up and I got used to it. Even the kids at school used to call me Binky.







**Fly of the Month**  
**Zebra Midge: Baum Lake Outing**  
**By Mike Borba**



**Zebra Midge:**

A standard pattern for our May outing to Baum Lake is the Zebra Midge. This easy to tie fly can be used in streams and lakes for trout.

**Zebra Midge Materials List:**

Hook: Dai-riki 125 or Tiempo 2488 size 16-20

Thread: black 8/0

Bead: 1/16" silver

Rib: small silver wire

**Tying note:** If you don't have much experience tying small flies, tie this pattern on a larger hook, then gradually move down to smaller hook sizes.

**Cartoon Corner**  
**The Winning Caption**



Her: "Thanks for holding my other fish." Him: "Thanks for letting people think I caught it."

Winning caption submission: **Mike Borba**

Cartoon Artist: **Greg Jacobs**

Other submitted captions:

He: "Honey, mine is a lot bigger." She, with an eyeroll: "He says that about everything." Mike Spurlock

"Hey...extending your arms doesn't make your fish bigger!" Steve Tubbs

"Thanks for sharing your big fish for my picture, Carol." Roger Bradley

"It was all they had at the Fish Market!" Michael Wrisley

"Mine is bigger than yours!!!!" Gary Grutkowski

"Sorry, Hon, but you were supposed to toss yours back." William Michell

And so, she sang, "Anything you can do, I can do better." John F. Shea

"See? Guys can have beginner's luck too!" Ed Barich

Link to on-line nomination ballot

**Russian River Fly Fishers**  
**2022 Board Nominations**  
**for Officers & Board of Directors**

The following candidates have been nominated by the RRF Board of Directors to serve for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. As a RRF member, you may also choose to write-in additional candidate nominations and submit them for inclusion on the ballot. All nominations will be vetted to make sure that they are current RRF members and are willing to serve if elected. According to our Bylaws, our RRF Board of Directors can have up to 15 members.

**President**  
 1.) Penelope Gadd-Coster  
 2.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice-President**  
 1.) Ed Barich  
 2.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Members - (Elected for a 2-year Term)**

1.) Mike Spurlock	5.) Karl Joost
2.) Doug Mackay	6.) Penelope Gadd-Coster
3.) Ed Barich	7.) Dave Stone
4.) Tim Reuling	

8.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Returning Board Members (beginning second year of 2-year term)**

1.) Steve Tubbs	5.) Mike Borba
2.) Gregg Wrisley	6.) Jeff Cratty
3.) Spencer Bader	7.) Brendan Galten
4.) Don Shaw	

**Please return all nominations by May 1, 2022**  
**Nominations can be submitted online at [rrflyfisher.org](http://rrflyfisher.org)**

Nominations may be mailed to: **Russian River Fly Fishers**,  
 c/o Spencer Bader, 3310 Conifer Drive, Santa Rosa CA 95404.

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## Calendar of Events

RRFF Thursday Evening Fly Casting Clinics will start up again this month. We will have our final winter casting clinic on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and beginners are welcome.

### April

- 8-10 Clear Lake Outing (Mike Borba – Trip Leader
- 13 RRFF General Meeting at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1351 Maple Ave – doors open 6:30, 7:00 PM Zoom
- 20 RRFF Board Meeting – 7:00 PM, Zoom
- 7, 14, 21 Fly Casting Clinics – 4:30–7:00 PM (Thursday's)

**PLEASE FOLLOW ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS!**

Visit [www.rrflyfisher.org](http://www.rrflyfisher.org) for a complete list of upcoming events!

## Important Change

### How to Contact Board of Directors & Coordinators

If you want to contact one or more of the Board of Directors and/or Coordinators below, then click on this link, which will bring you to our website.

<https://www.rrflyfisher.org/board-of-directors.html>

The names of our Board of Directors and Coordinators will appear. You may click on a name and leave a message for any person below and our website will send it to their personal email address, and they will respond to your message.



### RRFF Board of Directors

President: **Ed Barich**  
Vice President & Program Chair: **Penelope Gadd-Coster**  
Secretary: **Brendan Galten**  
Treasurer, Membership: **Spencer Bader**  
Webmaster: **Mike Spurlock**  
Casting Instruction Chairman, Facebook: **Steve Tubbs**  
Member at Large: **Don Shaw**  
Outings Chairman: **Chris Castellucci**  
Membership Badges & Pond Steward: **Doug Mackay**  
Raffle Coordinator: **Gregg Wrisley**  
New Member Mentoring: **Jeff Cratty**  
Steelhead in the Classroom: **Karl Joost**  
Member at Large: **Tim Reuling**  
Member at Large: **Mike Borba**  
The Cast Newsletter Editor & Publisher: **Dave Stone**

### Coordinators

Day Fishers & Fly Tying: **Lee Soares**  
Casting Pond Monitor: **Binky Castleberry**  
Conservation Coordinator: **Charlie Schneider**  
Conservation Coordinator: **Tom Greer**

# Russian River Fly Fishers

c/o Spencer Bader  
3310 Conifer Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404



## Russian River Fly Fishers Membership Application

I acknowledge in this agreement, and fully understand, that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any right that I may have to bring legal action or to assert a claim against Russian River Fly Fishers (RRFF) for its negligence. Any member who invites a non-member (including member's spouse and family) agrees that such guest is bound by the same conditions and agrees to so advise the guest. I have read this statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Russian River Fly Fishers. This agreement is valid for all RRFF sanctioned events, (fishing outings, picnics, meetings).

\*Indicates required field.

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*How did you hear about us? Referred by? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*Preferred Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ or Cell \_\_\_\_\_ \*E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ \*Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mark the following:  I'm applying as a new member or  I'm renewing my existing membership

Single membership - \$50 annual dues  Junior membership (age 16-18) - \$25 annual dues  Gold membership - \$1,000 (one-time)

Family Membership - \$55 annual dues—List family members: \_\_\_\_\_

The club would like to help you meet your needs. How many years have you been fly fishing? \_\_\_\_\_

Choose any areas you want help with:  I would like help learning or improving my cast.  I would like advice on fishing equipment.

I would like a lesson in tying knots  I would like a lesson in tying flies  I would like to have an experienced member mentor me

on local waters or on a club outing. Any other areas not mentioned above? \_\_\_\_\_

\*How are you planning to pay? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Dues paid by a new member joining the RRFF after March 1<sup>st</sup> of any year will cover the balance of that year and the membership dues for the following fiscal year. The RRFF fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. **IF YOU PREFER, YOU MAY JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE at [www.rrflyfisher.org](http://www.rrflyfisher.org)**

**OR NEW MEMBERS, MAY MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO:**

**RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS, C/O SPENCER BADER, 3310 CONIFER DRIVE, SANTA ROSA, CA 95404**