

FLY FISHING OUTING – LUK LAKE 03/06/2025 version - Mike Spurlock
March 28-30, 2025

If anyone wants to attend this event, we do have room for several more persons:

- Two persons, men or women that want to fish for ½ or 1 day.
- There is room for lodging for women.
- Mentoring is full.
- You could add your name to standby.

Questions, call Mike.

Mexican Night	
Friday, March 28	
Build-your-own Mexican Dinner (@ 15 guests)	
Name	Ingredient Sign ups
Patricia	Chips & Salsa, Pico de Gallo
Mike	Guacamole
Don	Stuffed Jalapenos
	Taco shells & Tortillas – corn & flour
Jan W	Taco seasoned hamburger
Shelly	Enchiladas/enchilada sauce
Gregg	Refried beans
Jan Lees	Vegetarian Beans
Jan S	Shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, diced onion, olives, salad greens
Malcolm	Cheeses, shredded
Rod	Sour cream & onions
Jan Shaw	Paella rice
Jan & Don	Ice Cream sundaes
Don	Lemoncello
	Seasoned, shredded chicken

Italian Night	
Saturday, March 29	
Name	Sign ups
	Antipasti plate
Lynn	Cesar Salad
Lynn	Mixed Green & dressings
Rod	Green salad & dressing
Mike	Toasted Garlic Bread
	Bruschetta
Patricia	Lasagna
	Spaghetti or Pasta Noodles
Shelly	Bolognese Sauce
Jan L	Vegetarian Pasta Sauce
Jan S	Meatballs
	Pizza
Jan W	Tiramisu
Jan & Don	Ice Cream Sundaes

Located behind Rolling Hills Casino, 2655 Everett

Freeman Way, Corning, California 96021

- March 28-30, 2025, fishing for bass and rainbows.
- Arrive Friday by 12 noon, leave Sunday morning by 11 am.
- Fishing ½ day Friday, all day Saturday. Fish either one or both.
- Ranch house available for women lodging only, Friday and Saturday nights.
- Others can Park RVs or Trailers adjacent to the ranch house for free (no hookups, no camping at the lake itself, no tent camping) or find lodging outside the property.
- Potluck dinner for all on Saturday night, contributions will be requested from all.

We are repeating the June outing to Luk Lake which was a lot of fun.

- Click here to see the [June 2024 Cast](#) article, page 3.

This is an excellent trip for beginners who are learning to cast and who want to fish for trout or bass from a boat with a club member mentor who can operate the boat and is an experienced angler. We also may have room for experienced anglers with their own boat or floatation device. Wading or fishing is not possible from shore. We hope to give priority to beginners but there will be opportunities for experienced anglers to mentor or to fish on your own, depending on how much interest we get.

Description of the lake and ranch house

Luk Lake is a 65+ acre "Pay-to-Play" fishing lake operated by The Fly Shop. It is conveniently located just minutes from Interstate 5 in Corning, California, behind the Rolling Hills Casino who owns it.

- The lake's varied shoreline is lined with vegetation and flanked by the rolling golden hillsides of the Central Valley. Its low-elevation location keeps the lake waters (and outside air temperatures) moderate and comfortable throughout the winter and spring, providing ideal habitat for rainbow trout until the water temperatures grow too warm in the summertime. All year, however, Luk Lake exemplifies ideal bass habitat. It's not at all uncommon to land trophy sized bass, sunfish, and rainbow trout all in the same day at Luk Lake!
- The thick shoreline weeds provide ample cover and vegetation for the lake's resident bass and sunfish, and also provide food for cruising rainbow trout in the wintertime. Trout fishermen find that fishing small midge dry flies and midge clusters can be productive throughout the wintertime, as well as dead drifting midge patterns under indicators. Stripping small streamers and damselfly nymphs can be very productive, and also creates opportunities to catch bass. In the warmer months, fishing damselfly adults, dragonflies, frogs, mice, and bass poppers can all be productive for the lake's bigger bass.
- The lake is stocked annually with rainbows each year in October/November when weather is cooler. Bass reproduce in the lake and are not stocked.
- Just a short drive (approximately 1/3 mile) – or an easy 5 minute stroll – away from the lake, nestled amid a grove of towering eucalyptus trees, is the Ranch house at Luk Lake, a 5 bedroom, 2 bath ranch-style building featuring 11 beds (4 bedrooms with two twin beds each and one bedroom with 4 twin beds), kitchen, and comfortable sitting room.
- There is a boat launch for anglers who choose to use their own float tubes. You are also welcome to launch your own small boats (14 feet long or less) if you prefer. Gas motors are not allowed, but electric trolling motors are acceptable. There are also boats available to rent at the lake. Regular row-boats rent for \$25 a day.
- Everyone caught fish last year. Fishing is expected to be better this year with the date 1½ months earlier with much less plant growth (lily pads) giving better access to the fish and more interest by the rainbows with the cooler weather.
- There will be bird hunting with shotguns within contained and restricted areas on the property while we are there, the primary business on the property. It will not be in the vicinity of the lake or the road into the property but there may be noticeable noise. Hunting hours are 8:30 am to 4 pm.
- We hope to organize potluck evening meals that will be provided for all attendees on Saturday night.

Options for having more members join this outing

- We have rented the ranch house for two nights at a fixed price (Friday and Saturday) and paid for fishing for 1 ½ days (half a day on Friday for 4 anglers (assuming to be mentors) and all day on Saturday for 12 anglers (assuming to be 8 anglers and 4 fishing mentors). The Fly Shop assumes that mentors will fish. What mentors have been doing in our outings is to give priority to assisting anglers and working in some of their own fishing with this which works out fine.
- We think that more RRFF members might want to join us and that the lake can accommodate more people.
 - We can add more anglers for the same cost per angler for fishing.
 - If we add more women who would use the ranch house, the cost per person will drop.
 - We would have to arrange all this in advance with The Fly Shop.
- Because the ranch house has limited bathroom capacity, we will limit attendance there to women only and we hope to get a minimum of 8 women anglers. This would fill the 4 boats available and require 4 mentors.
- If there is more interest in fishing, we think we might be able to accommodate more on the water each day. Perhaps we could set a limit for 16 maximum anglers on the water instead of the 12 planned. Here are some ways in which we will try to add a few more people:
 - If men club members wanted to fish on half day Friday or all day Saturday with or without mentors, or if they are interested in mentoring, they should sign up. There may be boats

available on Friday but probably not Saturday. If no rental boats are available, the men would need to have their own small boat (<14 ft) or a float tube, pontoon boat or kayak. If needed, we would try to find more mentors on Saturday.

- Some of the 8 women at the ranch house could fish on Friday beginning at noon if they arrived at 12 noon rather than Friday afternoon or evening. Mentors would be available.
- The ranch house can accommodate an additional 4 women for a total of 12 sleeping there. If they fished Saturday, this additional 4 would not have boats available and it would require them to fish using float tubes, pontoon boats or kayaks. We might also need to find more mentors if needed.
- Mentors (or day fishers) who have a trailer or RV can park for free adjacent to the ranch house (**no hookups, no tent camping, no camping at the lake**). Alternatively, they could pay for camping or lodging off the property.
- Catherine is coordinating the contract with The Fly Shop and the women's lodging and Mike is coordinating the mentoring, borrowing of electric motors and batteries and nets for the boats.

Preparation

- Everyone interested should sign up on-line so we can see what we have. We try to accommodate as many people as the situation allows and work with people as they sign up.
- For those that are added, Catherine or Mike will be in contact and will schedule orientation at the pond in the weeks before the outing:
 - Review your equipment.
 - Important safety items for all to review (and new anglers in particular) need to understand: PFD/Life jacket, wearing eye protection, safe casting in a boat, pinching barbs, removing hooks if you get stuck, Boat/Float tube safety (if using),
 - Prior training available on request.

Equipment Checklist for Outing

- Pay your fee in January. Luk Lake payment due no later than 60 days before the event (**January 27, 2025**) and we will invoice you in December and would like payment in early January.. **For payment questions, contact Catherine Miller or Mike Spurlock.**
- Some loaner equipment is available if needed. Arrange with Mike or Catherine.
- Warm clothes, dress in layers, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen.
- Extra change of clothes in case you get wet.
- Folding chair, lunch/breakfast, water bottle, camera.
- 5 to 6 weight 9 ft fly rod, floating line and reel.
- Life jacket or CO2 activated PFD required for boat. (See Catherine for a place to buy CO2 activated PFD if you need one.)
- CO2 activated PFD required for float tube or pontoon boat or for persons in a boat who can't swim.
- Rented boats will have nets.
- Waders will not be required unless you use a float tube or pontoon boat.
- Fishing license required
- Recommended gear: (available at Sportsman's Warehouse, see Jeff)
 - 6 or 8 lb (2X, 3X, 4x) 9 ft leader and tippet.
 - clippers, forceps
 - Recommended flies. **Mike to add list of flies and will advise the attendees what they should have.**
- Catherine will have a first aid kit.
- Homework for all attendees:

- How to tie on a fly ([improved clinch knot](#)) and tie-on tippet ([double surgeons knot](#))
- [How to pinch your barbs](#)
- [What to do if you get hooked with a barbed fly.](#)
- How to net and release a fish without harming it. [8 minute Park Service Video](#)

We look forward to enjoying this fly fishing outing with you. It is an outstanding opportunity to help or be helped by an RRFF member. And think of the photos that may be taken and stories that will be told!!!

Examples of cost:

- Beginner women, lodging in ranch house two nights, one day fishing in a boat with another woman and a mentor (assumes 8 women).
 - \$75 ranch house + \$148.75 fishing + \$12.50 boat + \$50 mentor gratuity = **\$261.25**.
 - For additional half day fishing, add \$93.75 + 12.50 boat = **\$108**.
- Beginner man or woman, lodging in personal RV or Trailer, one day fishing in personal water craft together with a mentor:
 - \$148.75 fishing + \$50 mentor gratuity = **\$198.75**.
 - For additional half day fishing, add **\$93.75**
- Experienced man or woman, lodging in personal RV or trailer or offsite, one day fishing in personal watercraft, no mentoring.
 - **\$148.75 fishing**
 - For additional half day fishing, **\$93.75**
- Mentor fishing 1.5 days, lodging in personal RV or trailer or off site
 - \$148.75 fishing + 93.75 fishing - \$100 mentoring gratuity received = **\$142.50**

Note: Payment is non-refundable, but you will be able to get a replacement participant if you need to arrange such. If the number using lodging changes, there could be adjustments.

ALL PAYMENTS DUE BY JANUARY 20 in order to make the final payment to The Fly Shop.

Women Lodging in Ranch House, fish Saturday or both days, rent boat, mentor needed with boat.

#	Name	email	Mobile phone	Women Ranch house	Fishing	Gratu ity for Ment or	Boat for two	\$ Total to be paid	Date paid, how pd, who took payment
					One day = \$148.75		\$12.50 one day.		
				\$75 if eight women	Half day add \$93.75	\$50	\$25 1+1/2 days		

1	Shelley Wishovich	juneauparis@gmail.com	707-217-6213	\$75	\$242.50	\$50	\$25	\$392.50	pd
2	Jan Whitney	ejanwhitney@gmail.com		\$75	242.50 ??	\$50	25	\$392.50 ??	pd
3	Catherine Miller	katbmiller@gmail.com	707-303-0277	\$75	\$242.50	\$50	\$25	\$392.50	10/25/24 Pd sq cm
4	Alicia Ekrem	aliciahekrem@gmail.com	707*3332*0806						
5	Lynmarie Hoyer arrive Fri	lynn@barneslumber.net	707-239-2013	\$75	\$242.50	\$50	\$25	\$392.50	392.50 pd12/26
6	Jan Lees	petalumarrower@gmail.com	707-849-2512	\$75	242.50	\$50	25	392.50	Pd 1/13
7	Patricia Arfsten arrive Fri	parfsten@yahoo.com	707-775-8456	0	242.50	50	25	317.50	12/21/24 pd sq inv
8	Alice Rathjen	alice.rathjen@gmail.com	7073224686	\$75	242.50	\$50	\$25	\$392.50	11/14/24 Pd sq cm
Waiting List									
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12	Meredith Bertalón Drop out	meregold@gmail.com	414-460-7192	\$75	\$242.50	\$50	\$25	\$392.50	\$392.50 01/02/25 pd invoice

Day Fishing, man or woman, no lodging, fish one or both days, use own floatation for fishing, add gratuity if you want a mentor.

Limited to 19 total maximum on the water each day

#	Name	email	Mobile phone	Lodging on site or offsite?	Fishing One day = \$148.75 Half day add \$93.75	Gratuity for Mentor \$50	Boat for two \$12.50 one day. \$25 1+1/2 days	\$ Total to be paid	Date paid, how pd, who took payment
1									
2	Rod Jamieson	rjamieson@comcast.net	707-971-0545	RV	\$242.50	0	0\$, kayak	\$242.50	\$242.50 12/27
3									
4	Malcolm Zollinger	Luckyman.landscape@gmail.com	707-495-4297	RV	\$252.50	0	Float tube	\$242.50	\$242.50 12/31
Waiting list									
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Mentors

	name	email	phone	lodging	One day = \$148.75 Half day add \$93.75	<u>Water craft</u> (Luk Lake has 4 boats for rent)	Mentor discount -\$100	Total	Date paid, how pd, who took payment
1	Mike Spurlock Arrive Thurs	mikerrff@gmail.com	415-599-6138	RV	=148.75+93.75	Rented boat, have motor, battery and net	-100	\$142.50	10/23/2024 paid sq, ms
2	Don Shaw Arrive Thurs	donjanshaw@comcast.net	707-477-5928	trailer	=148.75+93.75	Rented boat Have 3 minnkotas	-100	142.50	10/24/2024 paid sq, ds

3	Gregg Wrisley Arrive Thurs	gwris@ya hoo.com	707 779 9654	Camper		Rented boat	-100	142.50	pd
4	Michael Tibbet	mtibbet@ comcast.n et	707-364 -5553	RV	\$242.50	Pedal Kayak Have pedal kayak + float tube for loan	-\$100	\$142.50	pd
5									
Wait list. NOTE: Mike Tibbet has extra pedal kayak, float tube Rick Baker will loan minnkota, battery, charger and a net. Mike has minnkota, battery, net and charger. Pontoon boat? Don has 3 minnkotas, batteries. Free boat? Gregg has boat Doug? Batteries Malcolm battery, charger?									
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[Link to 2025 expenses spreadsheet](#) for use by Mike and Catherine
[2025.03.28-30 Luk Lake \\$.xlsx](#)-----

Name	email	Mobile phone	Life Jacket / vest / PFD	Emergency Contact
Shelley Wishovich	juneauparis@gmail.com	707-217-6213		
Jan Whitney	ejanwhitney@gmail.com			
Catherine Miller	katbmiller@gmail.com	707-303-0277	---	
Alicia Ekrem	aliciahekrem@gmail.com	707*3332*0806	Need jacket	Louis 707 321 3389
Lynmarie Hoyer arrive Fri	lynn@barneslumber.net	707-239-2013		Bill Hoyer 707-239-1571
Jan Lees 2 pm Fri	petalumarower@gmail.com	707-849-2512	Need Jacket	Kim Wardwell (707)327-7812
Patricia Arfsten arrive Fri	parfsten@yahoo.com	707-775-8456		
Alice Rathjen 2 pm Fri	alice.rathjen@gmail.com	7073224686	Need Jacket	Kim Wardwell (707)327-7812
Rod Jamieson	rjamieson@comcast.net	707-971-0545		
Malcolm Zollinger	Luckyman.landscaping@gmail.com	707-495-4297		
Mike Spurlock Arrive Thurs	mikerrff@gmail.com	415-599-6138	(5 total) 1 extra, borrow 2 from Cratty, 2 from Catherine/ Angela.	Lynn 415-713-7927
Don Shaw, Jan Arrive Thurs	donjanshaw@comcast.net	707-477-5928		Jan
Gregg Wisley Arrive Thurs	gwris@yahoo.com	707 779 9654		
Michael Tibbet	mtibbet@comcast.net	707-364-5553	(6 total) 1 extra, 2 kayak vests, 3-4 water ski vests	