



Dinner Meeting for Thursday, January 19 “Tenkara”: It Can Improve Your Fly Fishing with Pat Jaeger

We have all seen a flurry of reports and stories in recent years about a new form of fly fishing called “tenkara.” Well, it is not really new, and once people try it, almost all of them find it not only fun and enjoyable, but very effective and very useful for all fly fishing. People have learned that this ancient style of fly fishing, originated in Japan, helps us understand, and become better at, all aspects of



fly fishing. Truly, when you go on the water with one of these long, light, beautifully-balanced tenkara rods, you discover new elements about the sport we love. And yes, there is no reel, but *please* trust us on this – this is not a problem and you will find tenkara wonderful. And trust our guide on this journey, Pat Jaeger, who is a definite “favorite son” of our club as well as a dedicated and trusted keeper of our home waters in the

eastern Sierra.

For the last couple years, Pat has become more and more enamored with this form of fly fishing and is turning some clients and previous non-believers into believers. Would we lie? Come to this show and learn something new and exciting.



Really.

And, before our formal meeting, we recommend that you try to attend a short explanation and hands-on display of some tenkara equipment that Pat will have with him so that you can actually play with it in your hands. This will take place during the time that is usually used by presenters to tie flies. Join us, if you can. (See sidebar article about this mini-workshop.)

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR JANUARY DINNER MEETING

First Prize — Redington Classic Trout 5wt 9ft 4pcs

Second Prize — Redington Rise Reel 5/6

Third Prize — Pacific Fly Group wader bag

Big Barrel

Book, Simms Beverage Holder, Simms Beanie Hat (Men's or Women's)
1 dozen flies in a box

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well 2016 came and went faster than a chrome steelhead and now we look forward to a 2017 under a new administration whose stance on the environment is more global warming than heart-warming. At least we can expect increased snow pack in Mammoth and the prospect of what the local media calls average rainfall. As a native of the British Isles, getting excited about rain tells me that I have drifted far from my roots in the lower Scottish Highlands. Only Californians get excited about rain storms and none more than we fly fishermen sitting in the San Fernando Valley, dreaming of increased water flow in Hot Creek and the Upper Owens. The old year went out in style with back to back parties. Thanks to Smoother, Kevin R and their team for the occasionally hilarious fly tier's pot luck party. At the official SPFF Christmas dinner "Kazy" awards went to the very deserving: Sue Wright, David Hoffberg and Smoother Smyth. A truckload of toys went to Fire Station 102 in support of the Spark of Love drive.

As I look back on my second year as President, a role for which I still do not consider myself fully qualified, I would like to thank my excellent Board who give their time and who get things done. We are constantly looking for ways to increase membership benefits. The year starts with a surf outing on January 14th followed by a return of Pat Jaeger with a program on alternative techniques for fishing our local waters. Our new Outings Chair Jim Fleisher has great things planned starting with the February 3-5th SuperBowl outing. Future outings will be appearing on the club calendar on the website.

Our key membership drive is in March when we start the Introduction to Fly Fishing (ITFF) classes to be held this year by the pond in Reseda Park and at the One Generation building. The three classroom sessions (March 11, 18 and 25) will be followed by an on -water class on the LA river (April 1st) and graduation in Bishop April 7th. This year we will be again charging a flat fee of \$40 for all five sessions with no charge for children under eighteen. Please spread the word to friends and co-workers and help make this a big event – word of mouth has always been our best way to promote this and of course you can use your Facebook and Instagram pages to great effect. As you fill your New Year's resolutions list with the normal unrealistic goals of losing weight and exercising more, consider taking a day off to take a friend fishing, practice your casting, tie flies, or pass on your extra gear to a beginner. Happy New Year!

Marshall

Meet Your Board Member Jim Fleisher, MD

Hello, my name is Jim Fleisher I am the newest member of the Board and will be assuming the chairmanship of the Outings program.



It will be a challenge to succeed Bill Woods, who has done an outstanding job. Fortunately, I have been an outdoors person most of my life. Backpacking, peak bagging and skiing have been my major recreational activities. If it is outdoors, I love to do it. Although I had been an occasional fisherman for many years, I wasn't into fly-fishing until about 15 years ago. One of my regular backpacking and climbing buddies was an avid fly fisherman. On a backpacking trip in Sequoia Park we were camped on a lake. He routinely was able to catch enough fish for dinner to avoid eating freeze-dried food. He asked me if I would like to learn how to fly fish. Sure, why not. He took my little collapsing spinning

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PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By Jay Bushore, Membership Chair

The members of Sierra Pacific Flyfishers look forward to meeting you. We hope to get to know you better at the Monthly Dinner Meetings, in our educational programs and on the water. SPFF always welcomes new members.

Members, please introduce yourselves to new members at our monthly dinner meetings and make them feel welcome!



No
New
Members



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Pat is known to many of our members, but for those who haven't met or seen him before, and as a reminder to those who already love him, let's review what he sent us detailing his background:

My father passed away when I was six years old, leaving my mother to raise five boys and a four-year-old daughter. She didn't have much time to entertain us, so we had to create our own fun. We had plenty of kids in the neighborhood, a vacant lot and canyons to explore. We didn't get into too much trouble, but if any of you lived then in the San Diego area and were ever missing fruit from your trees, that was probably our fault. Sorry.



When I reached my teens, my brothers included me in their fishing adventures. These usually took place on our local lakes, but there were some half-day saltwater trips as well. Soon I became a familiar face on the half-day boats, scrubbing decks on the way home in trade for trips.

After graduating high school in 1978 (Crawford High, San Diego), a couple of friends and I, inspired by the Allman Brothers

song, decided to move (ramble) north to Mammoth Lakes in search of the mountain life, skiing and females. From the start, I truly felt at home with all of life's simple pleasures at my fingertips, namely unbelievable skiing, good hunting, the camaraderie of crazy kids turning into adults in a small town, but most important: TROUT.

I applied whatever fly fishing skills I had to the waters of the eastern Sierra and found the passion that I needed to make fishing my profession. With the help of my friends from the Eastside Guide Service at the Trout Fly, my dream came true. In the spring of 1995, I served an internship with them and traveled to northern California to work under Dick Galland and the guides at the Clearwater House. The summer of '96 was spent working part time up north and as a full-time guide for the Trout Fly. In the spring of 1999, I became a part owner of the Trout Fly and that November I married the love of my life, Pamela, after a courtship of five years.



After many years working winters for Mammoth Mountain Ski Area as a ski repairman, I gracefully bowed out of this career to seek a full-time career as a fishing guide. (Today my wading boots are wet more than 200



days a year.)

In the winter of 2001, I sold my shares of the Trout Fly to one of my partners for a down payment on an "I love Lucy" (1940) fixer-upper house in Bishop, which, to this day, we call home.

I feel a first guide trip with a client is just a job interview. A call back for another date means I got the job. I treat each trip individually; I like to ask my clients what their goals and objectives are for the day and do my

best to customize the trip to meet these visions, not mine. My goals in life are to raise a family, live and work in a beautiful place, surround myself with really good people and smile when I'm going to work. I am a Dad to our two daughters Maggie and Isabella, a husband to my sweetheart and best friend Pamela and my career is a Fly Fishing Guide.

My objective as a guide is to understand the craft in such detail that I can simplify the essential fundamentals of the sport. And streamline the learning curve to give the average angler the freedom of fishing later on his or her own. I can also

break down the technical aspects of the sport and offer the more advanced anglers a new arrow for their quiver. Every so often I enjoy getting off the beaten



path and I sincerely strive for that look in a client's eye when I hit the bull's eye and he or she has had a great and memorable day on the water and even learned some wonderful and useful things that will be used in the future. I love seeing that look.

For more information about Pat and his guide service, please go to:

jaeger-flyfishing.com

Pat's Fly Fishing Achievements:

- 2001-FFF Certified Casting Instructor
- Simms Ambassador
- "Test Pilot" for Sage Fly Rods
- TenkaraUSA Pro Guide
- Head Guide for Project Healing Waters (Eastern Sierra)
- 2013 Master Guide for the Trout Fitter/Trout Fly, Mammoth Lakes
- Head Guide for the Silver Lake Fishing Academy
- 2013 Guided IGFA Grand Slam
- 2016 Guided IGFA Grand Slam
- Owner/Operator of the Eastern Sierra Guide Service

Hands On Display of Tenkara Equipment

(Instead of fly tying)
by Pat Jaeger

A couple years ago I discovered this ancient style of fly fishing that uses a telescoping rod and an attached, fixed length of fly line. My introduction was truly love at first cast. Tenkara is a freakishly intuitive, pure method of fly fishing.

Since the summer of 2014, I have made tenkara fishing available to clients in order to help establish the understanding of fly control, proper body and hand positioning and mouse-trap style hook sets. This feather-like rod has enabled me to bring the most advanced angler back to productive methods of fly control and, from minute one, give entry level anglers the simple freedom to fly fish with confidence.



Our “pre-show workshop” will introduce TenkaraUSA’s rod line-up and shed some light on its applications for our beloved waters of the eastern Sierra. This workshop is not necessary to understand tenkara or my presentation, but it can be helpful. Please try to join me before your evening’s formal agenda.

I promise to “blow some minds,” demystify simple rod rigging for nymphing and dry fly fishing and reveal my spin on non-traditional rigging styles.

My 20 to 30 minute class will confirm that there is more than one way to trick trout. Tenkara fly-fishing ... truthfully, not fair.



SWCFFF Inter-Club Tournament

By Smoother Smyth

Editor’s Note: This article detailing the heroic exploits of some of our esteemed club members was originally intended to be published in our December 2016 issue, but due to an inexplicable and unprecedented error by your newsletter editor, it has finally been published here for your enjoyment.

For the 7th year in a row the Southwest Council of FFF hosted the inter-club fly fishing competition on the Kern River. The tournament was on Saturday November 5th and as in previous years the entourage checked in to the Kern Lodge on Friday and had a chance to check out the river conditions. On Friday evening there was a charity poker game at Ewings Restaurant in which Dennis Smith’s girlfriend Cindy proved to be a bit of a card sharp (and thanks for the photo Cindy).

The weather was perfect and the water flows could not have been better. Flows at the Kern River Brewing Company were certainly on a par with those of the river.

I was once again team captain but due to having plenty of able anglers I elected not to fish. The team comprised of Glenn Short, Dennis Smith, Kevin Rainbolt, Debbie Sharpton and Lew Riffle. Kenji Machida elected to be our reserve.

At 8am on Saturday morning the teams met at the Kern Riv-



er Fly Fishing store. Measuring devices and Instructions were given to the anglers and about thirty pickup trucks and SUV’s headed up Hwy 99.

This year saw a change in the rules. There were no beats and anglers could fish anywhere they wanted between Kernville and the Johnsondale Bridge. The official start was at 9am and score sheets had to be handed in at the fly shop by 4pm. Fish caught had to be placed in the measuring device and a photo taken prior to being released.

The awards dinner was once again in the banquet room at Ewing’s Restaurant. Cocktails at 6pm followed by dinner and the awards presentation. For the awards the teams were first told who had come in last and then second to last etc. When we realized that our team had not been announced and three teams remained unnamed we started to look at each other and roll our eyes. Third place was announced and we were still in the running. Second place... Sierra Pacific Flyfishers. The team did a great job on a very difficult (or should that be “technical”) river. Kevin and Lew caught multiple fish and Debbie also made a contribution.

The entire weekend was simply a blast. Over the years we have got to know the other club members and it is great to rekindle these relationships. This was always the goal for the SWCFFF and our thanks go out to everyone who gave their time to make this event so much fun.

The good thing about having the tournament in November is that there are next to no campers to be seen. I have to say that the river looked better than I have ever seen it. You do not need to be in a tournament to fish the Kern. Two 21” fish were caught over the weekend and there will always be one with your name on it. The Kern is year round fishing so “Just Do It” .. and maybe make it on a team for next year.

X MARKS THE SPOT

By Marshall Bissett

My Virgin flight to Cancun is met by a rain storm that would get local LA weather casters very excited. A protracted negotiation with the clerk at Hertz, gets us an SUV, the sight of which confirms that our group of four has over-packed. Michael Schweit, myself and two pals from Salt Lake City don't care – we are headed to the bonefish flats and tarpon lagoons of Southern Mexico. We make a stop in the once sleepy backwater of Tulum, now boasting a Walmart, a Sam's Club and a supermarket as big as Encino. We prove that four hungry guys should



never be given shopping carts. Only a favorable peso exchange rate prevents a complete financial meltdown. Despite the rain, we make room for the kilos of groceries by lashing duffle bags on the roof rack. I wonder if the Trader Joe's dark chocolate bar buried in my luggage will become a smoothie by the end of the five-hour drive.

Our destination is the village of Xcalak (Eesh-Kalak) that lies at the Southern tip of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, on the Bay of Chetumal about 25



nautical miles from the border with Belize. A straight five hour shot south of Cancun on an excellent paved highway, it bears no resemblance to the glitzy first world resorts of the Mayan Riviera. The final stretch of two lane road, forever on the brink of being reclaimed by the jungle, leads to a village that looks exactly as I remember it from a trip ten years before. The 300 locals tear around on two wheels - no need for cars when a scooter can carry two adults, three children and a couple of pets. There are two restaurants, seven churches and a soccer field. Rope speed bumps and sleeping dogs control the traffic flow. Without Internet, cellular service and cable television the locals smile a lot and speak to one another.

Our fishing will be a mix of DIY (self-guided) and guided days with local guides on pangas. Our guest house faces the beach and a reef about a hundred yards offshore.

Depending on wind direction and visibility, these nearby flats offer great shots at permit and some bonefish. A short drive to the South takes you to a maze of shallow lagoons called the "fingers." A long slog through knee deep primordial goop brings you to pristine flats where you may find schools of bonefish or just get a vigorous aqua therapy session. Either way it's a nature trail straight from the pages of National Geographic and a chance to see rose-



ated spoonbills, herons and other exotics. A fourteen-foot crocodile is rumored to live there but, like the boas and black jaguars, never showed himself.

Behind our guesthouse lies a patchwork of interconnected shallow lagoons that can be reached by kayak, stand up paddle board (for the young and buff) or by guides in a fifteen-foot johnboat. The directionally challenged should not venture here sans GPS. The rewards are schools of baby tarpon, snook and barracuda that jump on flies but can soon become jaded by seeing the same fly too many times.



We have, of course, brought too much gear. On my wading days, I grab a 9-weight with a sixteen-pound leader and a shrimp pattern that will work for permit and bonefish. On the boat, I add a seven-weight exclusively

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ITFF 2017

This is the perfect gift for anyone who wants to get into our great sport of fly fishing. For only \$40 you can sign up, starting in January for the 2017 ITFF classes. Here are the details:

MARCH 11th, 18th and 25th - 3 WEEKS CLASSROOM
AND CASTING TUITION ON SATURDAY MORN-
INGS

APRIL 1ST - OUTING TO THE LA RIVER

APRIL 7/8TH - GRADUATION OUTING TO BISHOP,
CA

CHARGE - \$40 (WE TAKE CASH, CHECKS OR
ONLINE PAYMENTS)

The price includes use of rods, reels and classroom materials. The classroom sessions will again be held at the ONE GENERATION CENTER on Victory Boulevard with the use of nearby Lake Reseda

Please tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about this great opportunity. Forward this and post to your Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter pages!

For more info, call 818 259-1551

INTERMEDIATE FLY CASTING COURSE By Jim Fleisher

A group of us from SPFF recently participated on December 3rd and 10th in the first Intermediate fly casting course given by the Southwest Council of the IFFF and the Pasadena Fly Casting Club at their wonderful facility in the arroyo. It was an intensive and excellent instructional experience and everyone felt it was one of the best classes they had ever attended. The instructors were some of the finest in southern California. The class was limited to 20 and we were divided into groups of 5. There were four stations: Casting Accuracy, Mending (both on the water and in the air), Distance casting and avoiding tailing loops etc, and a station for Double Hauling. We also had homework. There is no question that everyone came away feeling positive about their casting confidence. We all lobbied to continue the course in the future and I would highly recommend it when it again is presented.

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rig, which I always took camping and set it up for fly-fishing. He attached some little black bug and said "cast it out there". Before the fly hit the water, a fish jumped out and ate it. I was more hooked than the fish. That has only happened two more times over the ensuing years.

I am a Cardiologist and was Chief of Cardiology at Tarzana Hospital for many years. Although we always took great vacations, there was little free time while I was working. I retired from active practice in 2007. Prior to retiring I began to play golf and always saw the sign on Burbank Blvd about the Sierra Pacific dinner meetings and decided that after I retire, I would finally get serious about fly-fishing. Shortly after I retired, my wife Ruth and I were walking around Balboa Lake and the club was having a Saturday practice session. There were cards about the Introduction to Fly Casting Course coming up that March. I immediately signed up. That course was one of the best decisions I ever made. It introduced me to a great sport, a great club and a terrific group of friends.

The next little story involves fly tying. I went on a fishing trip with Norm Willis and another friend and Norm spoke about fly tying. I told him that I knew about tying flies and that because of my somewhat obsessive nature, I had told my wife that if ever start tying flies, she should shoot me! Sure enough, a week later a box from Cabela's shows up at my door-a beginners fly tying kit. Thanks Norm!! Next was the Intro to Fly Tying course and now I am a regular attendee to the Wednesday sessions. Poor Michael Peratis!

Thanks for your confidence in adding me to the Board and I encourage all of you too feel free to contact me with ideas to improve or change the outings we already have or come up with some new ideas for trips. I will take all the help I can get in my new position.

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for bonefish. Leaders are simple and most of the time I use a fly box that fits in a pocket. DIY flats fishing is not for everyone – it requires a measure of physical fitness, good eyesight, casting skills in

windy conditions and the mentality of a hunter. On the upside, every caught fish holds a special memory. The ride back to Cancun comes all too soon.

We faithfully promise to pack light next year and concentrate on new jokes and stories. With unusual prescience, we use the long drive home to make better lists for next year's trip.

Environmental Factors Found to Control Trout Hybridization

Contributed by Debbie Sharpton

This article was originally posted on the US Department of Agriculture web site - <http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/news-releases/environmental-factors-found-control-trout-hybridization>

Continuing to build the case of hope for westslope cutthroat trout

MISSOULA, Mont., November 09, 2016 - Anglers and conservationists can rest easier knowing that scientists have just identified ways to locate and preserve genetically pure westslope cutthroat trout populations into the future. [A new study](#) released today provides quantitative estimates of which specific environmental factors, such as stream size and temperature, affect the distribution of cutthroat trout and their hybrids with rainbow trout.

Scientists at the U.S. Forest Service [Rocky Mountain Research Station](#) developed a model that accurately predicts where hybrids could occur throughout the range of westslope cutthroat trout in Idaho and Montana under current and future scenarios. Those predictions are embedded in a series of downloadable user-friendly digital maps that provide managers with stream-specific information about where conservation investments may be most beneficial this century. The study used 13,315 genotyped fish from 558 sites across 55,234 km of stream to show where and how pure westslope cutthroat will survive.

[Previous Forest Service studies](#) found the long-predicted hybrid swarms of rainbow and westslope cutthroat trout are actually rare in headwater streams and that many genetically pure populations of westslope cutthroat trout continue to persist. This new study tells us why: westslope cutthroat trout and rainbow trout are ecologically segregated based on the habitats in which they can be successful. Westslope cutthroat trout do better in smaller, colder streams; and rainbow trout do better in warmer, larger streams. In intermediate habitats, hybrids are common. Proximity to a strong population of rainbow trout also affects the degree of hybridization likely to occur. The study found that hybridization is more common where both species are native (west of the continental divide) and have occurred together for thousands of years. Given that rainbow trout do better in warmer streams, it is likely their populations will expand to some degree with climate change, but many streams in the Rocky Mountains [will remain very cold](#) and continue to provide habitat for pure westslope cutthroat trout populations this century.

“The most rewarding thing about this study is that we have identified the defining factors for hybridization and therefore can point to management options for these streams that can actually influence the ability of pure westslope cutthroat to exist into the future,” said lead author [Michael Young](#), Ph.D. Research Fisheries Biologist with the U.S. Forest Service. “For example, continued stocking of rainbow trout ensures ongoing propagule pressure by that species and can sustain hybridization at levels above those that environmental characteristics would permit. Thus, if stocking stops, hybridization should decline. Similarly, if westslope cutthroat trout can be favored, say by riparian management to increase shading and promote cooler water temperatures, or by connecting a headwater population to colder habitats, hybridization is expected to decline. In addition, the predictions of this model can be used to triage conservation efforts, focusing on areas where managers are most likely to have conservation success. This is great news for conservationists and the angling community.”

Another unique element to this study is that the scientists developed a framework for doing these sorts of studies consistently in the western United States, and it's a framework that could apply to other species if useful and necessary. [Click here](#) for additional information on the project.

Citation: Young MK, Isaak DJ, McKelvey KS, Wilcox TM, Bingham DM, Pilgrim KL, et al. (2016) [Climate, Demography, and Zoogeography Predict Introgression Thresholds in Salmonid Hybrid Zones in Rocky Mountain Streams](#). PLoS ONE 11 (11): e0163563. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0163563*-3.0



Photography

Light

By Glenn Short

Think of your camera as a box for capturing light, which is precisely what it does.

Whether you are using a digital or a film camera, it has an aperture and a shutter that control exposure, usually automatically. It is largely the quality of light that determines the quality of a photograph. A photograph of a beautiful subject in bad light will not be attractive, yet a mundane subject photo-graphed in beautiful light is attractive.

When we are fishing, the two types



of light available to us are natural light and the flash in our cameras. The best natural light occurs very early and very late in the day, unless it is overcast. The direction and color of light in the early morning and late afternoon are far better than midday for photography. In early morning and late after-

noon light travels through more of the atmosphere, making it warmer and softer. Often we catch fish at midday, when the light is harsh and creates dark shadows, especially under hats. To improve your photographs at midday, use the fill-flash option on your camera. The flash will add light to the shadows and your photographs will appear more like what your eyes see. In many low light situations the light is flat, providing poor definition. Using the flash will enhance the quality of light and result in a better photograph.

In the accompanying photograph of Paul Guttenberg on the Madison Arm of Hebgen Lake, I used the flash on my Canon G10 to open the shadows and increase the saturation of the photograph. Review the instructions for the flash, then use it any time there are harsh shadows or low, flat light. Know the effective range of your flash. Take photographs with and without the flash, and compare the results. The more you use flash, the better you'll get at using it, and the better your photographs.



If you have questions or topics you would like me to discuss, email your request. glenn.short@gmail.com

Tight lines and beautiful light!

(originally published Feb 2011)



Fly Tying

The 2017 class for Beginning Fly Tying is about to start. You're invited and encouraged to sign up for this course so you can add the enjoyment of this special skill to your total fly fishing experience. There are ten class openings available – historically they fill up very quickly. Your cost for the seven week course is \$75 which gets you a terrific instruction book, its companion DVD and all the fly tying materials you're going to need for the course....(please note that the club is subsidizing about 50% of the actual cost for these items!). We have loaner tools available for you to use both in class and at home...sorry, there *will* be homework. Classes will be held at Mt. Aire in Sylmar from 7-9 pm every Wednesday beginning January 11th and ending February 22nd. The instruction is free and we have a room full of dedicated & experienced fly tiers eager to be your instructors. Once you complete this course you'll receive a coveted SPFF Graduation Certificate, a Class Photo and an invitation to join like-minded members who meet most every Wednesday evening throughout the year to tie flies and tell lies. Even more importantly, you'll be able to participate in our recently held exclusive and always highly anticipated Fly Tiers' Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange. Well worth the cost of admission! Here's how to register: Go to spff.org, click on Event Calendar, click on Fly Tying Class in the box for January 11 and follow the instructions for registration & payment.

MISCELLANEOUS

Southwest Council News

Club Management Day

January 21 is Club Management Day for the SWC. This once a year event provides an opportunity for club officers and other interested club members to meet and exchange ideas with their counterparts from other clubs and with the officers of the SWC. There will be breakout sessions for Tying, Casting, Event Planning, Newsletter, Conservation, Women's Programs, Youth, Trout in the Classroom, Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery and Fundraising. Len Zickler, President and CEO of the IFF, will be there to observe and offer insights about what the IFFF has planned for the future.

The meeting will be held at Izaak Walton Clubhouse at Fairmont Park in Riverside, CA and will run from 10am to 2 or 3pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided compliments of Deep Creek Fly Fishers and the SWC. Please contact Tom Wright @ 818-367-8827 no later than January 10 if you are interested in attending this event. Additional details are available on the website Event Calendar.



January 28, 2017 Fly Buy

Benefit the Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB 4901 East 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804

Great Buys on New and Used Tackle

Bring usable and sellable items originally priced over \$40.00, donate to the Garage Sale and get free admission.

\$10.00 for IFFF members, lunch included in admission price, \$15.00 others.
Membership available at door

FLY TYING 9-4

Learn and watch award winning fly tiers. Bill Blackstone, John Rose, Glenn Hiroyasu, John Van Derhoof, Mark Kirchner, Maria Rivas, Steven Fernandez, Dave Boyer, Mel Light, Dean Endress, Lee Baerman, Carl Ronk, Naomi Okamoto, Steve Posner, Vaughn Podmore, Mike Forest, Kevin Green and others. They will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques! Come and see 4 renowned Buzsek Award winners and at least 22 tiers!

GARAGE SALE 9-4

Please donate items for the fly fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters or as needed by the SWC member clubs. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10.00. A great opportunity to dispose of extras and unwanted items of all matters fly fishing. Please give items to your SWCIFFF representative or contact us directly. This is the perfect way to do spring cleaning and to help the SWCIFFF!

CASTING 9-4

20/20 Casting lessons: Federation Certified and Master Casting Instructors will be available for personal casting lessons at \$20 for 20 minutes. Tune up your techniques for the upcoming fishing season. Participants will be analyzed by instructors and receives tips to improve their single-hand or Spey casting. See how you do in the Danish Casting Games! Come join in on the fun of casting!

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTIONS 9-4

Take a chance at winning some fantastic raffle items. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event. For your bidding pleasure both select and special silent auction items will be on the tables all day. Come and place your bids!

Call 818. 757. 3474 or email: secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org



Volunteer Opportunity!

Become an SPFF Project Healing Waters Volunteer.

Spend time with a Veteran and share the wonderful world of Fly Fishing.

We teach fly casting, fly tying, show a fishing video from time to time, share fishing trip stories, go fishing occasionally, and always have a FUN TIME!

Many of the Veterans have become SPFF club members and are enjoying attending SPFF monthly dinner meetings, learning to fly cast and tie flies, and are making new fly fishing friends.

So Come Join the Fun!
1st and 3rd Thursday
4:00 PM to 5:45 PM
Sepulveda Vet Center
9739 Haskell Avenue
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91343

Send an email to David Hoff-
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Fish Reports

Kern River

Courtesy of Kern River Fly Shop

December 9, 2016

20-Mile Section of the Kern (From Kern River Fly Shop to Johnsondale Bridge) Open Year round!

The 20 mile stretch is fishing well from our fly shop up to the Johnsondale Bridge. The water temperature is 42 degrees near Kernville and 39 degrees up river past Fairview Campground.

Temperatures are dropping down to the low 40s in the evening and mid 50s throughout the day. Great hatch in the evening of very small Midges and BWO's.

4 mile Wild Trout Section Open Year round! (Above Johnsondale Bridge 4 miles) Special regulations- **No BAIT OR BARBS on your hooks. Open Year round! Catch and Release only!**

More information is available at:
<http://www.blog.kernriverflyfishing.com/>

Bishop & Mammoth Area

Courtesy of the Trout Fitter

December 8, 2016

Hot Creek

Water Conditions: Good

- Flows at 16 CFS as of 12/8
- Water temps have cooled down.
- Water is running clear.

(Note flows include water from the springs, not just the gauging station at the highway so this is what is really flowing through the canyon)

Fishing conditions and Hatches: Good

DFG has planted several thousand fish all in the sub catchable size range into hot creek from the lower parking lot all the way up throughout the ranch. These are not sterile fish and will be able to reproduce once they reach a certain size. A lot of people are on the fence about whether or not this was appropriate for a "wild zero

limit" fishery. Keep in mind that the fish that were in hot creek were only there because they were planted a long time ago. Overall, this should help but it's going to take some time for these recently planted fish to shore up the numbers.

Upper Owens River
Water Conditions: Good

- **Flows are down to 53cfs as of 12/8**
- **Expect the water to be off color with the rain and snow.**

Fishing Conditions and Hatches:

The larger fish have moved in, but they are spooky. Try to fish area's that haven't had much foot traffic. Park below where you want to fish and walk upstream slowly and quietly.

The fishing is variable day to day, with several large fish caught one day, and not much caught the next. Stick with the basic attractor patterns down there as those larger fish are looking for a meal.

Lower Owens
Water Conditions: Good

Gauge is still broken as of 12/8

The flows are up and it seems like the the guage coming out of Pleasant Valley Res is broken, it's been showing around 3,000+CFS for the past few weeks which is not the case.

Fishing Conditions and Hatches:

It's pretty slow early in the morning. Mid day onward has been the best right now with a decent baetis hatch around 12:30-1:00.

More information is available at:
[http://www.thetroutfly.com/
fishreport.html](http://www.thetroutfly.com/fishreport.html)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

January 2017

New Year's Day.....	1
PHW Vets	5
Board Meeting	5
Fly Tying Class.....	11
Surf Clinic.....	14
Martin Luther King Day.....	16
Fly Tying Class.....	18
PHW Vets	19
Dinner Meeting	19
Fly Tying Class.....	25

February 2017

Fly Tying Class.....	1
PHW Vets	2
Board Meeting	2
Super Bowl Outing.....	3-5
Fly Tying Class.....	15
PHW Vets	16
Dinner Meeting	16
President's Day.....	20
Fly Tying Class.....	25

March 2017

Fred Hall Show.....	1-5
PHW Vets	2
Board Meeting	5
ITFF.....	11
PHW Vets	16
Dinner Meeting.....	16
ITFF.....	18

April 2017

ITFF.....	1
Board Meeting	4
PHW Vets	6
Passover.....	11
Easter.....	16
PHW Vets	20
Dinner Meeting.....	20
Trout Season Opens.....	29

May 2017

Board Meeting	4
PHW Vets	4
PHW Vets	18
Dinner Meeting.....	18
Memorial Day.....	29

June 2017

Board Meeting	1
PHW Vets	1
PHW Vets	15
Dinner Meeting.....	15

July 2017

Independence Day.....	4
Board Meeting	6
PHW Vets	6
PHW Vets	20
Dinner Meeting.....	20

August 2017

IFFF Fly Fishing Faire.....	1-5
Board Meeting	3

PHW Vets	3
PHW Vets	17

September 20 17

Labor Day.....	4
Board Meeting	7
PHW Vets	7
Rosh Hashanah.....	21
PHW Vets	21
Dinner Meeting.....	21

October 2017

Board Meeting	5
PHW Vets	5
Columbus Day.....	9
PHW Vets	19
Dinner Meeting.....	19
Halloween.....	31

November 2017

Board Meeting	2
PHW Vets	2
Veteran's Day.....	11
PHW Vets	16
Dinner Meeting.....	16
Thanksgiving.....	23

December 2017

Board Meeting	7
PHW Vets	7
Hanukkah.....	13
PHW Vets	18
Dinner Meeting.....	18
Christmas.....	25

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Casting Clinic at Balboa Lake

1st & 3rd Saturday each month unless otherwise noted.

Instructors are usually available most Saturday mornings 9 -11AM, schedules permitting.

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FLY PAPER ENTRIES—Please email copies of your photos or "jpegs" at the unedited, original size and other newsletter items to **Glen Atkinson at:**

news@spff.org

DEADLINE:
3rd Thursday each month
by 5 PM (Dinner Meeting)

Catch of the Month



Debbie Sharpton
2014

Next Dinner Meeting Thursday January 19

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Salad:

Caesar Salad

Entrée:

Tri-Tip or Salmon
Mashed Potatoes
Grilled Veggies

Dessert:

Hot Fudge Sundae

Cocktails at 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00
Call 818.789.1919 Ext 10 (Michelle) or
email

MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com

Reserve by Monday January 16

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Non-dining guests are now FREE!

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