



DINNER MEETING PROGRAM: THURS, FEB 15

WANDA TAYLOR “HOW TECHNOLOGY HAS CHANGED FLY FISHING AND WHAT’S AHEAD”

In February, we welcome the return of Wanda Taylor. Her previous show taught us the hidden dangers in fly fishing, now she will show us that the race to innovate is not limited to the computer and auto industries. It wasn't so long ago that your neoprene waders and whippy fiberglass Fenwick rod were ahead of their time, now you might be struggling to keep up with the onslaught of must-have new products. If you're wondering what to buy next, Wanda will put it all in perspective in a program that promises to be part history and part back-to-the-future. In a long career as an industry insider, she has witnessed firsthand the changes that make present day equipment so much cheaper and more efficient.

Wanda Taylor has been fishing since she was four. Her grandmothers taught her to fish in the mountains of north Georgia. Even while going to North Whitfield High School near Dalton, and onward to Dalton State College, she enjoyed fishing and waterskiing the lakes and rivers near her home. Her love for fishing increased when she agreed to marry Gary Taylor, a professional fly angler. Within their partnership, she became a fly fishing guide, fly casting instructor and Fly Fish TV hostess. Wanda has been featured in many fly fishing videos and online podcasts, and is also a published outdoor writer. *(cont on pg 3)*

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY'S DINNER MEETING

1st Prize -	Redington Travel Rod, 5 wt, 6 piece, 9 ft
2nd Prize -	Orvis Battenkill Reel
3rd Prize -	(your choice of one item)
	Wader Bag
	Fishing Net
Big Barrel-	1 Dozen Flies
	Book
	Tippet
	Candle

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would first like to give a huge vote of thanks to Vicky Vargas, a student at El Camino Real Charter High School in Woodland Hills. With the help of teacher Glenn Short, they have done a magnificent job of creating this newsletter. It is a refreshing to get a new take on an old format. Thank you both.

2018 is off to an excellent start with an exceptional turnout for Charles Jardine's January program – it was gratifying to welcome back members who have been absent and encouraging to see so many new faces. Steve Esgate reported record raffle takings and there were no complaints on the excellent menu.

As we look forward to Spring, it's hard not to be amazed by local fishing conditions. They have gone from unusual to strange to unprecedented. As students were preparing for Charles Jardine's classes on the Lower Owens, news came that the river flows had dropped from 500 cfs to a very manageable 95cfs in a matter of weeks. The students lucky enough to sign up in time learned new techniques and caught fish in almost perfect weather. This bodes well for our Club Superbowl outing which, at the time of writing, has over 30 sign-ups. Both the Lower and Upper Owens should provide great sport.

Our **ITFF (Introduction to Fly Fishing)** classes kick off on February 24th and we still need more students. Tell your friends, co-workers and neighbors – it's the best deal in town and all the details are on www.spff.org. I have emailed out a call for volunteers. If you have not been contacted and wish to help with casting, knot tying or set-up, please get in touch with me directly.

Our annual fund drive is still very much active and



you can make a tax deductible donation on our website. If you have any lifestyle items (wine, theater or sports event tickets, condo rentals or casting lessons) please contact Steve Esgate who is assembling a cornucopia of tantalizing temptations (huh?) for our March fundraiser. You may not have noticed but our **FACEBOOK** page under the guidance of Richard Plunkett. If you are an FB user, make sure to visit our page. "Like" and "share" will get the word out about our amazing Club and all we have to offer.

Keep an eye on our website for upcoming outings – Jim Fleisher is researching new locations near and far. If you have any suggestions, or want to host a spontaneous fishing outing, give Jim a shout at outings@spff.org. Remember that an early departure from Bishop can still get you home in time for the Superbowl. Great fishing or Justin Timberlake – you make the call!

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR 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 our new members at our monthly dinner meetings and make them feel welcome!

**Earl Arnold
Don Welcker**

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Wanda teaches fly fishing and conducts guiding classes in Tennessee and Georgia, as well as nationally at International Federation of Fly Fishing (IFFF) expos, Trout Unlimited festivals, club events, and fly fishing conclaves and shows. Her topics range from how to fly fish in fresh and saltwater, destination fly fishing, mentoring others in the sport and her fly fishing life story.

Her awards, achievements and “Firsts” are many. Wanda was the first woman certified by the FFI as a Master Certified Casting Instructor (MCCI). She was the first woman Orvis-Endorsed Guide in the Southeastern United States. She has received the FFI South Eastern Council 2005 Woman of the Year Award, and the FFI South East Council Award of Excellence in 2008 for her work with breast cancer survivors through “Casting for Recovery” and the Georgia Women Fly Fishers “Casting For Confidence,” as well as her teaching and testing activities for the FFI Certified Casting Instructor Certification Program. Wanda is also an ambassador for Goodwill Guides and Project Healing Waters nonprofit organizations.

Wanda has been a member of the Advisory Staff of Temple Fork Outfitters for many years, is on the Pro Staff of Chota Outdoor Gear, and an Ambassador for both Aqua Design and Maven Fly, lines of technical clothing for women anglers.

2017 was a busy year for Wanda with many “Firsts,” including first pike, walleye and grayling on a fly, first kayaking and snorkeling with beluga whales in the Arctic Ocean near the Polar Capitol of the World—Churchill, Manitoba, Canada.

Wanda is a board member and retreat leader for www.castingcarolinas.com, and a retreat leader and guide for www.projecthealingwaters.org. To learn more about Wanda, visit:

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Tell Your Friends!

Sierra Pacific Flyfishers LEARN TO FLY FISH



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HERE



REGISTER NOW
AT SPFF.ORG

CLASSES BEGIN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
AT THE ONE GENERATION SENIOR CENTER
18255 VICTORY BLVD.
RESEDA, CA 91335
(just east of Reseda Park)

INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING ~ WHEN, WHERE & WHAT

Class 1 - One Generation & Reseda Park Pond – Registration & General introduction
2-24-18 to fly fishing. Explanation of equipment, local fishing opportunities, and you
will learn the **PICK-UP & LAY-DOWN CAST**.

Class 2 - One Generation & Reseda Park Pond – Dry fly fishing, knot tying, you will
3-3-18 learn the **ROLL CAST**.

Class 3 - One Generation & Reseda Park Pond – Nymph fishing, more knots, you will
3-10-18 learn the **FALSE CAST**.

Class 4 - LA River – You'll take your new skills to the river where we'll teach you some
3-17-18 presentation casts and line control techniques to use on running water.

Graduation - *This event is optional but highly recommended.*

3-23-18 It'll be a weekend of **FISHING** up in Bishop, with help from your instructors.
thru You'll be out on the Owens River trying to catch trout, then enjoy our group
3-25-18 dinner on Saturday night where we'll present your diplomas and listen to
you lie about the number and size of the fish you caught!

Classes 1, 2 & 3 run from 8:30 to Noon...Class 4 start time TBA. The cost is \$40 for
adults & free for those under 18; it includes all instruction, classroom materials and
your handbook. We provide loaner rods & reels at no cost. Students going to the
Graduation in Bishop are responsible for their own travel, meal & lodging expenses.

For more information, please contact one of our education guys

Steve Ebersold at education@spff.org

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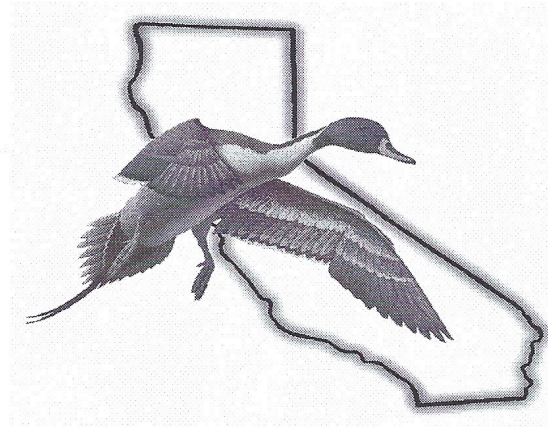
Gary Pintar at education2@spff.org

California Waterfowl Association

Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California

Saturday, February 10, 2018



Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves. Be prepared to help clean up as much of the river as we can.

Wear waders if you own them.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked good provided for all volunteers at 8AM &

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM

@ Pleasant Valley Campground.

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Tenkara Tanuki Fishing Rods

Trout Unlimited – Eastern Sierra Field Office

Talk it up. Bring family and friends.

This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information call Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.

Loung Tam of Tenkara Tenuki and Chris will have a clinic on fishing tenkara rods after lunch. Please join Loung and Chris after lunch. Rods provided. Clinic is free.

There is a raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away!

STOP IT – DON'T DO IT *

by Todd Tanner

If you hang around enough fly fishing guides, you'll hear every one of these lines on a regular basis, "That guy can't fish," "That guy can't cast," "That guy can't mend," and then there's my favorite, "Wow, that guy just sucks."

Do you want to be that guy? No? Then pay attention to the advice below and stop trying to convince other anglers that you have absolutely no clue what you're doing. How? That's easy. Don't do it.

Gear

1. Don't advertise your lack of angling acumen by showing up with the wrong stuff. When you hit the water, make sure you have the appropriate gear for whatever situation you're likely to encounter. If you don't know what that gear is, then ask someone who can help you out (but who isn't looking to make money from your decision), or jump on the web and do a little research. Long story short, the rods you bring to the Henry's Fork are probably not the same rods you bring to Belize.

2. Don't automatically assume that a high price tag or a well-known brand is the best way to go. Instead, focus on fishing with the best gear you can identify and afford. How do you make that distinction?

Read fishing magazines. Talk to experienced anglers and guides. Watch video reviews. If you spend a little extra time on your due diligence, odds are that other folks won't snicker at your reel or laugh at your waders.

3. When someone tells you that they like to fish with slower action rods, do not dismiss them out of hand. Instead, pay attention. The best fishermen I know avoid overly stiff, ultra-fast-action rods.

4. Would you buy a drink for the person who's trying to hit on your wife or your girlfriend? (Or your husband, or your boyfriend?) No, you wouldn't. So don't buy gear from a shop, a website, or a brand that focuses solely on fishing and ignores conservation. If a business or brand doesn't support conservation, it's not worthy of your patronage.

Casting

1. Guess what? It's a really bad idea to tell yourself, "I'll practice my casting when I'm out on the water." Practice is practice, and fishing is fishing. Practice before you fish.

2. Try not to practice around quicksand, power lines or poisonous snakes.

3. Don't always practice with your eyes open. Shut your eyes from time to time and try to feel what the rod is doing. It can make a huge difference in your timing.

4. Unless you're doing it on purpose, your backcast should not hit the water. So, don't let it hit the water.

5. People will tell you to watch your rod tip when you're casting. Don't watch your rod tip. Watch your thumb instead. It's way easier, and both your thumb and your rod tip are pointing in the same direction.

6. When fly fishers talk about their "wind knots," they're lying. It's not really a "wind knot," it's a "casting knot."

7. Don't know how to double haul? Better learn.

8. Don't know how to make a reach cast? Ditto.

9. Your casting sucks? Get help. Don't settle for shitty casting. Life is way too short.

Mending

1. Don't mend it if it isn't broken. (Take just a second and think about that for a minute. I'm not being glib, and I'm focused solely on getting you the best possible drift ... which, in turn, will help you catch more fish.)

2. Don't make a water mend when you can make an aerial mend.

3. If you don't know how to make an aerial mend, it's time to learn.

4. Once your dry fly is on the water, you don't typically want to move it around. If your mend moves your fly (without prior intent), you're not doing it correctly.

5. The same thing goes for your strike indicator. Your mend should not move your indicator unless that was your desire beforehand.

6. Don't wait too long. Mend it just before it starts to drag.

Awareness

1. Don't start fishing immediately. When you're on the water, take the time to look around and digest what you see. By the way, that's much easier to do when you're relaxed and reasonably mellow.

2. You can't always see what you're looking for, so listen as well. You'll be surprised at how many times you can hear rising fish that you can't see.

3. Never piss on an electric fence. It might not be "on" ... but what if it is?

Playing Your Fish

1. Don't baby that fish. Put the wood to him.
2. Use the heaviest tippet you can get away with.
3. Don't baby that fish. Put the wood to him.
4. Get him on the reel, or strip him in, but don't screw around.
5. Don't baby that fish. Put the wood to him.
6. Nothing screams "neophyte" (or alternatively, "asshole") louder than playing a fish too long. It's way better to lose a good fish than to play him to exhaustion.

Landing Your Fish

1. You didn't land him? Who cares? You hooked him and played him. That's what matters.
2. You did land him? Sweet. Now keep him wet, treat him with respect, and let him go without any undue harm or hesitation.
3. You don't need a photo of every fish you catch.
4. Don't carry a huge net unless you absolutely, positively need it. And chances are good that you don't need it. So don't carry a huge net. If you really want to look clueless, it's much easier to leave the price tag dangling from your hat.

Etiquette

1. Embrace the Golden Rule.
2. Be polite to other anglers.
3. If you think you're fishing too close to someone else, then you are fishing too close to someone else. A good rule of thumb is that you shouldn't be able to reach the water they're fishing even if you're bombing it out with your longest cast. If you want to be safe, give other folks a hundred foot circle around their position and don't wade or cast into it.
4. If you're in a boat, then keep in mind that wading anglers have the right of way.
5. Don't cut off other anglers.
6. If you're fishing with someone else, make a habit of offering them the best water.
7. If you bump into an asshole, try to model the best possible on-stream behavior.
8. If that doesn't work, keep in mind that getting in a fight will likely ruin your day.
9. Don't litter. If you pack it in, pack it out.
10. When you're out on the water, don't shout profanities or scream to the heavens unless it's absolutely necessary. Nobody else drove to the river to hear you curse the cruel hand of fate.
11. Every once in a while, share a bit of advice, or a favorite fly, with a stranger who looks like they could use extra help.

General Advice

1. If you want to learn from other anglers, dial back your end of the conversation. Instead, watch and listen.
2. Don't accept everything that people tell you. (Including fly fishing writers.) All fishermen are liars. It's just that some lie more than others.
3. Don't be oblivious to your surroundings. Wade with caution, and pay attention to deep water and other potential hazards.
4. Don't wade deeper than your waist in fast or dangerous water.
5. Don't rely on store bought flies. Tie your own.
6. Don't fish if the water is too warm, or if the fish are stressed for some other reason.
7. Don't fish when you're angry. You'll fish like shit, and you'll end up even more bummed than when you started. Wait until you calm down.
8. Don't think you're going to learn it all by reading articles or watching YouTube videos. Experience remains the best teacher, and time on the water is incredibly valuable.
9. Fly fishing isn't rocket science, or heart surgery. You're not saving the world. It doesn't matter how many fish you catch, or how big they are. So focus on the most important thing—which is enjoying yourself while you're fishing.
10. Don't be greedy. Give something back. Mentor kids. Leave the landscape in better condition than you found it. Support your favorite conservation organizations.

A few final Don'ts for 2018

Don't exaggerate the size of your fish. In fact, make a mental habit of knocking an inch off every trout you catch, unless you're fishing with a buddy ... in which case you should knock two inches off. I know, it sounds crazy, but try it and see how people react. Don't get into a competition with other anglers. If you want to be competitive, challenge yourself to catch larger or more difficult fish. Don't believe everything I just told you. An old teacher of mine once said, "Your job here is not to believe what I tell you. Your job is to listen to what I'm saying and either prove me right or prove me wrong." That was excellent advice. So think about the information I've shared and then go out and put it to the test. If it works, use it. If it doesn't, then don't, and either way, have as much fun with your fishing as you possibly can.

* This article by Todd Tanner was first published in the December edition of HATCH magazine.

OBITUARY

Karl B. Schurz, SPFF president in the tumultuous growth years of 1980 — 1982, has died. A realtor in Beverly Hills, Karl had more than enough business, civic and family obligations on his hands, yet he took over the club presidency and served two full terms with honor and distinction.

The *Los Angeles Times* obituary for Karl read, in part,

December 1, 1935 — January 9, 2018. A man of many interests and insatiable curiosity, he mastered many skills like flying a plane, white-water rafting, architectural photography, fly-fishing, Spanish-guitar, skeet shooting, carpentry and a life-long love of golf ... President of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce ... President of the Beverly Hills Rotary Club.

Karl was a treasure with a wicked sense of humor. He did our sport and our club proud.

Tight loops,
Bennett J. Mintz

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

PHW Vets.....	1	Fly Tying Class	14
Board Meeting	8	PHW Vets.....	15
SWC Fly Buy 2018.....	3	Dinner Meeting	15
Super Bowl Outing	2-4	Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	17
Fly Tying Class	7	President's Day	19
Rush Creek Cleanup	10	Fly Tying Class	21
Valentine's Day	14	ITFF Class #1.....	24

Next Dinner Meeting

Thursday Feb 15

Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Entrée:

Baked Chicken

or

Tri-Tip

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Dessert:

Hot Fudge Sundaes

Cocktails at 6:00 / Dinner 7:00

Call 818.789.1919 Ext 10 (Michelle) or email
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Reserve by Monday, Feb 12

\$32.00 Cash or Check, No Cards

Non-dining guests are FREE!

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