



## Ed Engle: 25 Ways to Elevate Your Trout Game

In June we welcome back Colorado angler and author Ed Engle. His new program offers 25 tips that he believes will raise your trout fishing to the next level. Fly fishing is full of game changing small details and tricks of the trade. Ed’s tips come from the more than 40 years he has spent writing and speaking about fly fishing tactics, studying trout behavior, tying flies, guiding fly fishers and just fishing. Some are so obvious they may not have occurred to you. Others are more complicated. Some are controversial. But all of them will get you thinking about your fly fishing game and what you can to improve it. You’ll learn that having the ability to let go of all your preconceived notions often results in success and may ultimately carry over into a more thoughtful and innovative approach to all of your days on the water.

Ed Engle has been an avid fly fisherman for the past 40 years and has fly fished throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Canada and Europe for a variety of game fish species, but with a special emphasis on trout. He was born in Virginia, though has lived most of his life in Colorado. He got into fly fishing when he saw people catching fish using this method, expressed a desire to do it and was fortunate when his dad gave him a starter kit. Ed attended the University of Colorado in Boulder and graduated with a degree in biology. Living in Colorado, Ed has had ample opportunity to perfect his skills on all kinds of streams, using all types of flies. *(cont. on Pg 3)*

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- | RAFFLE ITEMS FOR JUNE’S DINNER MEETING |
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| <b>1st prize (Choice of one)</b>       |
| TFO BVK #0 3-4 wt Reel                 |
| or                                     |
| C3LA Cartridge 10 wt Reel              |
| <b>2nd Prize</b>                       |
| Fishing Net, Rubber                    |
| <b>3rd Prize</b>                       |
| Orvis Brook Trout Pint Glass           |
| <b>Big Barrel</b>                      |
| One dozen flies & box                  |
| Patagonia Hat                          |
| Orvis fingerless gloves                |
| Water purifier                         |

# President's Message

The start of a new fishing season is tinged with sadness at the passing of longtime Club members Dick Rose and Jack Jonathan. We will miss them at dinner meetings – Dick for his generous support in our raffles and Jack for rousing pitches for his beloved Big Horn trips. The July newsletter will include tributes to both and I encourage you to share stories and photographs of time spent on the water with these wonderful guys. July will also mark a new look for our newsletter, re-designed by Ellie Brittain and edited by Ed Swanson. On behalf of Ed, I beg you to submit material – it can be a few sentences with a couple of photographs of trips, tips you learned from a guide or a friend, or even a new piece of gear you can't live without. It is your newsletter – make it outstanding! Submit to [news@spff.org](mailto:news@spff.org) by the third Thursday of any month.

At the May dinner meeting we presented scholarships to three extremely deserving students who have chosen to work in the environmental field. A fourth will be presented in June. Thanks to the generosity of Don Lee and the estate of Bill Harry, we continue to support this excellent program. Those of you who did not attend the May meeting missed a superb presentation by Marlon Rampy on the Redband trout of Oregon. The turnout of members was depressingly small. Only about 20% of our total membership regularly attend the dinner



meetings. A huge amount of planning and preparation goes into the selecting of presenters on what has become a nationally renowned circuit, unique to our Southern California Clubs. Please take advantage of this. If you have ideas on how to attract more members to the dinner meetings, please contact me directly.

On a more positive note, The GSO is just around the corner and sign-up is open on the website. If you want to take a small group to your "secret" spot, or be part of a guided group, contact Jim Fleisher. If you need casting practice (yes, we all do), we can be found at Lake Balboa on the first and third Saturday every month, unless we have an outing.

See you there! Marshall

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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!*

**No New Members**

# Ed Engle: 25 Ways to Elevate Your Trout Game (Cont.)



Today his home and office are just west of Colorado Springs, within 40 miles of the South Platte River, one of Colorado's premier tailwaters.

Ed's fly fishing articles have appeared regularly in newspapers and magazines for more than 35 years. In the 1970's, his articles on nymphing techniques were among the first to appear in national fly fishing magazines. Since that time he has taught thousands of fly fishers the subtle art of nymphing through his books and articles, on-the-water seminars and at his popular nymphing class sponsored by the Fly Fishing Show.



Ed is especially interested in small fly tactics and techniques. His small fly research

has taken him to many of the west's famous tailwater and spring creeks across the country. He is also dedicated to fly fishing small streams for beautiful wild trout. Ed balances his interest in the "small side of fly fishing" with the avid pursuit of king salmon on the fly.

Ed is a regular contributor to the Boulder Daily Camera and Gray's Sporting Journal. In addition, he has written for American Angler, Fly

Fisherman, Fly Rod & Reel, Flyfishing & Tying Journal, Trout, Fly Tyer, Sports Afield, and Saltwater Fly Fishing.

If we look at the books he has authored we can see yet another

reason he is so qualified to lead us on this journey. Ed's most recent book, Trout Lessons (Stackpole, 2010), considers what to do when your usual fly fishing solutions

don't work. His interest in tying and fishing small flies led to the publication of Tying Small Flies (Stackpole, 2004) and Fishing Small Flies (Stackpole, 2005). The two-volume set is credited with helping create the current surge of interest in pursuing trout with small flies. Ed's dedication to fishing bamboo fly rods resulted in the publication of Splitting Cane (Stackpole, 2002) which

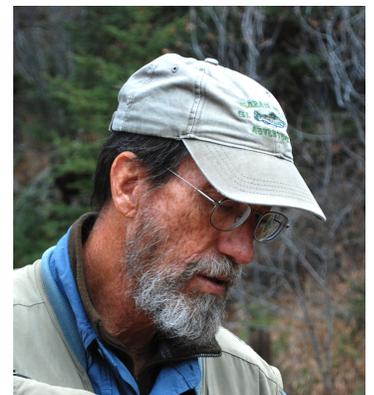


chronicled the life and craftsmanship of sixteen working rod makers. His first fly fishing book, Fly Fishing the Tailwaters (Stackpole, 1991),

was a groundbreaking explanation of how to fish the regulated rivers found below dams.

Ed's current projects include writing posts for his popular, Lone Angler Journal blog, work on a new book, coming up with new small fly patterns, and teaching at fly fishing seminars throughout the country.

You can learn more about this very knowledgeable, skilled fly fisher and read his Lone Angler Journal by going to [www.edengleflyfishing.com](http://www.edengleflyfishing.com)



# Outings Chairperson Report

## by Jim Fleisher

This is the first of the monthly reports describing the Outings programs of SPFF. When I first joined the club in 2007, the two things that impressed me the most (other than the friendliness and helpfulness of the members) were the Introduction to Fly Fishing course, which I took, and the various outings that the club makes available to the members. I am hoping to continue that tradition.

We recently had a Surf Outing, led by Bill Woods, which I was unable to attend, but was told that it was quite successful and that everyone caught at least one fish. We will continue to provide these local outings as the tides cooperate.

In June we have our Club weekend at Hot Creek Ranch in Mammoth Lakes. This will occur from June 8-11. We have confirmed six of the nine cabins at the Ranch. If anyone is still interested in going with your fellow club members to this marvelous and challenging fishery, please contact Kevin Peterson, manager, at 888-695-0774. He has said that fishing is excellent this year with lots of new fish.

July is the month of our Getting Started Outing (GSO), which takes place the weekend of July 20-22. There are numerous excursions planned with fellow members of the club acting as trip leaders. This includes stream fishing, float tube fishing on lakes and some exploration to new waters. This is an excellent opportunity for our new members and recent ITFF graduates to really learn



about the wonderful places to fish in the Mammoth Lakes area.

In addition, we have arranged for two special guide trips. There is a charge for these trips, but the group sizes are limited and the charges are very reasonable for the instruction you will receive

Pat Jaeger will again be conducting his very popular Tenkara course on Friday. This program has always been over sold, so please register early if you are interested.

On Saturday, Joe Contaldi will be conducting a clinic on the Owens River with both nymphing in the morning and probably hopper fishing in the afternoon. Again, this is a special opportunity to learn from one of the premier Sierra guides.

Our annual nymphing clinic this fall is still in the planning stages. Stay tuned to this section of the Newsletter for further information.

Your Outings Chairperson, Jim Fleisher

# West Fork San Gabriel River Outing by Pat Cates and David Hoffberg



Sepulveda, California Project Healing Waters Veterans, and Volunteer members of Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers, met at the Sepulveda Vet Center early Friday morning recently. After some ride share shuffling, the

group headed off for a day of fishing, spearheaded by Program Lead, David Hoffberg. Destination the West Fork of the San Gabriel River.

After assembling at the San Gabriel Mountains Environmental Center, Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps volunteer Chuck Moore led our mini caravan thru the locked gate, for access to the 4 handicap fishing platforms. Access to the platforms is via gently slopped concrete walkways. Perfect for those of us not as nimble as we once were.

We spread out into groups of vets and “fishing guide” volunteers and started fishing the gentle waters of this tail water fishery. “Guides” helped tie on tippet and flies, unhook snagged tree branches, and detangled “wind knots.”

David drove back to the locked gate, to locate a couple

of Vets that hadn’t made it to the original meeting spot. They were fishing the “public” area, and quickly jumped on board to be driven to a beautiful spot further up the river to their fishing pleasure.

The fishing was delightful, as is almost always the case, but the catching was a near bust. Veteran Mike Bertell (2018 National Rod Building Category 3 Winner) did catch 4 of the beautiful little resident Rainbow trout.

Lunch was served up at Glenn Camp Campground alongside the river. Half way through, another veteran showed up. He had decided at the last moment to join in the outing but was unclear about the meeting spot. Fortunately, he brought along his bicycle, and was able to join the group lunch. He did look like “Don Quixote,” riding his steed taking on windmills with his (fly rod) lance.

After a nice lunch, gear was packed up, vehicles were loaded, and we headed back to the locked gate access, carpooled back to The Vet Center.

Discounting the traffic on the drive home (Los Angeles on a Friday!), this is a wonderful place to “get away from it all,” and enjoy one of our favorite pastimes, fly fishing! That night many of us dreamt of the next time we would be fly fishing West Fork San Gabriel River!



## **Casting Clinics**

### **By Michael Peratis**

We know this isn't you, but the word going around is that there are some club members who've been fly fishing for a lot of years and are still having problems with tailing loops...learning to double haul... casting when it's windy...casting a multi-fly & split shot nymphing rig without having it tangle...creating efficient tight loops...and more.

Well, here's the good news: HELP IS AVAILABLE! You've probably seen the emails announcing the casting clinics at Lake Balboa a couple of times each month, but have you ever dropped by to see what's going on? Is it remotely possible that there may be some room for improvement in your casting? Are there any specific casts you'd like to learn? What other stuff are

you curious about? How about knots? Cleaning & dressing your fly line? Trying out your new rod? Whatever?

JUST ADDED...an iPad...a terrific new tool to help you eliminate casting errors. It's extremely helpful to watch a video of yourself taken while casting. This is a real eye-opener - you'll see yourself doing things you weren't even aware of. This teaching tool lets you see yourself casting in a slow-motion video with an instructor alongside to point out problem areas and explain how to correct them. This instant visual feedback is a valuable new addition to our instructor's "bag of tricks".

Come to learn, or come to teach, or just come and practice.

# Obituaries to Come



Dedicated members Dick Rose and Jack Jonathan have passed. Obituaries are to come in next month's newsletter. May they rest in peace.



# SPFF Event Calendar

## June 2018

Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	2
PHW Vets.....	7
Board Meeting.....	7
Hot Creek Ranch weekend.....	8 -11
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	16
Rush Creek Cleanup.....	16
PHW Vets.....	17
Dinner Meeting.....	21

## July 2018

Independence Day.....	4
Board Meeting.....	5
PHW Vets.....	5
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	7
Dinner Meeting @ Wilderness.....	17
PHW Vets.....	19
GSO - Getting Started Outing.....	20-22
SWC Quarterly Meeting.....	2

## August 2018

PHW Vets.....	2
Board Meeting.....	2
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	4
FFI Fly Fishing Faire.....	7-11
PHW Vets.....	6
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	18
Annual Family Picnic.....	TBA

## September 2018

Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	1
Labor Day.....	3
PHW Vets.....	6
Board Meeting.....	6
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	15
PHW Vets.....	20
Dinner Meeting.....	20

## NEXT DINNER MEETING

Thursday June 21st  
 Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank Blvd  
 Encino, CA 91436

### MENU

#### Entrée:

TBA

#### Dessert:

Hot Fudge Sundaes

### Cocktails at 6:00 / Dinner at 7:00

Call 818.789.1919 Ext 10 (Michelle) or  
 Email MontereyatEncino@Gmail.com

Reserve by **Monday, June 18th**  
 \$32.00 Cash or Check, No Cards  
 Non-dining guests are FREE!

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