



Speaker Profile: “Ghost of the Coast” Sightfishing for Corbina with Glenn Ueda



In July we welcome a newcomer to the 7 –Club speaking circuit with an exciting and very timely program. Holder of multiple IGFA world records, please join guide/ instructor Glenn Ueda for an informative seminar on

sightfishing for the coveted California Corbina in our local Southern California surf. Learn the basics including seasonal patterns, food sources, tidal cycles, structure recognition and approach, balanced rods reels and tackle, proper leader construction, and effective fly patterns. If you are already an avid bonefish or carp fisherman, or simply looking to try the wonderful world of surf

fly fishing, this is for you! If not, there is no better time to get in on the summer action – the season is now.

Glenn’s Biography:

With pajamas doused by foamy surf, I began my fishing career at age 5. Saturday was always for fixing cars to make ends meet but come Sunday we were hurling pyramid sinkers for barred perch off the many beaches throughout Southern California. We would catch our sand crabs below the old Redondo Beach pier and I can remember for my first contact with an especially large silvery fish. I yelled to my dad and all he could do was shake his head and murmur, “Oh, those are corbina.” At the time I did not understand the level of impact that these formative experiences

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR JULY’S DINNER MEETING

- 1st prize**
Orvis Battenkill 3-4 wt reel *or* CL3A reel plus 2 spools, 10 wt
- 2nd Prize**
Patagonia sling pack *or* Fishing Net
- 3rd Prize**
Orvis Pint Glass, Fishing Theme
- Big Barrel**
1 Dozen flies and box
Patagonia hat
Orvis gloves

***NEW DINNER
MEETING
LOCATION,
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President's Message from Marshall Bissett

Few things are as consistent as change and the unfortunate passing of good fishing pals. In this issue we celebrate Club member Jack Jonathan whose life ended in the appropriate Montana setting where he spent his happiest years. He died a few days after Dick Rose, whose family quietly conducted a burial at sea and did not send an obituary but wanted to thank those members who reached out with their condolences. I will miss them both in different ways. Dick for his consistent presence at dinner meetings and Jack as the guy who would be first to volunteer for anything.

Those of you who attended the excellent June dinner meeting where Ed Engle shared his 25 Tips to improve your trout fishing, should be well prepared for the upcoming GSO (Getting Started Outing). The hosted outings are filling up fast including the guided sessions with Bishop guides Joe Contaldi and Pat Jaegar. Please be sure to reserve a spot at the Breakfast Club for the wrap-up dinner on Saturday night. You can check also local conditions on our website. July is the month to try for the Los Angeles grand slam – carp in the LA River and corbina on the local beaches that are having their best sand crab hatches in years, and the LA River with a few less shopping carts than normal has been producing big carp. Be sure to



make the trip to the WILDERNESS CLUB on TUESDAY July 17th to hear Glenn Ueda's program on catching the elusive corbina and don't overlook the 20- mile section of the Kern above Kernville – it's fishing well. Pink Floyd sang "We don't need no education" but they were not, I think, referring to Sierra Pacific. We need lots of education and Michael Peratis has stepped in as co-Education Chair to replace Gary Pintar, who has had to resign for health reasons. I am also thrilled to welcome Bernie Ecker as our Vice President – check out his bio in this issue.

See you at the pond or on the river.

-Marshall

NEW DINNER MEETING INFORMATION, SEE PG. 8

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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!

Josiah Wilson
Akbar Mirza
Robert Greene
Enoc Hernandez
William Kolb

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would have almost five decades later. Years later and still relegated to spin fishing, I remember reading a fly fishing article in Sports Afield and soon found a

burning need to explore the wonderful world of fly fishing. I even joined the dollar book club and bought "Trout Fishing" by Joe Brooks. Noting my extreme interest, my father obtained a fly rod and reel from one of his customers that just happened to work for Daiwa. I was in luck! The planets really began to align as a relative of a close family friend was none other than the president of the Long Beach Casting Club. I can still remember Mister Nakasuji picking me up at our home in Gardena on Tuesdays so that I might learn how to cast in that still beautiful pond. I have to say, even at age 10, my roll cast wasn't all that bad! Initiated, I would spend hours at Alondra Park flogging the water but still catching bluegill, bass and crappie, and I would again peek into the future as these monstrous carp cruised nearshore. Now licensed, my friends I would venture up to the West Fork of the San Gabriel River and marvel



at the beauty of these delightful natives. Saltwater still running through veins, my interest would shift almost

entirely to larger game such as King Harbor bonito and yellowtail, and occasion I would take one on my trusty Fenwick Fenglass 108-9 that I hand built in high school. I still have that rod and it still works great! With an affinity towards the creative, I was soon commissioned by my dentist to custom wrap a complete set of Fenwick HMG fly rods!

Following high school, I wallowed at the local junior college until I enrolled in my first architecture class and it was then that I found

something that moved my head and more importantly my heart. I then went on to Cal Poly Pomona where I obtained my Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1984. During those years, I rarely fished but made up for it during the summer on days when I wasn't working shifts at Art's Fishing Tackle and 22nd Street Landing. Upon graduation, I began a satisfying thirty-two year career with WLC Architects, a nationally recognized firm specializing in educational facilities. I was the twelfth person hired. Upon my retirement as a partner in 2014, our firm had grown from a single office to five statewide with over one hundred employees. I miss my second family and seeing the positive impact our facilities had on thousands of students throughout California.



I spent the better part of my 30's and 40's riding the San Diego-based long range boats where ten to sixteen day trips were the norm venturing deep into Baja Mexico for giant yellowfin tuna, speedy wahoo, colorful dorado and hard-pulling yellowtail. Though extremely fun, and with numerous two-hundred plus pound tuna landed on conventional gear, the trips however became almost routine. It was then that I sought something different. In 2007, my wife and I experienced Belize and our lives were changed forever. We stayed at El Pescador Lodge, caught tons of bonefish, and even visited Mayan ruins!

Since that first trip, I have had the good fortune of experiencing unbelievable fly fishing in some amazing places. They include domestic and international destinations; huge peacock bass in the Brazilian Amazon, giant trevally and triggerfish on Christmas Island, tailing bonefish in ankle-deep water on Andros Island in the Bahamas,



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insane tarpon and fussy permit in Belize, surfside snook on Sanibel island Florida, massive redfish in Louisiana, double-

digit bonefish on Oahu, amazing smallmouth bass in Montana, huge mirror carp at world-famous Blackfoot Reservoir in Idaho, and of course, our own waters here in California. For 2018, I hope to add to the one hundred eight species landed thus far. As much as I enjoy travelling to out-of-state waters, most of my 200+ annual fishing days since retirement are spent pursuing our local species. I enjoy a variety of species including bonito and yellowtail at Catalina Island, coastal nighttime calico bass, carp in our local drainages, and of course, the coveted California Corbina. Enamored, I have obtained three IGFA world records for the aforementioned species. Such a worthy species, they exhibit many of the qualities that I enjoy most; extremely hard to entice, can be sightfished

in very shallow water, readily available, and once hooked, fight well. Between trips, I enjoy fly tying and designed the Loco Moco, a versatile carp fly that has been used effectively throughout the United States as well in places as far away as Spain and Japan.

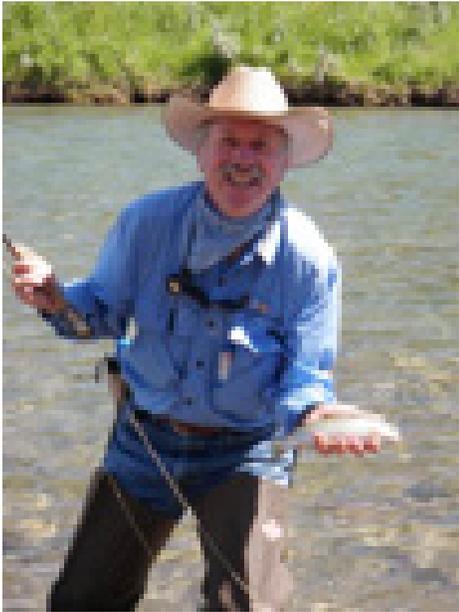
Coming full circle, I now enjoy sharing my passion for fly fishing by conducting store and club seminars throughout Southern California. A budding writer, I had my first article 'Ghost of the Coast' recently published in California Fly Fisher. With numerous inquiries and always seeking new challenges, I launched "So Cal Flats Fishing Guide Service" in the spring of 2017. A resounding success, I learned as much about myself as my clients did about corbina. My mission is to have those that I guide learn not only the finer points of pursuing corbina but to also raise their awareness of access to public waters, many of which are walking distance from our home in Huntington Beach. My wife Mona along with our two dogs Kai and Mac have lived in "HB" since 2015.

Artist Spotlight: Teresa LeClerk by Kevin Radanovich

Here is a portrait "in progress" by club member Robert LeClerk's significant other artist Teresa LeClerk. As some of you know from the fly Tier's Christmas party. My wife and I have two English Labs whom we love and spoil shamelessly. Their names are Monkey (on the left) and Bodie. At the fundraiser in March I bid on some small fly paintings that Teresa had donated and happily won them. Months later at the Fly Tier's Christmas party Teresa mentioned she painted pets. When I saw some of her past portraits my wife and I knew we had to have her paint our two hairy children! We chose a favorite photo and here is the work in progress. It is uncanny how perfect the likenesses are! We are forever grateful for Teresa's limitless patience. As our work/travel schedules limit our timely feedback.



Meet Bernie Ecker, 33 year member of SPFF, New Club Vice President!



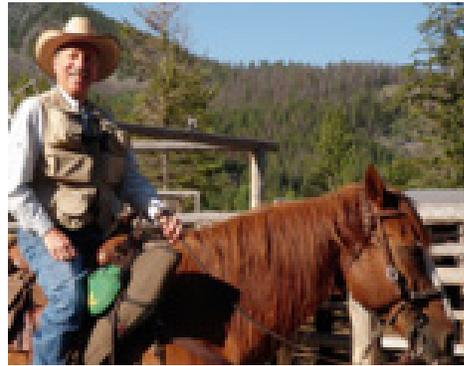
Bernie has been a club member, with his wife, since 1985. He had never fished until he met Rosemary and she showed him how to use a pole and put on a worm. She frequently demonstrated how to catch a fish. In

1984 he saw an ad for fly fishing school offered by Sierra Pacific Flyfishers at Reseda Park. There were free doughnuts too. When he finished the class Bernie was inspired but didn't have equipment. He'd think about it. The following year he and Rosemary took the fly fishing class and joined the club. At that time, meetings were in Van Nuys at a place called Nob Hill. The first

meeting they met Lefty. He was funny and knowledgeable and hooked Bernie for all these years into fly fishing.

The most impressive characteristics of the club were the friendliness of the members like Jan Sadlo, Ben Mintz, Chappie, Jay Engel,

Bob Long, Kazi, Art Delano and many others. All members were very helpful, shared their experience and shared their flies in the hope that Bernie and Rosemary would love the sport as they



did. Bernie participated in summer outings now called the GSO, Piru Creek clean-ups, camp outs, picnics, fly tying classes, and

many other activities and outings. As an officer in several positions like board secretary, programs chairman, and raffle chairman he attended many board meetings, helped write bi-laws and made budget suggestions for club success. He even became a casting instructor during the SPFF school for several years.

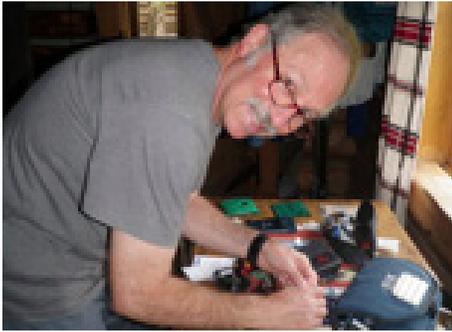
There are memories of a variety of meeting spots of the club too.

After leaving Van Nuys for dinner meetings, SPFF met at the Odyssey Restaurant for many years before settling at the now Monterey at Encino. Bernie has met many friends and said good

bye to many friends too. The club has been a great place to hone up on fishing skills and techniques, make contacts, meet new friends and study politics. He can say that he no longer is without equipment. Now it's a question of which rod to use on what trip. Bernie has fished in many western states but has enjoyed the most in Montana in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, "beyond all roads".



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SPFF has expanded opportunities to explore new fishing spots and hear great anglers. By attending the Federation shows in Idaho, Montana and Oregon he's

picked the brains of many experts. Bernie enjoys catching trout the most, even though he has also salt water fished from boats and experienced surf fishing. This sport is wonderful. It's a great way to immerse yourself in nature and forget the hub-bub of the city and work. SPFF has been a great opportunity and most of all fun.



A Loyal Simm's Customer, Kevin Radanovich



In case you didn't know... A good friend of mine recently mentioned he had sent his Simms waders in to be repaired at the manufacturer's location in Bozeman Montana. I inquired of the cost as I have been eyeing my Simm's waders of 10+ years and wondering when

it would be a good time to do the same. It seems I can never "spare" them long enough as some last minute fishing trip may arise and I would be caught "waderless"! Well when he told me that they couldn't repair them but could offer a 40% discount on a brand new pair my ears perked up

considerably! So I packed up my tired waders and wading boots, filled out the info on the Simms website and waited for my 40% discount offer... Before I sent them off I decided to add a little note telling Simms sincerely how pleased I have been over the years with their products and the quality they have strived to maintain. I really meant it. No less than 10 days later I receive two emails from Simms. One telling me that my boots will be replaced under warranty at no charge and that my G3 waders would be replaced under warranty at no charge! I couldn't believe it! Now I'm not saying they will do this for you! But who knows? A nice little note may do wonders no matter what company it goes to. I believe people who care about their products like to have someone acknowledge that extra effort. One thing I do know, Simms definitely has a lifetime customer here.

A Tribute to Jack Jonathan



He died with his waders on, doing what he loved.

Jack Randall Jonathan was born in Los Angeles on December

6, 1937, and passed quietly recently, after a day's fishing, while being driven back to Bighorn Anglers to join a group of friends from Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers and Pasadena Casting Club. Jack organized the annual Big Horn River trip for more than ten years.

He was smart, gregarious and helpful—a bachelor who was passionate about fly fishing and his dogs. He spent summers in West Yellowstone, with an open invitation to many fly fishers to stay with him in his 5th wheel rig.

In his 20s, Jack enjoyed being ski bum and ski instructor at Squaw Valley, Snow Summit and Mammoth Mountain. He was a stunt man in the Disney movie “Snowball Express” and in a Richard Burton movie. Later he got into drag boat racing, flipped his boat at a high speed and broke his back. He had a career as a Master Mechanic and owned a shop. In addition to fly fishing, he enjoyed sporting clays, was active in Quail Unlimited and built model railroads.

Bob Jacklin, the owner of Jacklin's Fly Shop in West Yellowstone where Jack worked during

summers, requested Jack's fishing hat, which will be enshrined over his obituary and displayed on the shop's Wall of Fame. His hat will keep company with those of Joan Wulff and many other fly fishing legends. Jack would be proud of this—he loved Montana, the Madison River and especially West Yellowstone. Bob Jacklin said Jack worked a lot more hours than he was paid for—he loved talking about fly fishing and helping people, so he would just hang around the shop after clocking-out. Jack also tied flies professionally for Jacklin's Fly Shop.

He leaves behind a sister, Joan Peterson, three nephews: Jon, Craig and Brian, a great nephew, Kyle Holmes, and a great niece, Katherine Holmes.

As a dog lover, Jack was active in dog rescue.

There wasn't anything he would not do for a dog in need. Through his dog rescue efforts he created a strong bond with Heather Tobin's family, whose five daughters called him “Gandpa.”



No cancer or assisted living facility for Jack—what a way to check-out. He is already missed by many.

—Doug Dorflinger

SPFF Event Calendar

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
Annual Family Picnic.....	12
PHW Vets	6
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	18

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

October 2018

PHW Vets	4
Board Meeting	4
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	6
PHW Vets	18
Dinner Meeting.....	18
SWC Fly Fishing Fair	20-21

NEXT DINNER MEETING

AT A NEW LOCATION

Wilderness Fly Fishers Meeting

When:

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Where:

St. Augustine by-the-Sea
1227 4th Street (between Arizona
& Wilshire Blvd) Santa Monica, CA
90401

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