



ANNUAL SPFF PICNIC!



Fellow SPFF members, it's almost time for our annual picnic, so mark your calendars and join us for a day at the beach.

We don't have a dinner meeting in August, but you can enjoy free food and beverages with friends while you escape the Valley's heat and enjoy beach weather with pleasant temperatures. We will have a raffle, and our fly fishing "garage" sale will be an opportunity for great deals that benefit the club. If you have fishing or outdoor gear you don't use and would like to donate to the club, contact Kevin Radanovich.

Rincon Beach Park has shade, picnic tables, real bathrooms, an outdoor shower, and convenient parking. Do I need mention cooler temperatures, again? You can do some surf fishing—there will be a rising tide—and Bill Woods will be on the beach at 7:00 a.m. to help surf fishing novices!

We hope to see you there—bring your surf fishing gear, and remember your license with an Ocean Enhancement Validation! If you want to bring an umbrella, blanket or beach chairs, and park yourself on the sand, we won't mind. There is a paved walkway down to the sand.

Sunday, August 12
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
at Rincon Beach Park
Carpinteria
(Highway 101 @ Bates Road)

Low tide is at 5:08 a.m.

High tide is at 11:31 a.m.

Alcohol is permitted for those over 21, but smoking is prohibited.

Dogs must be leashed at all times.

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President's Message from Marshall Bissett

Lately I have become aware that we take a lot for granted and that many of our Club traditions and names may not be familiar to everyone, especially new members. Last weekend I was asked about the meaning of GSO and I explained that, even though it is not our first outing of the year, it is the outing where the new ITFF graduates "get started" on the rivers and lakes under the tutelage of more experienced Club members. In recent years, we have expanded the scope of the GSO to include specialty classes using one or two out of the 48 licensed guides in the Sierra. I have encouraged this because I believe that guides are not only the gatekeepers of our sport but are like the carpool lane to the next skill level. I have fished with enough guides to fill a book. Along the way I have helped with their boat payments and kid's college funds, listened to their stories and nodded knowingly when told I should have been there last week. Often their teaching skills sharply remind me of my strict Scottish schooling and their politics tend to the right of right. That said, guides have encouraged me to cast with both hands, taught me to wade without falling in, ties knots quickly and fish the higher percentage water. If you are willing to work hard, then most guides will return your effort in spades. Be aware that they are dealing with a consuming public whose need for assurances and gratification has never been higher. Long after you are showered and cleaned up at the motel, they are hauling a boat into their driveway and making lunches for the next day. We are fortunate to have a wealth of guides in the Sierra and serving the local surf scene. Give them a try – it is impossible not to learn from the experience.



Another question concerns the annual picnic. We have tried many venues from Lake Balboa, Lake Malibou to the Mission at San Fernando and, because of rising valley temperatures we have settled on the delightful picnic area at Rincon Beach in Carpinteria. There will be special Italian sausages, veggie burgers, baked beans, salads, chips and the traditional ice cream. The surf is close enough to provide excellent sport. No need for waders but don't forget your fishing license—the corbina have been running and your chances are good. Most important, **BRING YOUR EXTRA NO LONGER USED GEAR** for the rummage sale table. Last year we raised over \$1000 that went to a good cause. Kevin Radanovich will be sending a reminder closer to the date of **AUGUST 12**.

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
This Month**

Call For Programs: September Media Spectacular

Please consider creating a presentation to share at our September Dinner Meeting on September 20th, at the Monterey in Encino.

We hope to have a mix of videos and slide shows illustrating SPFF members' adventures since our last show March 2017. You can prepare a digital slide show or short video of your fishing adventures using a presentation program on your computer, with or

without sound. You can bring your computer, a flash drive, DVD or CD with your program to the meeting. Please keep your show to approximately 5 minutes length.

If you would like to contribute or have questions, please email Glenn Short <glenn.short@gmail.com> with your topic, format and the length of your program.

Call for Volunteers: Silver Creek Project

The Silver Creek Project has been removing brook trout from a Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery stream, and has been a collaboration over the years with SWC, CalTrout, Trout Unlimited, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) are listed on the endangered species list. Brook trout were illegally stocked into Silver Creek in the stream in the early 2000's. Brook trout out-compete LCT when feeding, are prolific spawners, and prey upon LCT young. Typically in a full summer we will remove 6,000-8,000 brook trout. The ratio has been about 450 brook trout to one LCT. This year CDFW's schedule won't allow them to be up there for the whole season. They will be on Silver Creek for one week in September and a week in October, focusing on removing spawning brook trout. We don't want to lose any of the hard work we have done up on Silver Creek.

When we started this project we knew it was going to take about ten years. This will be the sixth year. Dawne Emery (the DFW Fisheries Biologist for Region 6) and Gary Applebee are going up for two weekends in August to do some E-fishing and remove brook trout. The weekends are August 17-19 and 24-26. This will be a weekend effort so 2-3 days of working. We will do some work on Friday afternoon 2-3 hours, all day



Saturday 8am-4pm, and half a day on Sunday 8am-noon. We will camp out at the campground at the end of the dirt road (elevation is 8,500 feet). We will be E-fishing in the meadow area above the campground. Dawne and I will be running the shockers. We will need 4-5 netters, a person on the live car (capture bucket), a person or two to process brook trout, and a data person. We can have from 7-9 people helping out.

There is fishing on Wolf Creek for LCT's. Wolf Creek opens on August 1st until November 15th. Wolf Creek is a 20 minute drive from Silver Creek and offers fantastic fishing.

If you are interested in helping please email Gary Applebee at glapplebee@gmail.com.



Club members get an introduction to Tenkara, an ancient Japanese fly fishing method that uses only a long telescoping rod, a fly line made from braid or fluorocarbon and a tippet. Local guide Pat Jaeger, seen here at the San Joaquin River, specializes in this technique and uses it for dry fly fishing and tight line nymphing on local Sierra streams. The 5-person class got a full rundown on gear, knots, casting technique and the challenges of landing a fish with a long springy rod and no reel. Local guides Pat Jaeger and Joe Contaldi of Performance anglers both instructed groups on the recent GSO.

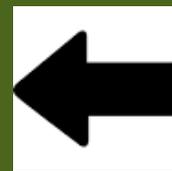


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BEACH IN
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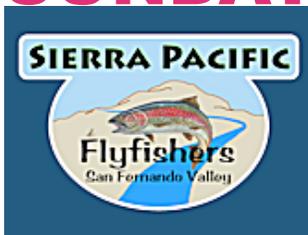
**The date is right
there!**



TIME?

**Whenever you get
there! Come early if
you want to surf fish!**

SUNDAY AUGUST 12



ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC AND GARAGE SALE

IT's THAT TIME AGAIN! Time to go through your closets, garage and that "secret" place where you keep all of the fly fishing gear that you are hiding from your significant other and will probably never use! Now's your chance to get rid of the evidence before it's too late!

**CALL KEVIN
RADANOVICH IF YOU NEED
SOMEONE TO PICK UP YOUR JUNK**
I mean stuff...(818) 421-2044

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Another Successful *Casting for Recovery* Retreat!



As we all know, breast cancer in the United States now affects one out of every eight women, a staggering

number that tells us that all of us, in this club and in every other club, are touched by it in some way. In 2018, it's estimated that more than 266,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in U.S. women, along with nearly 64,000 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer.

For the 5th year in a row, Casting for Recovery (the well-known women's breast cancer



recovery group) hosted a very successful fly fishing retreat at the UCLA conference center at Lake Arrowhead this past May. Although Casting for Recovery has been providing these retreats at selected lodges and retreat centers across the nation since 1996, only recently (since 2014) have we had an active chapter providing retreats for women here in southern California. These retreats are an amazingly powerful and easy way for us, as a fly fishing community, to help introduce the emotionally and physically healing powers of fly fishing to a group of wonderful ladies who appreciate it tremendously.

This year's retreat was beautifully organized and hosted by Teresa Adams and Carole Ontiveros, with on-site coordination overseen by a fantastic team of volunteer women. There were 12 (twelve!) different Southern



California fly fishing clubs involved this year, either as donors (all of the women were given their own fly rod outfit at the end of the weekend, and all of their expenses were covered by donations) or as volunteer "Water Helpers" on the final day of the retreat on Sunday, May 21. On that day, all 14 women were outfitted in waders and boots and tried their hand at fly fishing at a small local lake, each escorted by a Water Helper. Although the pond holds bass and catfish, the main quarry are usually bluegill sunfish, but colorful koi fish have also been introduced to the lake, and these were all that we saw that Sunday. I had the honor and privilege of representing SPFF at the retreat, and I'm pleased to say that, although only 4 fish were caught that morning, our team (Mary and I) caught two of them. Thanks so much to the SPFF Board for their generosity, and to all of you who have given to this program in one way or another.



Ed Swanson: New *The Fly Paper* Editor

by Vicky Vargas



Big news SPFF members! Ed Swanson, long time club member and flyfisher extraordinaire has signed on to be your new *The Fly Paper* newsletter editor.

Ed has been an SPFF member for the past few years, having learned to fly fish when he met his wife Leigh Ann about

eleven or twelve years ago. He jokes that it was an “unwritten condition” to their marriage.

Ed says he loves the camaraderie of the club and was very glad to have won last the raffle last year. In regards to *The Fly Paper*, Ed enjoys looking at “petroglyphs and pictographs as a side venture on fishing trips” and Marshall made him “an offer he couldn’t refuse,” looking at photos for the flypaper!

A transactional attorney for work, I’m sure this newsletter will be a nice way to relax and be even more involved in the club. As your soon-to-be former editor, I’m sure he’ll love the experience!

My Time as *The Fly Paper* Editor

by Vicky Vargas

When my Graphic Design teacher approached me with a real-life design job, I was astounded that I, a then high school senior, could already be working in my desired field! I thought it would be years before I had the chance to do that, yet there was this opportunity staring at my face. And, indeed, this experience has been astounding!

I’ve never learned how to fish or even seen fishing in person, which might come across as shocking to a group of flyfishers! But, working for SPFF has truly opened my mind to the sport and the community that sport brings! I have done, counting August, seven *Fly Paper* issues, and with each one, I have gotten to know this wonderful club you guys have created. Aside from your monthly dinner meetings, where you get together just from a mutual love of flyfishing to spend time together, you have so many amazing events and activities that are captured right here in this newsletter. From articles about fishing trips, to speaker profiles, or even the Casting for Recovery retreats like the one written about in this issue, it has been wonderful to see so many happy faces doing what they love with the people they love! All the good you guys do for your community and others, it’s awe inspiring.

The reason my time is up as editor is certainly not because of dissatisfaction or a dislike for the job, but it is because I’m headed off to college! I’ll be studying Graphic Design and Digital Media with an emphasis in Illustration as well as minoring in Creative Writing at Laguna College of Art and Design, honing my skills and

improving my ability in my craft. And, thanks to SPFF and *The Fly Paper*, I have some necessary experience up my sleeve.

I want to thank each and every one of you who contributes to *The Fly Paper*. Whether it’s articles, photos, or stories of fishing adventures, your voices make this club what it is, and they make *The Fly Paper* unique. Keep it up! We run on content! I’d also like to thank, specifically, Glenn Short, for working with me directly and providing me with the necessary information to make the newsletter possible every month. Similarly, Marshall Bisset, Ellie Brittain, and Ed Swanson have been huge helps to me, especially this month and also months prior.

It’s honestly a bittersweet goodbye, but I’m honored to have worked for and with each and every one of you! And, as I go off to college and take many more design jobs, I’ll never forget my first one.

Thank you all for this experience! Keep being the amazing flyfishers that I know you all are! And hey, be nice to Ed Swanson. (Just kidding, I know you all are anyways!)

-Vicky Vargas



Scotland's Lake of Monteith



No one is quite sure why this 700 acre fully stocked fishery is a 'lake' and not a 'loch' as it lies well inside Scotland, not far from Stirling

Castle where Scottish hero William Wallace was hung, drawn and quartered. As Scotland's premier fly fishing reservoir, it has seen its share of competitive angling and its clubhouse lists tournament winners dating back to the 1960's when reservoir fly fishing supposedly had more participants than attendees at soccer matches. Today my guide and past English international team member Tony Donnelly explains his attraction to this stunningly scenic water. "It holds huge holdover trout that do not look like stockers and these fish are no pushover." The lake also holds good numbers of native brown trout. I am about to get a crash course in the UK's most popular style of fly fishing.



Dress code in the clubhouse ranges from upscale tweedy Barbour to NASCAR influenced TEAM DAIWA jackets. Everyone has serious looking wellie boots and a lot of gear. It takes multiple trips to load our 12 foot motor boat. Fishing is by boat only – shore fishers are, by definition, poachers. For 55 UK pounds (about \$70) we can fish till 8.00 pm and "a wee bit longer if you're doin' well." The boat is loaded with custom seats (etiquette demands that you fish sitting down), a cooler, fly boxes enough to open a retail



store and a drogue to control the drift. My fly selection is hopelessly inadequate and Tony picks out a few buzzers (chironomids), boobies (see

picture) and some traditional Scottish dries from the well-appointed store. We head out and I see that with a central island that holds a ruined monastery, miles of shoreline and depths of up to 60 feet, this is no puddle. It is how Lake Crowley would like after a makeover by Hollywood set designers. Under overcast skies and thunder in the air, we head to the center of this stunningly beautiful lake. A few rises give us hope for dry fly action. I fish an ECHO 10 foot 6 -weight, floating line made buoyant with Mucinex and a 20 foot 4X leader and two bushy dries about 4 feet apart. We land a couple of healthy well-finned rainbows but Tony thinks the main action will be on buzzers. These can be rigged as a team of three about 4 feet apart with the heaviest on the point. The flies are "weighted" using multiple coats of Super Glue since weight is not allowed in competitions. Alternately there is the "washing line" – here the point fly is a brightly



colored floating fly (names the tequila blob) that supports 3 buzzers anchored to the floating fly line. Both methods worked extremely well with explosive,

rod wrenching takes. By day's end we landed (and released) a dozen excellent rainbows.

Next time you're out on Crowley and fancy a change, pull out the buzzers and pop them on the washing line.

SPFF Event Calendar

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

November 2018

PHW Vets	1
Board Meeting	1
Casting Clinic	3
PHW Vets	15
Dinner Meeting	15
Casting Clinic	17
Thanksgiving	22

NEXT DINNER MEETING

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