



Dinner Meeting for Tuesday, September 23rd, Doors Open at 5:30 PM

Annual SPFF Fundraising Auction & Dinner

Please join us for our annual fundraising dinner and auction, and enjoy an evening of socializing, mirth and good works, while getting great deals.

The silent auction tables open at 5:30 p.m., with a live auction following dinner. Guests are welcome, and dinner is optional. Please make reservations if you are having dinner at

MontereyatEncino@gmail.com.

We have a wide variety of great deals available at discounts of 30% to 60%, including rods, reels, lines, accessories, clothing, luggage, arts, crafts, lodging and guided fishing trips.

An auction catalog listing both silent and live auction items and services will be available for viewing or download several weeks prior to the auction on the club web site <http://www.spff.org/>.

All proceeds will benefit Sierra Pacific Flyfishers **education and conservation programs**. Payment can be made by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard at the conclusion of the auction. If you are unable to attend, telephone and email bids can be made by contacting Steve Es-gate, (818-723-5122) fundraiser@spff.org, or you can arrange a proxy.



LIVE AUCTION WILL INCLUDE ONE DAY OF GUIDED FISHING WITH FLY FISHING LEGEND CHARLES JARDINE

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First Prize — Orvis Frequent Flyer 5 WT 7 piece

Second Prize — Orvis Mid Arbor II Reel

Third Prize — Orvis Sling Pack

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



GET READY – Sierra Pacific Flyfishers' Annual Fundraiser is coming up on **Tuesday, September 23, 2014**. This is not a typo – it will be on Tuesday this year, at the Monterey at Encino. For you newer members, this is a great opportunity to get some great buys on gear, and perhaps venture out and buy that guided trip you've wanted to take. For our longer-tenured members, come get great buys on trips and fill in the gaps on your equipment list. We've been trying to branch out and get "lifestyle" donations such as gift certificates to restaurants and things like that

to freshen up the selection of items. And of course, Jo Ripperton has once again graced us with a donation of one of her beautiful quilts!

The proceeds from our fundraiser help us do many things, such as meaningful conservation that helps preserve and repair some of the areas we fish, helps fund our Project Healing Waters contributions, as well as contribute to Casting for Recovery – we don't just help fish, we help people too. Please come out and support us, especially this year since your Board has worked pretty hard trying to fill Steve Esgate's shoes.

And, last but not least, it's a great opportunity to welcome SPFF's new Vice President, and soon to be President of SPFF for 2015-2017, Marshall Bissett, who stepped in when Ren resigned. Thank you Ren for all your hard work for the Club and your continued excellence as Webmaster, and Marshall, my wife thanks you very sincerely for taking over for me.

Hopefully a few of you were able to listen to our own Michael Schweit and Ken Lindsey be interviewed Saturday the 23rd on "Let's Talk Hookup" with Pete Gray. They both did an excellent job talking about the Southwest Council's third Fly Fishing Faire coming up September 19-21st in Mammoth Lakes and the Fishermen's Spot – the only fly fishing store in Los Angeles County. Both deserve our thanks and our support. Ken has really stepped up and supported SPFF over the last decade. Next time you're thinking of saving \$2.00 with an internet purchase, think of how great it is that we can get excellent products and free advice so near – so go to the Spot instead.

Registration is open is open for the SWC Faire. Take advantage of the excellent instruction and advice you can get in the over 65 on-the-water, casting and fly tying classes. You can watch someone tie on the internet, but that's really just like watching a cooking show and trying to appreciate what the food smells like as it's being cooked – you're only getting about 50% of the process. Come join us! Bill

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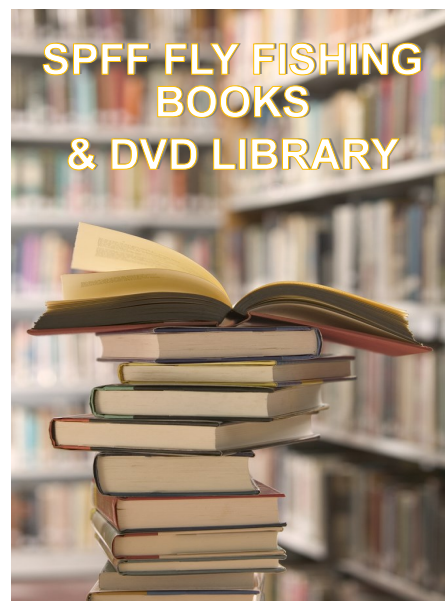
By Jay Bushore, Membership Chair

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!

Michelle Hulac-Morentin

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You can "browse the stacks" online by going to the www.spff.org website.

All materials are available for members to check out at no charge.

A link is provided to contact our Librarian.

2014 William L. Harry Scholarship Awards By Erwin Goldbloom



Left to Right Deven Kammerichs-Berke, Steve Gerken, Tommy Thai, Harold Aquino



Scholarship Committee left to right Erwin Goldbloom, next two are scholarship winners then Rosemary Ecker, William Harry, Aran Dokovna.

At the June dinner meeting, SPFF awarded its annual William L. Harry Scholarship to four local high school graduates who are majoring in a field of fisheries, natural resources, environmental science, forest resources or a related field. This year's recipients were a very talented group of students with varied interests.

Deven Kemmerichs-Berke, a graduate of Newbury Park High School with a 4.0 GPA, will be attending Humboldt State University majoring in Environmental Science with the goal of becoming a Park Ranger. Deven has volunteered with the National Park Service in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Tommy Thai, a graduate of North Hollywood High School for Advanced Studies with a 4.0 GPA, will attend UC San Diego and major in Environmental Chemistry with the goal of becoming an Environmental Biologist. Tommy has been active with Eco-freaks, an organization that maintains communities through beach cleanups and planting trees.

Harold Aquino, from Hollywood High School for Advanced Studies with a 3.8 GPA, will be attending UCSB with a major in Environmental Science, hoping too become an Environmental Scientist. Harold played basketball, volleyball and track in high school and has run marathons. He also volunteers at the Korean Youth & Community Center as a tax counselor.

Stephen Gerken, from Westlake High School with a 4.1 GPA, will also be attending UCSB and majoring in Environmental Science wanting to work in sustaining the environment. Stephen ran cross country and track in high school and formed a team of 20 relay runners to raise \$15,000 for cancer research. Stephen is going on a 6-week internship to Kenya this summer to help the local communities in any way he is asked.

Again, the Scholarship Committee was very impressed with the accomplishments of these fine young men and has confidence in their futures.

Lastly, don't forget to attend the fund-raiser in September and open your pockets so we can continue to support our educational activities.

The Upper Madison River

By Dale Lopez



Dale Lopez Photo

Jack Jonathan got my attention last year when he talked about a giant bug called the salmonfly and its hatch on the Madison River in Montana. I did some reading on the subject and after conferring with the boss, my wife, made the decision to combine a visit to Yellowstone Park with a shot at fishing the famed bug hatch.

When we arrived in West Yellowstone the hatch was going off near Ennis Montana 44 miles downstream of Quake Lake which is about 27 miles from West Yellowstone. For the next four days, while waiting for the hatch to get closer to us, my wife and I toured Yellowstone Park. Truly an amazing place. Wildlife pictures on page 9.

It was at this point Jack & I first shared a drift boat on the Madison. It was the first time I had seen the river and I was not to be thrilled. This portion of river between Quake Lake & Ennis Montana has the nickname the 50 mile riffle

due to its fast flowing but relatively shallow and boulder strewn bottom. It was a body of water like I had never seen. I was confused as to how we were going to fish it and how productive it was going to be. As it turned out fish were holding behind boulders, in pools, eddies, gravel bars and even near the bank in 6" of water. Our guide put us on fish all day. Great day on the water and Jack spotted a salmonfly. I looked up and thought at first it was a humming bird. I was assured it was the bug I drove 1100 miles to see. This single sighting signaled the hatch should be in full swing on this part of the river within a few days.

As quick as we could make it back to town we booked four more drift boat trips. I was scheduled to leave in a week and this was my shot to fish the hatch. Our pocket books took a big hit but the quality of the fishing experience made it more than worth it.

So what is the big deal about the salmonfly hatch that attracts fly fishermen from all over the world? The answer is to catch large trout surface feeding on these giant insects.

The Salmonfly hatch goes off in the big rivers of southwest Montana in June and July. I have since found out this bug is present in sections of rivers from British Columbia to California.

Based on what Jack told me I planned my stay right in the middle of the normal hatch window for this area which is mid-June to mid-July. In reality timing the hatch months out is difficult if not impossible. The bug hatch is based on water temperature. Much can affect the progression of the hatch in the river including rain storms, amount of snow melt etc. It was looking like I was going to be right in the middle of it. Salmonflies like highly oxygenated water, the riffles. Life cycle is 3 to 4 years. It is in the stone fly family. Crawls out from under boulders then up the bank onto the brush or shrubs. Shucks its outer skin then is ready to find a mate.



Dale Lopez Photo

Salmonfly nymphs. All these were found under one large rock. They were released.



Dale Lopez Photo

Pteranarcys Californicus, Salmonflies



Dale Lopez Photo

Large adult Salmonfly

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I shot this picture to illustrate the size of some of salmonfly patterns we used. Generally #4 – 6. As a reference the fly in the upper right hand corner is a #16 Elk Hair Caddis.



These are Jack & my big fish for the trip. Both 19". Jack's was bigger around. A real nice fat boy that fought hard until it was finally netted. Jack is a little less than a year into recovery from shoulder surgery. Driven by his passion for fishing and a little help from Advil his casting form is returning.



During the Salmonfly hatch we fished salmonflies with either a nymph dropper or a second smaller dry fly. It was very common to have other bug hatches going on simultaneously. The water was clear enough in places you could see Brown trout come up, almost in slow motion, to take the fly. It was so slow sometimes it was hard to wait for the take. The Rainbows seemed more aggressive to me.

During my stay I had the opportunity to meet a couple of other SPFF members who showed up including Mark Bruschaber and Dennis Smith.



Left to right. Guide Matt Morrill, Jack Johnathan, Brenda Forrest and rigging his fly rod is Mark Bruschaber.



Mark had three productive days on the Madison.

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Jack & Dennis Smith shared a drift boat on the Madison. They had some afternoon thunderstorm activity that day but as you can see they were ready for it. Weather did not affect the fishing.



Dennis big fish this day was a 21" Rainbow.



Nice shot of a Salmonfly on Dennis's reel.



Dennis's 21" fish in the net.

To sum this all up, if you are like me and your eye sight is not 20/20, the salmonfly dry flies are easy to see and fun to cast. It is a blast to see big fish take these huge dry flies. Like any other popular fishing area it can get crowded. Jack joked one day as we waited at the boat launch that it looked like a drift boat hatch. Amazingly the heavy pressure does not seem to negatively affect the quality of the fishing. Plenty of fish for all.

There are so many great places to fish near West Yellowstone. In all of Montana for that matter. During my visit Jack and I fished the Gibbon, Firehole, Madison, Indian Creek, Taylor Fork of the Gallatin River and Hebgen Lake. Those who have fished this area know there is so much more. I would have fished the historic Yellowstone River but found out after I arrived, to protect the Cutthroat spawn, it did not open until July 15th. I had hoped to fish the Lamar River but due to snow melt it was off color.

I understand now why Jack spends his summers in West Yellowstone. Good chance you will see me there again next summer.

The Firehole River

By Dale Lopez

The Firehole River is like no other river in Yellowstone Park, or in the world for that matter. Beginning in Madison Lake at nearly 8200 ft. the river meanders its way through some of the most spectacular thermal features in the park. Hot water from geothermal features first enters the river in the Upper Geyser Basin, home to the Old Faithful Geyser. In the 30 miles that make up the river it warms almost 30 degrees. Even with the high water temperatures trout thrive in the Firehole. How warm is it? In July the water can get into the high 80's. The trout in this river have adapted and are most comfortable with 70 – 75 degree water. When the water gets hot in July, and until it cools some in the fall, some fish will move into the cooler feeder creeks but most prefer to stay in the Firehole because of more secure holds and greater insect life.

I spent most of my time in the Fountain Flats area. Because of the easy access it is fished heavily. I hit the river two days in a row as it was experiencing a huge caddis hatch. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone had advised and sold me #14 White Miller Caddis. The Caddis were everywhere. Crawling all over me and blanketing the water. Even the swallows were swooping and feasting on the hatch. I am a rookie dry fly fisherman but even I caught fish.



Dale Lopez Photo



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The Madison River begins at the confluence of the Firehole and Gibbon Rivers in Yellowstone Park



Flowing basically north, the Firehole offers the fly fisherman a variety of water types before joining the Gibbon River to form the Madison River. Riffles, runs, whitewater and meadows.

The water upstream of geyser basin holds mostly Brook trout along with a few Rainbows. Below geyser basin Browns and Rainbows average 8-14". The river is known to experience excellent dry fly action on overcast and or stormy days.

I remember one day while standing in the middle of the river I watched 7 elk cross downstream of me. I was hoping they would walk along the river and provide me a Kodak moment. Didn't happen. Not uncommon to have Bison feeding nearby. Keeping me company were osprey, eagles, Canadian honkers, mountain blue birds,

robins and Trumpeter Swans. It pays to stop fishing sometimes and just take in the scenery. What a special place to fish.

I have a healthy respect for bears and spent a lot of time looking over my shoulder. I took the advice of other anglers and bought and carried bear spray. I would never want to be in a position to see if in fact it really works. A bear had been seen one morning at the Fountain Flats turn off road not to far from where I was fishing.

I had a great time fishing the Firehole and look forward to exploring more of the river next June.



YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE

PHOTOS BY DALE LOPEZ





MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. – Registration for the Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers’ 2014 Fly Fishing Faire opens July 13 with events, classes and seminars on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations may be made by phone at (818) 200 1499 or on-line at southwestcouncilfff.org/faire

Headquartered at Cerro Coso Community College, September 19-21, Faire hours are Friday, 9-5; Saturday, 9-5; and Sunday, 9-3.

Registration is \$15 adult; ages 16-years and younger free; \$20 per family. Eastern Sierra resident admission is \$10. A single admission is good for all Faire days. Some workshops and seminars are included in the admission; other classes will have separate registration, materials or participation fees.

Proceeds from the raffle will be utilized for IFFF projects including fly-fishing with Boy Scouts, conservation and education such as Trout-in-the-Classroom; and Project Healing Waters with wounded veterans in cooperation with VA Hospitals.

About 100 International Federation of Fly Fishers volunteers plus local professional guides will conduct hands-on education sessions ranging from beginning fly-tying and fly-casting classes, conservation seminars, entomology, techniques, rod building, area tours, just for women outings to on-the-river activities. The Saturday night dinner program will be at the Mammoth Event Center, 452 Old Mammoth Road. Dinner is \$35 and includes a vegetarian option.

An early listing of classes, seminars and activities includes:

Beginning Fly Fishing with Santa Lucia Fly Fishers – A morning and afternoon class will show students the basic casts needed in fly-fishing. Classes will be in both classroom and on-stream locations.

Beginning Fly Tying with Phil Therrien – A morning and afternoon class with Therrien, a Bishop local who has been tying flies for over 20 years.

Casting for Beginners with Steve Osterman – The basics from assembling the rod and reel to making rhythmic forward and back casts. This is a casting class and does not include an on-the water component.

Silver Creek Lahontan Cutthroat Recovery Project with California Department of Fish & Wildlife biologist Dawne Emery.

Morning at Hot Creek.

Rush Creek Tour.

The International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4) consists of short and feature length films produced by professional and amateur filmmakers showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly-fishing. From enormous trout in New Zealand to giant sheefish in Alaska, the variety of films at this event is sure to pique the interest of all anglers. IF4 contains exclusive content not available in another fly-fishing film event.

The film festival is at Minaret Cinemas, 439 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes on Friday (9/19) night.

Winter Fishing Opportunities with Pat Jaeger – Many areas in the Eastern Sierra are now open to year-round fishing. Learn how to extend your season and catch fish even if there is snow on the ground.

Fishing Crowley with Ernie Gulley – All the rules and specifics you will need to become proficient at fishing midges (chironomids) at Crowley Lake; “however these tactics will also work in any other stillwater on the planet,” according to Gulley.

Tying Woven and Wire Woven Nymphs with David Boyer – A veteran of national and international events, he will demonstrate everything from large stonefly nymphs to 22s.

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Tying Tube Flies with Cheryl Moore – Increase your percentage of fish landed after you hook them.

Extended Body flies with Naomi Okamoto – Intermediate to advanced tiers.

Other classes and seminars during the three day total fly-fishing immersion include Hidden Fishing Opportunities with Peter Pumphrey, Leader Building Class with Mas Okui, Hot Creek with Okui, and Streamer Fishing with David D’Beaupre of the Sierra Trout Magnet in Bishop.

“We expect confirmation of 15 to 20 more fly-tying, casting, rod building, insect identification and other how-to-do-it and where-to-go classes between now and September 19. This is the perfect activity for children, spouses, neighbors or co-workers who you want to teach to fly-fish painlessly ... but you need to get in on the fun and register now,” said Connie Bullock, Faire Director.

The Faire is sponsored by Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers, City of Mammoth Lakes, Giovani’s, Snow Creek Resort, and Fred Hall Fishing

FLY FISHING FAIRE ADDS NEW CLASSES

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. – Reacting to overwhelming early registrations, the Fly Fishing Faire has added new classes and activities for the September 19-21 event in Mammoth Lakes. “In addition to the previously announced classes and seminars, our volunteers have added about a dozen more,” said Connie Bullock, Faire director.

Additional classes, seminars and workshops include:

Women's Casting Class with Leigh Ann Swanson, a graduate of the Joan Wulff Fly Fishing School for Instructors and a member of the Pasadena Casting Club, where she serves as Vice President and the Casting Program Director.

Improve Your Distance With Dok Arvanitas. For intermediate to advanced casters. Arvanitas is an IFFF Master Casting Instructor.

I'd Give My Right Arm to be Ambidextrous with Marshall Bissett. The ability to cast with either hand even at a beginner level is a huge advantage in every fishing situation.

Intermediate Presentation Casts with Mark Allen and Larry Berg; for those who have been fly fishing for several seasons and want to improve their casting and fishing abilities.

Switch it Up with Hutch Hutchinson. Orvis pro staff member Hutchinson will demo Switch rods and show how they can work in the salt, for steelhead and on the local Mammoth streams.

Intro to Single-Handed Spey Casting with Steve Beaton, an IFFF certified casting instructor and Sweetwater Guide School graduate from Ennis, Mont.

Double Haul with Marshall Bissett. Learning the double haul will help all aspects of casting from line control to loop formation. Surprisingly easy to learn.

Rod Building for Beginners with Chiaki Harami. Everything needed to build a fly rod: a rod blank, rod seat, cork handle, winding check, hook keeper, stripping guides, regular guides, tip top, thread, epoxy and finish.

Fly tying – Woven and Wire Woven Nymphs with David Boyer; Extended Body Flies with Naomi Okamoto; Tying Tube Flies with Cheryl Moore; Woven Flies with Moore and Intermediate fly tying with Earl Arnold.

“Add to this a tour of the Indian Petroglyphs of the Eastern Sierra with Ed Swanson, films, dinner, all the previously announced classes and other family-friendly activities for an absolutely amazing weekend,” said Bullock.

Saturday night’s keynote dinner guest speaker will be Kevin Peterson, longtime professional guide, casting instructor and manager of Hot Creek Ranch.

Proceeds from the event, raffle and auctions will be utilized for IFFF projects including fly-fishing with Boy Scouts, conservation and education such as Trout-in-the-Classroom; and Project Healing Waters with wounded veterans in cooperation with VA Hospitals.

Sponsored as a community service by the Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers, headquarters in Mammoth is at Cerro Coso Community College. Faire hours are Friday, 9-5; Saturday, 9-5; and Sunday, 9-3.

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THE TIER'S CORNER

By Jim Cramer

HOOK DRIVEL



Yesterday I spent the better part of an hour trying to find some special hooks I was sure that I had, specifically Tarus 2305 which is a slightly humped shank, down eye, heavy wire, 2X long, forged black nickel. I keep the hooks I use most often stored in a rack which holds twenty-two, 20 compartment cases all neatly labeled and easy to access. This usually takes care of my immediate needs. Except the size 10 compartment was empty. No problem, I had a back up supply of several packages of these hooks in a number of sizes as it has been one of my favorite hooks for large trout. After an extensive search I found the backup supply only to discover it was void of the size 10 I needed. A quick check of the other brands I have did not turn up a substitute. That tying project will have to wait until I take my next out of town fishing trip since our local shop went out of business.

There is nothing like looking for something you can't find only to discover what you didn't know you have. In

the past few years I have acquired a lot of tying material, including hooks, from friends and acquaintances who either no longer tie or have died. Some of this I have just added to my stock without doing a real inventory. One of the things I discovered in my search was a huge supply of sub-size 20 hooks which leads me to my first rant.

Speaking of smaller hooks, it seems to me that the hook sizes have been changing over the past decade or two. Hooks that were size 18 in the past are now sold as size 22, and what were 22's are now 24's or 26's. Of course we all know that there is no industry standard covering hook sizes, and hooks made by one manufacturer have only a passing resemblance in size to those made by another. Several of today's popular hook manufacturers were unknown in the USA two decades ago and for all I know may not have even been in business.

To add to the confusion individual manufacturers have introduced "improved" styles such as the "wide gape dry fly hook." This is where I really become confused. Normally the gape of the hook determines the size designation, or vice-versa. Other modifiers such as shank length, i.e., 1X short, 2X long, etc. or wire weight, i.e., 1X fine or 2X heavy, and of course the type of bend and type of eye are added to fully describe the hook. But the gape measurement, in my humble opinion, seems to be the relevant factor in determining the hook size. Therefore why is a wide gape size 20 not in reality a size 16 or 18? Hook sizes 12 and larger don't seem to vary as much between styles and manufacturers except for the wide gape stinger styles used on many poppers and bass flies. Maybe a hook manufacture wants to claim, "My size a 20, (16) is stronger than your size 20."

Or here is another possibility. With the introduction of the 20/20 Club (a 20 inch trout on a size 20 hook), an idea promoted by outdoor writers, (they have to have something to brag about), do you suppose that the hook industry is catering to the fly fisher's egos by mislabeling their hook sizes. "The Great Hook Conspiracy"! Remember you heard it here first, cutting edge news in your club newsletter.

Another thing that really ticks me off is the way each hook manufacturer has his own numbering system. Would it be too difficult for them to agree on using the same number for all hooks that are essentially identical? And for their specialty hooks they could add a prefix letter or two to identify them as proprietary designs. It would certainly make life easier for all concerned.

I have in my hook collection a number of odd English made hooks. By odd I mean hooks in odd sizes, #15, #17, etc. I've considered tying up some fancy dry flies to have in my boxes for those special occasions when I need a one-upmanship card to play. "Boy did I jerk some big lips today with a #17 Royal Adams! Only fly they would take; it was non stop all day long."

One hook that I have been unable to find is a 3X long hook with a straight eye (not turned up or down). A Mustad # 9671 or equivalent with a straight eye would be perfect for tying small fresh water Clousers and streamers. I have heard that manufacturers will make a special run for orders 100,000 hooks or more. Then of course I need them in at least five different sizes - Nope! I'm not going to live that long. I'll just wait until some hook maker sees the light.

To add to the confusion a number of manufactures have introduced what they call a new series, such as Mustad's new "Signature Series". Some of these special hooks feature shapes that appear strange to this old tier's eye. "Semi" circle bends and pre bent shanks are all the rage. Also many of the popular hook styles of yesteryear are no longer available. I recently visited the Eagle Claw net site and they didn't even show some of the older hooks. I would not be surprised if the hooks for which I was searching have been discontinued. I just need to dig deeper.

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Let's all hope that someday; some standardization will come to this aspect of our sport. If it doesn't I can see the day when a fellow fisherman will not only ask what size and pattern you are using but will also have to ask the brand and style of hook on which it is tied. Your reply could be; "Oh I'm using a Yellow Sally, tied on a Tokomосу, model 240Z, size seventeen and a half."

Well enough of this drivel. My point being that not all hooks are created equal (size-wise). We shouldn't get all tied up (pun intended) when trying to match someone else's patterns unless they give all the details. In practice I find it easier to have a variety of sizes and not worry about what was printed on the box from which the hooks came. Maybe we should have a new classification of hook sizes, large, medium, med- small, small, extra small, tiny, and teeny-weeny, and itsy- bitsy. It works for me.

Capturing the Great Outdoors

By Dale Lopez

One reason I decided to get a smartphone a few years back was to capture and share pictures of my activities with family and friends. The technology allows us to forward a photo via email or text. The latest generation of cellphones easily do 8 megapixel and some on the market are doing 10 megapixel plus video.

I used to carry my cellphone in a Ziploc bag. While standing in a river I have removed it to take a picture. It would have been a disaster if I had dropped it in the water. I thought about buying a water proof camera but it looked like it was going to be at least \$300. The solution to my problem was solved when I fished with a guide who had a waterproof case for his cellphone. I did not know they existed. The guide took pictures, emailed me copies and had them on his blog before we hauled the boat off the water. You may be surprised to know a large percentage of the photos you see in our newsletters are off cellphones.



I shopped and decided on an Otterbox Armor series. I paid about \$80. On the left you will see my cellphone. To the right is the waterproof Otterbox. Good to 6' for 30 minutes. When I go fishing now I slip my cellphone into the Otterbox case and carry it in my waders. Always at the ready. It got a good test last month when after a guide had launched his boat and dropped the anchor asked Jack & I to watch the

boat while he parked his truck. Well, we were not that attentive. I had to chase the boat down the river. While trying to pull it back to the boat ramp I slipped and fell in. Are you laughing at me or with me? Everything got wet except my lips. They were out of the water hollering "Ohhhhh that's cold".

So if you find yourself lusting after a waterproof camera, you may want to consider a waterproof case for your cellphone.

Newsletter Submissions

By Dale Lopez

I would ask those who won auctions for guided outings last year, and those who will win this year, to please consider writing a little something up for submission to the newsletter. Not only are you doing service to the membership by sharing your experience but to the outfitter who donated their services to our annual fundraiser. It's a win win for all involved. Do your best and the newsletter editing team will do theirs to ensure the i's are dotted and t's crossed? Include pictures if you or the outfitter has them. Even the outfitter's website stock pictures are welcome.

To all. This is your newsletter and its content are dependent on those generous enough to keep its pages full of club, personal outings and activities. Never feel because you did not catch a luncker that your experience or pictures are not newsworthy. I might even stretch your fish in Photoshop for you.





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
Sepulveda / Mission Hills, CA
91343

Send an email to David Hoffberg,
Project Healing Waters Program
Lead dhoffberg@aol.com



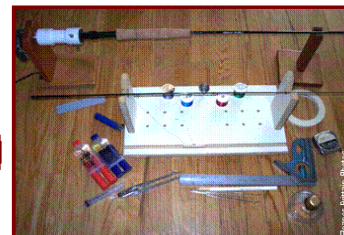
"You may feel a little discomfort...
like impaling yourself with a 3-0 salmon fly hook."

Education

ROD BUILDING CLASS

Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers

Catch a fish on a fly rod you built!



We have it all when it comes to Education. Come join SPFF in learning how to build your own fly rod. Duaine Berger leads this class with his expertise in putting together a fly rod of your choice.

This class will start in September, with an orientation to be held on Sept. 24th at 7pm at the Mount Aire Facility in Sylmar. The classes will follow on October 15, 22, 29, November 5th and 12th.

For further information or if you would like to sign up for our rod building class, you can contact:

Steve Ebersold, Education Chair at spff_education@yahoo.com or Duaine Berger at dberger28@verizon.net.

Outing Opportunity

WANT TO SEE YOUR BACKING?

By Michael Schweit



Try a 2 day tuna trip out of San Diego. We have all the fly gear necessary and you can fish bait if you so choose. September 30-October 01 (Leaves the night of September 29). \$675.00 includes food, Mexican fishing permit and bunk. You pay for drinks, crew tip and fish cleaning. Contact Michael Schweit for more information. 818.7573474 home, 818.6019702 cell

MAY 2014

PHW Vets	1
Board Meeting	1
Mother's Day	11
PHW Vets	15
Dinner Meeting Brant Oswald , Spring Creek Tactics Make You A Better Trout Angler	15
Big Horn Outing	18-24
Memorial Day	26

JUNE 2014

PHW Vets	5
Board Meeting	5
Hot Creek Ranch Outing	6-9
Father's Day	15
PHW Vets	19
Dinner Meeting Kirk Deeter Brown Trout Around the World	19

JULY 2014

PHW Vets	3
Board Meeting	3
Independence Day	4
Pre GSO Outing Workshop	10
Dinner Meeting George Daniel, Nymphing Dynamics	15
PHW Vets	17
Getting Started Outing "GSO" / Bishop / Mammoth	25-27

AUGUST 2014

IFFF National Fair @ Livingston MT.	4-9
PHW Vets	7
Board Meeting	7
Tejon Ranch Float Tube Outing	9
Annual Picnic Malibu Lake	10

SEPTEMBER 2014

Labor Day	1
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome Volunteers!	4
Board Meeting	4
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome Volunteers!	18
SWC Fly Fishing Faire/Mammoth Lakes	19-21
Annual Auction Dinner MTG	23
Rod Building Class Orientation	24
Rosh Hashanah	25

OCTOBER 2014

90 Day Membership Renewal Notice PHW Vets	2
Board Meeting	2
Yom Kipper	4
Missouri River Outing	5-11



Rod Building Class	15,22,29
PHW Vets	16
Dinner Meeting , John Sherman , Fishing for Steelhead in the Rivers of California & the Northwest	16
Halloween	31
Nymphing Clinic	10/31-11/2

NOVEMBER 2014

60 Day Membership Renewal Notice Nymphing Clinic	10/31-11/2
Rod Building Class	5,12
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome Volun- teers!	6
Board Meeting	6
SWC IFFF Interclub Tournament	8
Chanukah (First Day)	9
Veterans Day	11
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome Volunteers!	20
Dinner Meeting Gary Bulla "FISHING LOCAL SURF"	20
Thanksgiving	27

DECEMBER 2014

30 Day Membership Renewal Notice PHW Vets Outing/Welcome Volunteers!	4
Board Meeting	4
Hanukkah	17
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome Volunteers!	18
Annual Awards Dinner Meeting (Bring un-wrapped toy & cash for food bank)	18
Christmas	25
New Years Eve	31
Annual Membership Expires	31

Casting Clinic at Balboa Lake

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

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

To place your "Classified
Ad" in the *Fly Paper*, we
ask that you donate 10% of
the sale price to SPFF
Foundation Conservation.

Catch of the Month



Frank & Melissa welcomed Troy Frank Vargas into the world July 5th 2014. Vary creative way to qualify for catch of the month. Congratulation's to the Vargas family.

Next Dinner Meeting Tuesday September 23rd.

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Hot Rolls & Butter

Caesar Salad

Tri-tip
Baked Potato and Green Beans
or
Broiled Salmon
Baked Potato and Green Beans

Ice Cream Sundae

Coffee—Tea—Iced Tea

Cocktails at 5:30 PM / Dinner 7:00
Call 818.789.1919 Ext 10 (Charity) or
email

MontereyatEncino@Gmail.com

Reserve by September 17th.

\$30.00 Cash or Check, No Cards
Donations greatly appreciated from our
non-dining guests.

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