



Dinner Meeting for Thursday, October 16th

Learning from Steelhead Fly Fishing Tactics

with John Sherman



While many people consider steelhead fly fishers a group of somewhat strange masochists (steelhead being the fish of a thousand casts, the weather often cold, etc.), we all should admit that tactics developed by steelheaders have helped everyone who is going to a trout stream. These tactics include the recent success of spey casting techniques (which are not just for two-handed rods but also for eight and nine foot, single-handed rods), but nymphing strategies as well and how to search for and locate fish. No one knows this better than John Sherman who, in addition to traveling regularly in California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii representing Simms fly fishing gear and Hatch Outdoors sales (especially their fine reels), has fished *a lot* for steelhead in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

John has presented to our clubs before and, because of his highly professional photography skills and his wonderful storytelling abilities, has impressed everyone in SoCal. This month will be no exception, with John being the perfect guide for this topic -- we will see and learn about all the wonderful opportunities to fish up and down the left side of the country and how to increase our fishing skills for different species.

John was born and raised in Visalia, California where, at eight years of age and hanging around Buz's, the local fly shop, he learned how to fly fish. In 1999, John graduated from California State University Chico with a degree in Business Administration and Marketing. But fly fishing was his passion, so after graduation, he spent two months fishing for steelhead in British Columbia. (Didn't want to rush that getting down to work routine.)

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR OCTOBER

First Prize — Orvis Clearwater 5 WT Rod

Second Prize — Orvis Mid Arbor II Reel

Third Prize — Orvis Wadding Staff

Big Barrel

One dozen flies & box, Orvis Dry fly patch, Belt,
Dog collar , Tippet Rings, Fly Line

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Thank you to all who made Sierra Pacific Flyfishers' Annual Fundraiser on September 23rd a very fun evening, and hopefully a success. As I write this, the final tally is not yet in, but we seemed to have spirited bidding, and every item sold. Thank you to all of you who both increased the bids and those of you who were the winning bidders. Glenn Short did a great job. But, the Fundraiser is not yet over. Please be sure and let all your friends with dogs know about the Rattlesnake Avoidance Training for Dogs that Debbie Sharpston has set up for October 12, 2014 at

Mountains Restoration Trust – details for the event went out in a recent email - \$75 to save your dog's life seems a small price to pay. SPFF will receive half the net proceeds from this event for our conservation efforts. Thank you Debbie for coming up with this event that will be of significant benefit for both SPFF and dog owners.

The Club is still looking for a couple of you to step up and provide service to the Club in the form of being on the Fundraising Committee now that Steve Esgate has retired. Steve has done an excellent job over the years of bringing in great trips and equipment to bid on which through the generosity of our members has raised substantial money to help SPFF make significant and real contributions to conservation efforts and Club programs. But, we need your help to continue these efforts. So, grab a friend and come join our efforts to ensure that SPFF remains the most effective and altruistic fly fishing club in Southern California and beyond.

We have some cool events coming up – our rod building class will be held on Wednesday nights beginning October 15th, we'll have our Nymphing Clinic Workshop on October 18th, followed by the Nymphing Clinic held on the first weekend in November – get out there and sharpen those nymphing skills if you want to catch more fish! Hopefully you're taking advantage of the Casting Clinics that are being held on the first and third Saturdays of the month at Lake Balboa, if you haven't already. Check the website for times and locales.

Thanks also to the SPFF members who attended and volunteered at the Southwest Council-International Federation of Fly Fishers' third annual Fly Fishing Faire in Mammoth Lakes – a special thank you to Susi Wright who volunteered for several shifts over the three days and helped us out immensely. A great time was had by all, and those of you who didn't make it to Saturday night's dinner missed out on a very funny program by Kevin Peterson and Pat Jaeger about their experiences with "interesting" clients over the years. Tight lines, Bill

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MEMBERSHIP

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

Kendall Henry

SPFF FLY FISHING BOOKS & DVD LIBRARY



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.

Board Members & Committees

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While attending Chico State, John worked at the Powell Fly Shop and guided on the Feather and Sacramento Rivers for steelhead and salmon. Since then, John has fished the West Coast from Alaska to the Baja Peninsula for everything from steelhead, to salmon, stripers, black bass, trout and numerous blue water species. He has also hosted numerous trips around the globe, including taking fly fishers to such exotic locales as Australia, Russia, Iceland, Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas, Belize, Argentina and Indonesia. John is also a very accomplished outdoor photographer who has had his work published in magazines such as *Field & Stream*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *The Drake*, *California Fly Fisher*, *Northwest* and *Southwest Fly Fishing*. He has been documenting his expeditions with a camera since the age of 10.

A few years ago, John teamed up with Captain Mike Costello to produce the first and only fly fishing book dedicated to the California Delta, **Fly Fishing the California Delta**, which has been a top selling book since 2010. John lives in Discovery Bay, on the San Joaquin Sacramento River Delta with his wife Natih, daughter Kalum, son Kasix and dog Portis.

To see more about John and his many photo skills, go to www.johnngsherman.com



Club Outing

NYMPHING CLINIC REMINDER

Bishop, CA. October 31, November 1,2

By Bill Woods, Outings Chair

The Nymphing Clinic is a great outing to learn how to fish for trout below the surface of the water. The club has instructors that show you their styles and techniques in nymph fishing. We show you how to use different nymph patterns to catch trout feeding when they are not taking flies on the surface. Nymph fishing has been a proven technique in catching many larger fish on the Lower Owens as well as many streams in the Eastern Sierra. Come join us for a weekend of fishing in the Bishop/Mammoth Lakes area. Equipment, gear, and what you need to bring will be discussed in a pre-outing clinic prior to the outing. This year's outing will take place Halloween weekend, Oct. 31, 2014- Nov.2. For further information you can contact Steve Ebersold at (818) 439-0556 or spff_education@yahoo.com. or Bill Woods at wwoods@socal.rr.com.

Please go to spff.org where you can register for the Nymphing Clinic



ANNUAL NYMPHING CLINIC

Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers

Fish with sub-surface flies or Nymphs

One of the best outings of the year!

You can fish on your own

Collecting Nymphs

SPFF MEMBERS HONOR MEMORY OF ROBERT KAZAHAYA

By Marshall Bissett



Under gathering storm clouds a staunch group of Club members gathered at Hot Creek Ranch to install a commemorative plaque in honor of the late Robert Kazahaya or simply “Kazy” as he was known to his many friends. The plaque was attached to a bench at a favorite spot opposite the willow tree in the Ranch section of the stream. Longtime friend and fellow angler Mas Okui delivered a touching account of Kazy’s profound influence on the Club and his acts of generosity to new and old Club members. Other Club members came forward with similar stories of how Kazy had touched their lives by his instruction, enthusiasm and expertise. A voracious collector of equipment, Kazy left behind a warehouse full of rods, reels and fly tying equipment. Although his first love was deep sea fishing, he was able to excel in any fishing situation. He often joked that, despite his angling passion and Japanese heritage, he never developed a taste for eating fish. Ranch manager, Kevin Peterson said, “We are delighted to honor the memory of Kazy in this way – this was a special place for him and we will miss his visits here.” Also in attendance were Kazy’s widow Joanne, daughter Julie and grandson Reed. The plaque will be a permanent reminder of a truly remarkable angler and the next best thing to having him guide you on the stream he loved so much.



CONSERVATION

Fishing Malibu Creek

by Debbie Sharpton



Left to Right. Joey Guzman, Danny Esquivias, Steve Esgate, Alex Serrano, Debbie Sharpton, Bert Smith, Frank Vargas Sr, Debra Rarrick



Boris Guererro



Joey Guzman

Yes there is fishing in the Santa Monica Mountains. This summer saw the launching of an enhancement project to give the endangered southern steelhead below Rindge Dam and little bit more wiggle room from the predators - aka carp, small mouth bass and bluegill, found above the dam. Guys and gals from SPFF, Santa Barbara, Southern Sierra and South Bay have been pitching in on the “Catch and Remove” effort. The bluegill were easy picking, the bass slightly harder and the carp way too smart for me. A couple hundred pounds of fish are now crayfish trap bait, and then the crayfish are fed to the orphaned raccoons and other critters. Interesting cycle, isn’t it? Let me know if you want to help out by sending an email to conservation@spff.org



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
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Sepulveda / Mission Hills, CA
91343



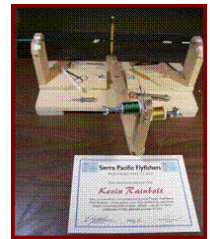
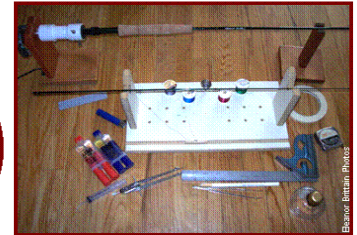
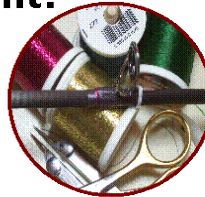
Education

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.

Casting Clinic at Balboa Lake



1st & 3rd Saturday each month unless otherwise noted. Instructors are usually available most Saturday mornings 9 - 11AM, schedules permitting. Map & directions on our website.

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 201490 Day Membership Renewal Notice

PHW Vets	2
Board Meeting	2
Yom Kipper	4
Missouri River Outing	5-11
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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 201430 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
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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



Bennett Mintz with a prized 15-inch Fine Spotted (aka Small Spotted) Cutthroat Trout from the Salt River, Wyoming. Fine Spotted cutts are very hard fighters and play more like half-pound steelhead. This one fell to a Royal Trude.

Next Dinner Meeting **Thursday October 16th**

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Baby Green Salad with Italian Dressing

Meat Lasagna with
Steamed Vegetables

or

Broiled Swai (Very Mild Whitefish)
Rice Pilaf with Steamed Vegetables
Or Pasta Marinara with Steamed
Vegetables

Ice Cream Sundae

Coffee—Tea—Iced Tea

Cocktails at 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00
Call 818.789.1919 **Ext 10** (Charity) or
email

MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com
Reserve by Monday October 13th

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

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