



## **Dinner Meeting for Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** **Secrets of the Kern** With Guy Jeans



Guy Jeans Photo

The southern Sierra are close to where we live, with many locals considering this area our “home waters.” And the Kern River is one of the main destinations for all southern California fly fishers. In fact, all of the southern Sierra provide us with wonderful fishing as well as legendary California beauty.

In our first presentation for 2015, we will learn the secrets of successfully fishing the Kern, as well as the waters of the entire area. We will be shown and told about the best fly fishing locations, techniques, strategies and flies to use. We will be shown both the cold and warm water fish species we can catch there on flies and we’ll be given valuable information about the local entomology and the best flies to use.

And who will be our guide in this entertaining and informative journey? None other than a professional fly fisher who has been actively fishing and teaching our sport in the southern Sierra for more than 30 years. Guy Jeans teaches and instructs fly fishing to hundreds of happy anglers each year and spends more than 200 days a year guiding on these waters that include the Sequoia National Forest and the Golden Trout Wilderness. Guy spends the majority of his time on the Kern and its tributaries and anglers come from around the world to catch three of California's native trout, which are found only in their native habitat throughout the southern Sierra streams. These trout are the California Golden Trout, the Kern River Rainbow, and the Little Kern Golden.

In addition to guiding along the Kern River, Guy's superb teaching skills have led him to being asked to host for many fly fishing group trips. He also provides casting clinics and lectures at numerous sportsmen shows and events and even teaches fly fishing in the California surf.

In 2004, Guy created and was a charter member of the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club, which is located in Kernville. In 2014, the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers received the McKenzie Cup from the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) for their conservation work on the Kern River Rainbow, as well as their very popular “Kids Fly Fishing Academy” held every spring.

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## **RAFFLE ITEMS FOR JANUARY**

**First Prize** — Orvis Clearwater 4 WT Rod

**Second Prize** — Orvis Mid Arbor II Reel

**Third Prize** — BRODIN gost net or a Orvis gale force sling pack

### **Big Barrel**

One dozen flies & box, Orvis Wading Cool Max socks pack of 3,  
Orvis magnifier glasses, Orvis Dry fly patch, Rervivex treatment for Gortex,  
Watertight Fly Boxes Montana Fly Co

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As I start my new term as SPFF President and join the long distinguished group who have gone before me, I want to thank my predecessor Bill O'Kelly for the four years he put in as Club President. Under his guidance the Club has made huge strides forward in every area. Bill – you will be a hard act to follow – I have enjoyed our lively discussions and will take to heart your teachings on the joys of democracy.

I will be continuing in my role as Programs Chair (the guy who helps book the monthly Speakers) since we have our programs in place for the next two years.

I also want to thank my Fellow board members – you are the backbone of this great Club and without your solid presence I would be much more nervous about taking on this new responsibility. So, what challenges and goals should we set ourselves in 2015?

At a time when many local Clubs are seeing a pullback in their membership, SPFF remains strong but we can always use revenue from increased membership to fund our education and conservation programs. To this end we have formed a development committee to look into ways to take the burden of raising income away from the Annual auction and fundraiser and spread it out throughout the year. We will be offering incentive programs for you the members to help attract new members. In 2015 our first group opportunity to do this is the ITFF Introduction to Fly Fishing sessions starting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please tell all your friends that this is the best deal in town. Our attendance has come almost entirely from members' word of mouth – let's keep that tradition alive. Send all your friends and neighbors to the website for sign up.

Thanks to Outings Chair Bill Woods we have a busy schedule in January and thru Super Bowl weekend. Whenever possible our 2015 outings will be hosted by a local guide. You will have the chance to pay a nominal fee to help cover guide costs or just go on the outing as you have in the past. Guided spots will be limited and will be on a first sign up basis. We hope that this will not only increase the quality of instruction on outings but will forge good relationships with the local guide community who have been so generous to the Club. Make it your New Year's resolution to visit the website regularly and sign up for the many Club activities. Make 2015 the year where you work less and fish more! The Club is here to help you achieve this goal.

Marshall Bissett

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## MEMBERSHIP

### 2014 SPFF MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED

**What should I do!**



If you have not already renewed log on in at [www.spff.org](http://www.spff.org) and you will receive a reminder notice in a little box. You start the renewal process by clicking on the little red **Renew** link just below the link to log out of the system. This link will take you to the proper screens to process your renew-al.

If you prefer to renew by cash or check, you follow the same procedures as above. However, instead of selecting to pay by credit card, you can select to pay by cash or check. You then need to contact our Membership Chair Jay Bushore at [members@spff.org](mailto:members@spff.org) to arrange to get the cash or check to him in some convenient manner. You may also give/send your cash/check to our Treasurer, Mike Hembree. In any event, at the end of the process you can select a button to print a copy of the on-screen receipt.

We hope that the system makes this a convenient and easy method of handling membership renewals for you. If you have any questions, contact Jay at [members@spff.org](mailto:members@spff.org).

### That Time of the Year





## SPFF 2014 Annual Awards

Ren Colantoni Photos



Lifetime Membership awarded to Bill Harry



Michael Peratis accepting the Kazy service award.



Lifetime Membership awarded to Steve Esgate

### Other Awards not pictured

- Order of the Mayfly to Charles Jardine for his contributions to the art of fly fishing.
- Certificate of Appreciation to Russ Garske for his years of service on the Board of Directors as Recording Secretary and Webmaster.



Bob Thille was awarded a 25 Year Membership Badge



David Hoffberg presented a PHW Certificate of Appreciation to Steve Ellis. Accepting for Steve was Ken Lindsay.



# Learn to Fly Fish

Sierra Pacific Flyfishers Presents  
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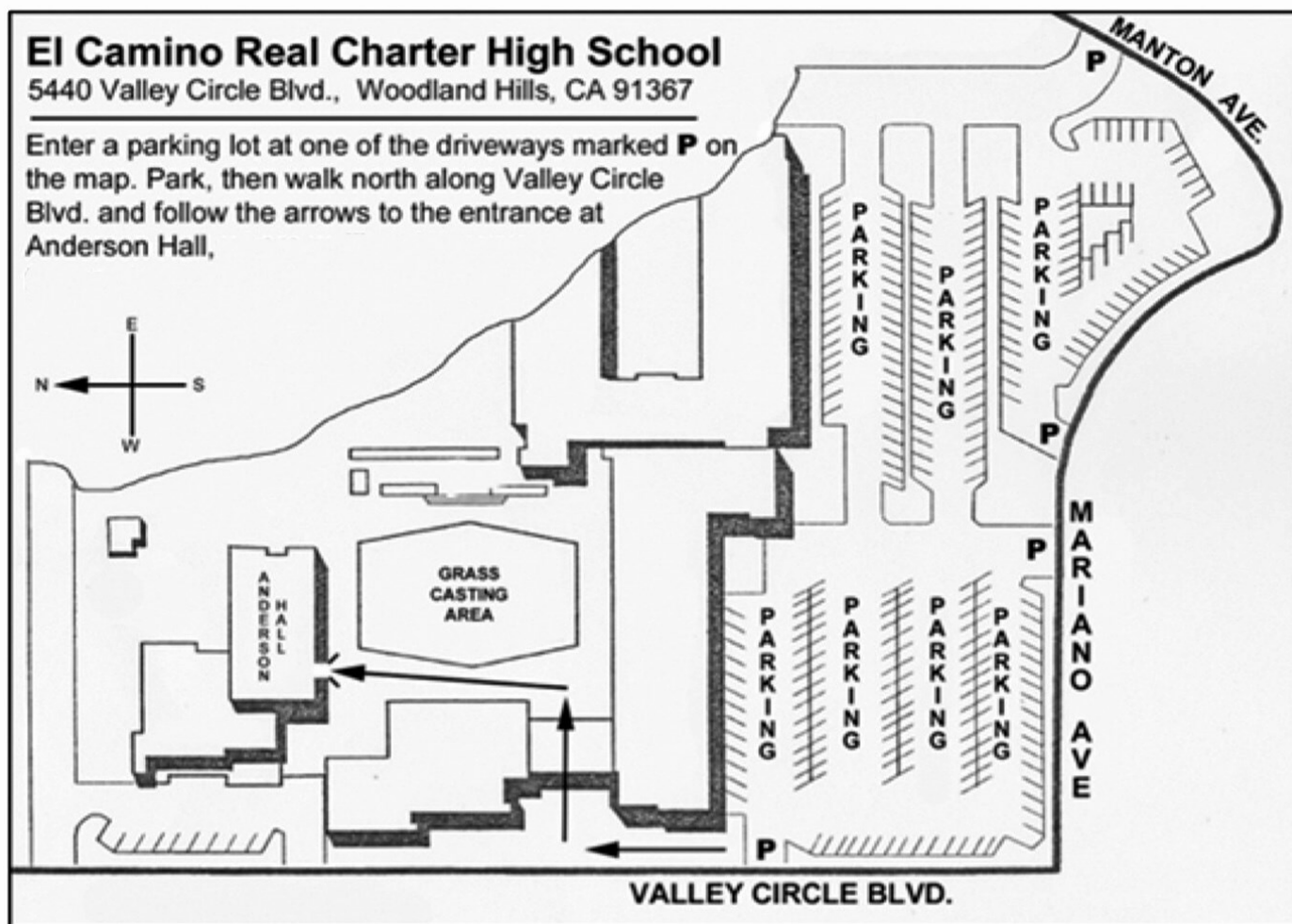
Session #1.....February 14  
Session #2.....February 21  
Session #3.....February 28  
Session #4.....March 7

**ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:30**

Go to **[www.spff.org](http://www.spff.org)** & pre-register for this class.  
You'll get a free package of 6 flies at the 1st session!

Contact Steve Ebersold at 818-439-0556  
or [education@spff.org](mailto:education@spff.org) for more information

## SPFF Learn to Fish El Camino High School Campus Parking & Class Room Location Map



(continued from page 1 Guy Jeans)

Guy is recognized as an IFFF Certified Casting Instructor and in 2012, received the "Lee Wulff Award" from the IFFF. He is the host of the DVDs: Volume I "Sierra Fly Fishing - The Lower Kern River" and Volume II "The Kern River in the Golden Trout Wilderness." Guy also writes fly fishing articles for magazines and newspapers such as *Southwest Fly Fishing* magazine. Throughout the year, Guy lectures and teaches at various clubs and events on the fly fishing opportunities of the southern Sierra. He is a contractual fly designer for Solitude Fly Company and his most popular design, the "Kern Emerger" series, is sold and fished internationally.

Guy was born and raised in the beautiful coastal town of Ventura, California, where he enjoyed surfing and fishing. He put his hands on a fly rod when he was eight-years-old and, for the next few years, he dabbled in fly fishing while exploring his home waters of Matilija and Sespe Creeks. But once he met and came under the tutelage of Ray Johnson and Bill Blackstone, members of Guy's local club, the Sespe Fly Fishers, Guy's learning curve skyrocketed. Ray taught him how to cast, build rods and tie flies. Bill taught him about entomology and tying flies from non-conventional tying materials. Guy says that he owes a lot of his fly fishing addiction to these two masters. Guy proudly proclaims that, because of these two gentlemen, he has taught thousands of fly anglers around the world how to fly fish and, specifically, how to fish the technical waters of the Kern River. Guy says, "I have committed myself to passing on this wonderful sport that these two gentlemen passed on to me."

The love Guy developed for the waters he encountered 30 years ago eventually led to his pioneering a fly fishing guide service, a fly-fishing school and opening the Kern River Fly Shop in 2002.

In addition to these activities, Guy made a living composing, writing and performing music for various bands as a pianist/singer. As a musician traveling to different areas of the west to perform, he discovered the Kern River and many other waters of the southern Sierra. In Guy's spare time, he still performs today with his newly created band, "Stoneflies."

Guy is recognized as a pro staff member for Redington Fly Rods and Hatch Reels. In addition, he is a Simms Guide Ambassador for Simms fishing products. You can learn more about Guy, the Kern River Fly Shop and the Kern River Fly Fishing Guide Service at: [www.kernriverflyfishing.com](http://www.kernriverflyfishing.com)



## Super Bowl Weekend Outing 2015

By Bill Woods



Dale Lopez Photo

The Super Bowl Weekend Outing has become one of the best loved outings of the year. It is a very free form outing. Just come up to Bishop and fish the Lower Owens River. We do have three regular scheduled activities this year and *one stupendous special activity*.. First: those who are interested can meet Friday morning behind BBQ Bill's to get directions, pair up, or just say "Hello!". Second: another morning meet Saturday for those interested in pairing up. Third: Saturday evening we have the Bishop Country Club banquet room reserved for our group dinner. This year, we will once again offer the prime rib special dinner plus a range of selections from the 19th Hole salad and sandwich menu. You must select the prime rib dinner when registering to be assured of having it at dinner. And of course, there is the no host bar.

We have scheduled an on the water clinic with renowned guide David D'Beaupre on Saturday Morning. Check out his website [Sierra Trout Magnet](#), read his bio and check the fishing reports. then select this clinic for a memorable morning on the lower Owens River. This clinic must be paid for up front. You can pay online when registering or later, or send a check payable to SPFF to Bill Woods. The clinic is currently full, but we will schedule an additional morning if there's enough interest. Contact Bill Woods if interested.

Group Dinner is **Saturday 6 PM** at the Bishop Country Club 19th Hole. Please register [here](#) or RSVP to [outings@spff.org](mailto:outings@spff.org).

**While registration for these activities is not required, it is appreciated. It helps us be prepared for the crowds.** As always, if you have difficulty registering, call or email Bill Woods (contact information is posted above).





**January 31, 2015 9 am - 4 pm**

*Great Buys on New and Used Tackle  
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**LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB. 4901 East 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804**

**Bring usable and sellable items originally priced over \$40.00 to donate  
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**Membership available at door.**

**Call 818. 757. 3474 or email: [secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org)**



## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**



### **FLY TYING 9-4**

Learn from award winning fly tiers. Bill Blackstone, Al Q, John Rose, Glenn Hiroyasu, John Van Derhoof, Mark Kirchner, Maria Rivas, Steven Fernandez, Dave Boyer, Mel Light, Dean Endress, Lee Baerman, Carl Ronk, Naomi Okamoto, Steve Posner, Vaughn Podmore, Mike Forest, Kevin Green and others.

They will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques!

This event will feature 3 renowned Buzsek Award winners.

### **GARAGE SALE: 9-4**

Please donate items for the fly fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters or as needed by the SWC member clubs. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10.00. A great opportunity to dispose of extras and unwanted items of all matters fly fishing. Please give items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly. This is the perfect way to do spring cleaning and to help the SWCFFF!

### **CASTING 9-4**

Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from our Certified Federation Instructors. \$1.00 per minute (15 minutes minimum). Your casting can be analyzed by one of our certified instructors. Get tips on your Single-handed, Spey or double-haul casting. See how you do in the **Danish Casting Games!** Come join in on the fun of casting!

### **SILENT AUCTIONS 9-4**

For your bidding pleasure both select and special items will be on the tables all day. Bidding will be opened all day. Come any time and place your bids!



## Southwest Council of Federation of Fly Fishers

**SWC FLY BUY JANUARY 31, 2015 AND TEACH THE TEACHERS JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> TO FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
By William O'Kelly

The Southwest Council FFF will again be having its Annual FlyBuy on January 31, 2015 – hope to see all of you who don't go to the SPFF Super Bowl Outing that weekend. Sorry for the “double booking” but there's just a lot going on during the “un-busy” winter season. Those of you who need to clean out your garage of older, functioning equipment so you can add shiny new equipment in its place, and who like donating to great causes can kill two birds with one stone: donate it to the SWC for sale at the FlyBuy Garage Sale, and if you donate useable items that had an original value of over \$100, you get free admission to FlyBuy, which includes your lunch.

The SWC will also be presenting Teach the Teachers from 8:00 to noon on each Saturday from January 24<sup>th</sup> to February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Pasadena Casting Club, with the exception of the 31<sup>st</sup> when the class will be held at Long Beach Casting Club. Come learn how to be a volunteer casting instructor, and improve your own casting at the same time. This is a great way to prepare for SPFF's Introduction to Fly Casting class that will begin with an orientation session on February 14<sup>th</sup>, (so you can attend the last Teach the Teachers session on the 14<sup>th</sup>) with the casting lessons to follow on each Saturday through March 7<sup>th</sup>. Because SPFF would prefer that you have attended these classes before you help teach casting at ITFF, SPFF will reimburse students the cost of \$65 for IFFF members/\$85 for non-ITFF members if you show up at each of the three ITFF casting sessions to help instruct our students.

Please contact Bill O'Kelly, at [kyhoya1115@gmail.com](mailto:kyhoya1115@gmail.com), or Michael Schweit, [President@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:President@southwestcouncilfff.org) to coordinate a pick-up of your gear if you won't be coming down, or just don't want to lug it around. Let us know if you want a receipt, and thank you for your anticipated generosity.

## The 2014 Annual Fly Tiers Christmas Dinner

By Ellie Brittain



The annual Fly Tier's Christmas dinner was held again at Michael Peratis' Clubhouse in Chatsworth on December 10th. Fly Tiers and their spouses enjoyed an excellent potluck dinner and always fun and exciting "Pirate Gift exchange." Thanks to Michael for hosting the event, to Smoother for organizing it and to the helpful elves, Gene Mahn and Debbie Sharpton. See you next year!

Photos by Ellie Brittain





# Holiday Dinner Meeting Photos

Compliments of Michael Schweit







## Volunteer Opportunity!

**B**ecome an SPFF Project Healing Waters Volunteer.

**S**pend time with a Veteran and share the wonderful world of Fly Fishing.

**W**e 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!

**M**any 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.

**S**o Come Join the Fun!  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dhoffberg@aol.com)

**Montana Outing**



David Hoffberg Photos

## DATES ANNOUNCED

### BIGHORN RIVER MONTANA 2015 OUTING

By Jack Jonathan



Paul Guttenberg Photo

24" Rainbow on the Bighorn River

**B**ighorn River trip **May 17 – 23**. 7 days, 6 nights lodging, 5 days guided drift boats & meals. Not included is airfare to Billings Mt., round trip airport transport to Fort Smith and tips. \$1500.



<http://bighornangler.com/>

For more information please contact Jack Johnathan at 818.516.7958 or [jackjona@aol.com](mailto:jackjona@aol.com).

### PHW Surf Outing



David Hoffberg Photos

### MISSOURI RIVER MONTANA 2015 OUTING

By Jack Jonathan



Richard Asher Photo

24" Brown on the Missouri River

**M**issouri River trip **October 4 - 10**, 7 days, 6 nights lodging, 5 days guided drift boats & meals. Not included is airfare to & from Great Falls Mt. & tips. TBD.



<http://www.prewettcreekinn.com/>

For more information please contact Jack Johnathan at 818.516.7958 or [jackjona@aol.com](mailto:jackjona@aol.com).

I will be in Montana from about mid June to early October. I will be available to show you around if any one is interested in coming up early. For more information please contact Jack Johnathan at 818.516.7958 or [jackjona@aol.com](mailto:jackjona@aol.com).

### PHW Montana Outing



David Hoffberg Photos



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New Years Day .....	1
Board Meeting .....	8
Beginning Fly Tying Class #1.....	14
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome	
Volunteers!.....	15
<b>Dinner Meeting, Guy Jeans Secrets of the Kern.....</b>	<b>15</b>
Surf Rigging Workshop.....	18
Martin Luther King Jr. Day .....	19
Beginning Fly Tying Class #2.....	28
<b>Super Bowl Outing .....</b>	<b>30- Feb-1</b>



Dale Lopez Photo

FEBRUARY 2015

Beginning Fly Tying Class #3 .....	4
Board Meeting .....	5
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome	
Volunteers! .....	5
Beginning Fly Tying Class #4 .....	11
Valentines Day .....	14
Intro to Fly Fishing #1.....	14
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Beginning Fly tying Class #5 .....	18
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome	
Volunteers!.....	19
<b>Dinner Meeting, Jon Baiocchi Fly Fishing Lake Davis.....</b>	<b>19</b>
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MARCH 2015

Fred Hall Show Long Beach.....	4-8
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Board Meeting .....	5
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome	
Volunteers! .....	5
Intro to Fly Fishing Instruction #4.....	7
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MAY 2015

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Board Meeting .....	7
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Big Horn Outing.....	17-23
PHW Vets .....	21
<b>Dinner Meeting, Larry Johnson New Mexico San Juan River.....</b>	<b>21</b>
Memorial Day.....	25

JUNE 2015

PHW Vets .....	4
Board Meeting .....	4
PHW Vets .....	18
<b>Dinner Meeting, David Wotton Fly Fishing Arkansas White River.....</b>	<b>18</b>
Father's Day .....	21



**As a reminder, its time to buy your 2015 Fishing license.**

Casting Clinic at Balboa Lake

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

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

## Catch of the Month



Doubles!! Two fine rainbows caught by members Paul Kelson and Howard Rosen in August 2014 on the Copper River near Iliamna Lake, Alaska. Howard Rosen photo.

### **Next Dinner Meeting** **Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Monterey At Encino  
16821 Burbank Blvd  
Encino, CA 91436

#### Menu

Caesar Salad

Four Cheese Ravioli  
In Marinara Sauce  
with Steamed Vegetables  
or  
Broiled Swai, (Mild White Fish)  
with Rice Pilaf &  
Steamed Vegetables

Chocolate Sundae with  
White Chocolate Sauce

Coffee—Tea—Iced Tea

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

[MontereyatEncino@Gmail.com](mailto:MontereyatEncino@Gmail.com)  
Reserve by Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>

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

## SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

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