



Dinner Meeting for Thursday, April 16th

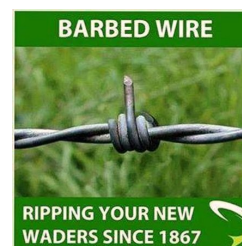
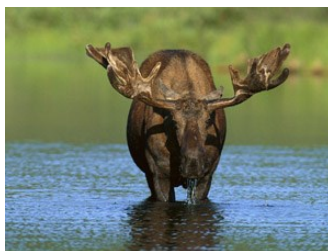
Death by Fly Fishing

By Wanda & Gary Taylor



Whether you realize it or not, fly fishing is definitely an athletic sport. Now it's not a bruising contact sport, but we all need to accept it is not necessarily 100% soft or completely safe. In fact, statistics bear out that it is 100 times more dangerous than golf, as dangerous as mountain climbing and almost equally as dangerous as hunting. The adventure factor of our sport is one of the tantalizing things that draw the wild at heart to fly angling. We enjoy reveling in the thrill of being successfully deceptive scam artists in order to hook, land and look our prey in the eye, unashamed with delight and even a little smugness in its capture. What we might tend to forget is that in our sacrifice for this exhilarating moment, we just might inflict ourselves with bodily harm . . . and, in some cases, even death.

For our April 2015 presentation we are going to learn about some of the dangerous situations that need to be acknowledged and prepared for. And our guides in this important examination of valuable potential dangers in our sport are perfect for the task. Wanda and Gary Taylor have fly fished all around the world and witnessed injuries, natural disasters, wild animal attacks and deceptions. They will share with you how to avoid some of these unexpected situations and how to prepare for some of the elements of dancing with the dangers of fly fishing.



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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR APRIL

First Prize — Orvis Clearwater 6 wt. 9' rod

Second Prize — Orvis Access reel 4-6 wt

Third Prize — Hot Creek Ranch print by Jill Field-Duerr

Big Barrel

**Orvis fly box, One dozen flies and box, Orvis dog collar,
Brown Trout Simms Sun Hat, SPFF Coffee Cup, SPFF T-Shirt**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



April is the cruelest month complained poet T.S. Eliot in 1922. He might have been speaking of California's water problems. Recent reports suggest we have only a year's supply of reservoir water left and then we will have to hit the ground water supply. Mammoth has about 15% of its normal snow pack which means lack of river water and lack of tourist dollars for the Eastern Sierra. At the recent graduation outing I talked to the owner of Culver's (SPFF's newest sponsor) who predicted a gloomy future for fly shops in Bishop and Mammoth unless the El Nino year happens soon. SPFF certainly played its part in helping out Bishop with an excellent turnout for this year's ITFF outing. Over 30 students were mentored on the Lower and Upper Owens and a few braved it out on Hot Creek. I would like to thank Bill Woods, Steve Ebersold and the many instructors who gave their time, patience and a lot of flies to this cause. With flows on the Upper and Lower at very fishable levels, the students got the chance to try all the techniques they learned in class. On my second day (with the help of Smoother's secret fly stash) our group all caught quality fish on the dry fly at a top secret location on the Upper O. We also gained several new members including a couple of families with young children - our hope for the future.

With luck we will see many of these new members at the Fishermen's Spot Expo on April 11 and 12. The lineup for this year is amazing – Steve Rajeff, Charles Jardine and many others will be doing programs and demos. On Friday April 10th come by the SPOT at 6.00 pm for Charles Jardine's art expo and sale. This is a great chance to see some superb examples of his work and even buy a few collectible pieces.

Please look out for an SPFF survey that will come to you by email. We are trying to figure out why only a third of registered club members attend the monthly dinner meetings. Please, please take a few seconds to respond – that will really help the Board with planning for the future. After a look at the economics of the monthly dinner meeting, the Board has proposed some changes that will stop the Club from losing money every month. No one likes price increases but these are inevitable if we are to keep having our meetings at "the Glen" and maintain our education and conservation programs. Please read the article that explains this more fully and feel free to call me if you have any questions. I am the president and the customer service department!

Marshall Bissett

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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!

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Wanda Taylor has been fishing since she was four. Her grandmothers taught her to fish in the mountains of north Georgia. Even while going to North Whitfield High School near Dalton and then onward to Dalton State College, she enjoyed water skiing and fishing the lakes and rivers near her home. However, her love for fishing increased when she agreed to marry Gary Taylor, a professional fly angler. Within their partnership she became a fly fishing guide, fly casting instructor, Fly

Fish TV hostess and has been featured in many fly fishing videos, online podcasts and is also a published outdoor writer.

Wanda teaches fly fishing and conducts instructional guiding classes locally in Tennessee and Georgia, as well as nationally at International Federation of Fly Fishing (IFFF) expos, Trout Unlimited festivals, club events and fly fishing conclaves and shows.

Her awards and achievements of “Firsts” are many. Wanda was the first woman certified by the IFFF as a Master Certified Casting Instructor (MCCI). She was the first woman Orvis-Endorsed guide in the Southeastern United States. She was awarded the Southeastern IFFF 2005 Woman of the Year Award and in 2008 the IFFF South East Council Award of Excellence. This award was given to Wanda for her work with breast cancer survivors of “Casting for Recovery,” the Georgia Women Fly Fishers “Casting For Confidence,” as well as, for her teaching and testing activities for the IFFF Certified Casting Instructors program. Wanda is also an ambassador for the Goodwill Guides and Project Healing Waters nonprofit organizations.

Gary Taylor grew up in the mountains of Blue Ridge, Georgia and taught himself to fly fish at the age of ten. He never looked back. While he was in high school at Fannin High and onto college at Atlanta’s Southern Tech, he would hone his fly fishing skills during weekends on the Noontootla, the Toccoa and Lake Blue Ridge. After twenty years in antique furniture reproductions and European cabinet manufacturing, he surrendered to his dream of becoming a professional fly fishing guide on the wild and scenic Hiwassee River in Reliance, Tennessee, where he helped develop Dry Flyer Outfitters. The lure of saltwater and bigger faster fish called him to South Carolina and Florida where he became a saltwater guide, a Master United States Coast Guard Charter Captain and a published outdoor writer.

Gary has taught fly casting as an IFFF Master Certified Casting Instructor and lectured from the east coast to the west coast, and internationally in Canada and Australia. He was awarded the Orvis Guide of the Year Award in 1993-94. He also was the first Orvis-Endorsed outfitter, and initiated the first Orvis-endorsed lodge in the Southeast.

Many of you may remember the wonderful presentation Wanda and Gary made at our club in November of 2002 when they gave a program about the wonderful fly fishing throughout the southeastern U.S. You can look up more about Wanda and Gary at www.dryflyeroutfitters.com, www.garyandwandataylor.com or captgary@windstream.net

CHANGE IN DINNER PRICE FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

The monthly dinner meeting is the cornerstone of SPFF’s activities. This is where we get to meet other Club members new and old, hear excellent speakers from around the world, hold fundraisers and see great fly tiers in action. In fact our speaker circuit is the envy of clubs across the United States. Unlike other clubs, Sierra Pacific offers a two tier program – you can choose the three course meal or skip dinner and sit in the back row to hear the presentation. Many clubs do not offer this experience, opting for a more Spartan room with folding chairs, no catering and no full bar. We have worked with the Glen over the years to contain the dinner costs and have absorbed a few increases that we have not passed on to the attending members. However, we are currently paying \$34 for dinners and only charging \$30 – on top of which we have to guarantee a fifty person minimum for dinner bookings. We also cover the cost of dinner for our speaker and the occasional worthy guest. It is important to note that the dinner rates include the rental of the room and the surrounding parking lot which we would have to pay for if we were to move to another venue without a dining option. Our speaker costs have also increased especially in the area of air travel and hotels and the Club has not passed this on to its members.

To lower these monthly losses, the Board has decided to increase the dinner rate by \$2 (to \$32) and to charge a nominal \$5 entry fee (except at our annual fundraiser) for those attending the meeting to enjoy the program but not dining. We felt this was fairer than raising the rates only for diners or for increasing membership dues for everyone, something we have not done for many years. In response to your requests, we plan to put a document on the website so that members can see exactly how our finances work. It is only fair that you know how your membership dues and your fundraising dollars are spent.

We hope you understand the need for these changes and continue to support our efforts to provide an excellent monthly meeting place. Please encourage other Club members to come out every month and enjoy the excellent value that our meetings offer. Sincerely, your Board.

EDUCATION

SPFF Introduction to Fly Fishing Class 4

Photo's by Ren Colantoni



ITFF 2015 Graduation Outing

By Dale Lopez



SPFF students & instructors assembled behind Bar-B-Que Bill's restaurant in Bishop 3/14/2015

2015 has started off with a bang with the SPFF event calendar full of education and fishing opportunities. With a full schedule of events our ITFF graduation outing was about three weeks earlier than last year. My wife and I left one day early so I could have a day to fish before the students showed up.

Spring type weather temperatures were causing desert flowers to show mainly from Red Rocks to Ridgecrest. We did not see a lot but it was obvious they were going to be out in force in short order.

Weather in Bishop was forecast to be in the mid to high 70's with clear skies and light wind. It was gorgeous all weekend. We had a good turn out Friday morning behind Bar-B-Que-Bill's at 8:00 AM. Outings Chair Bill Woods paired up students and instructors and off we went.

I had a good day on the water with two students who were longtime friends and both were able to catch & release their first fish caught on a fly rod.

About 40 people gathered Friday evening at Astorga's restaurant for a Mexican buffet. Guest Pat Jaeger spoke to the fledgling fly anglers on topics such as fly fishing stream etiquette and the proper use of guides.

Saturday morning we had 44 people show. Some not shown in the photo were staying in Mammoth, fishing the upper Owens, and some staggered in a few minutes after the photo. We had 57 people registered for the event. 27 students, 12 instructors and some attendees, like my wife, who came along to feed the horses, mules, ducks and shop.

Over the two instructional days areas fished included the Wild Trout section of the Owens, Upper Owens and a report one student caught a fish on fabled Hot Creek. Reports from the Upper Owens stated a bug hatch made it possible for some students to catch fish on dry flies. The following pictures are ITFF students. Names displayed when provided.



Justin, Garrett, and Eric Hamilton



Lawrence Han



Denise Buckner



Richard Plunkett



Don Vanderhorck



Juliet Risco

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Jensen Risco



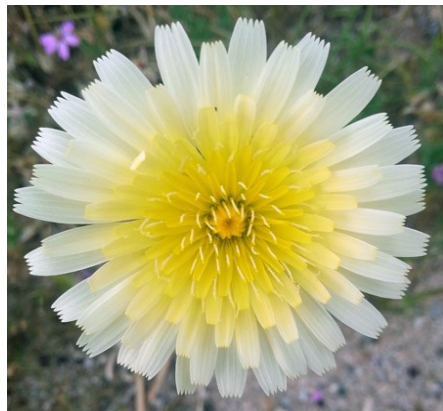
James Terzian & Israel Castellanos



Joey Guzman Photo

Saturday evening 50+ gathered at the Bishop Country Club, had dinner, shared fish stories, conducted a student fly fishing gear raffle, passed out ITFF Graduation diploma's and just enjoyed each other's company. I think it safe to say the weekend was a resounding success to cap off weeks of fly fishing lessons. A tip of the hat to all SPFF members who helped with the lessons and those who made the journey to Bishop to also instruct on the water. Well done to our Education Chair Steve Ebersold, Outing Chair Bill Woods and Master of Ceremonies / Lead Casting Instructor Marshall Bissett.

Headed home Sunday morning and the record high temperatures gave us some high desert eye candy in the form of wild flowers.



Desert wildflower photos Dale & Tanya Lopez

Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii henshawi*)

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ART EXHIBIT AND SALE AT FISHERMENS SPOT

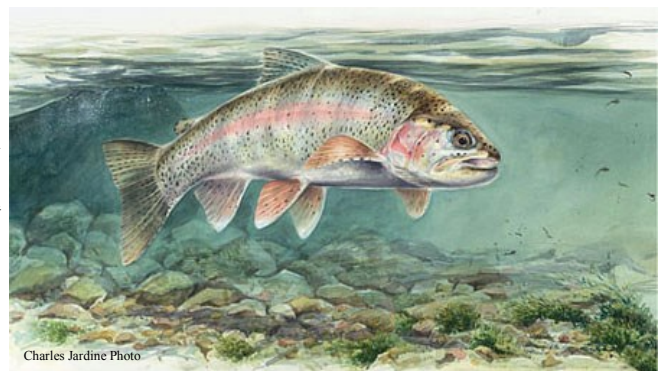


Please join us for our first ever art exhibit and sale. We will be presenting the watercolors, prints and sketches of renowned British fly fisherman and artist Charles Jardine. Better known for his casting demonstrations and on stream classes, Charles has published several fly fishing books, magazine articles and is in demand as an illustrator. Charles brings a precise angler's eye to his studies of brown and rainbow trout in their natural habitat and his watercolors, oils and sketches are both beautiful and collectible. For sale will be the final copies of *The Power and the Glory*, the magnificent rainbow trout print. Charles will be on hand to sign these for the lucky buyers.

For his first formal exhibition in North America Charles is currently on a tour of the West (Montana, Idaho and

Colorado) creating original pieces. As a bonus he promises a few sketches of local landmarks. Charles will be available to sign prints and copies of his book *The Classic Guide to Fly Fishing for Trout* and *Dynamic Nymphing* by George Daniel for which Charles wrote the introduction.

April 10th at FISHERMENS SPOT, VAN NUYS starting at 6.00 pm. We will be serving wine, cheese and great stories.





WOMEN'S FLY FISHING CLINIC

APRIL 25, 2015



Ladies:

Come join us for the Women's Annual Fly Fishing Clinic.

This clinic covers all the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, equipment selection, fly tying, knots, landing and releasing fish. Whether you are a neophyte or simply want to hone your fly fishing skills, this is a fun and engaging clinic that will teach you everything you need to know to embark on a lifetime of angling adventures.

Space is limited so register early!

When:	April 25th, 2015, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Where:	The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool.
For directions:	visit www.pasadenacastingclub.org
Cost:	\$95 (Lunch included!)
To register:	Contact Leigh Ann Swanson
Phone:	310.741.7645
Email:	lacraven22@hotmail.com

**All net proceeds from this event will be donated to Casting For Recovery.*

Casting for Recovery is a nationally recognized not for profit program established in 1996. It provides an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by breast cancer to experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through retreats in a beautiful natural setting; and learn flyfishing, a sport for life.

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- Charles Jardine's Art Expo / Meet & Greet

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Elle Brittain on the Lower Owens by Charles Brittain 2015
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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



Tuna Fishing off the San Diego Coast

By Michael Schweit



Michael Schweit Photo

Want to see your backing? Join us for tuna fishing off the San Diego Coast. We have all the rods and reels you need so we just need you to come along. Conventional anglers are welcome as we fish with both.

Date – September 29-30 (leaves the evening of the 28th from San Diego)

Cost – 670.00, includes all meals and fishing permits. Extras are drinks, fishing cleaning and crew tip

Location – Sportfisher Fortune out of Fishermen's Landing

Species targeted – tuna, dorado, yellowtail

Reservations or questions –
Michael Schweit,
msangler@earthlink.net,
818.7573474

Outing Opportunities

MISSOURI RIVER MONTANA 2015 OUTING

By Jack Jonathan



Richard Asher Photo

24" Brown on the Missouri River

Missouri River trip October 4 - 10, 7 days, 6 nights lodging, 5 days guided drift boats, meals and airport shuttle. Not included is airfare to & from Great Falls Mt. & tips. \$1680.

For more information please contact Jack Johnathan at 818.516.7958 or 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.

Editor's note: Lodging is at a premium this time of year along the Missouri River. If you're considering this outing I would recommend booking as early as you can. I will be making this trip for the third time. Big fish with attitude.



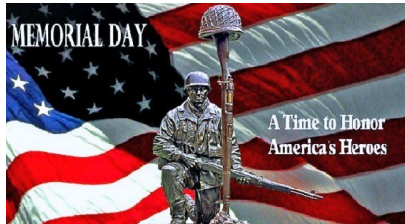
Dale Lopez Photo

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





Great granddaughter Colby Flinta strikes a pose in her new Trout Bum tee for Great Grandpa Bennett Mintz.

Next Dinner Meeting

Thursday April 16th

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Caesar Salad

Chicken Brochettes
with Rice Pilaf &
Green Beans Almondine
or

Broiled Swai
with Rice Pilaf &
Green Beans Almondine

Hot Fudge Sundae

Coffee—Tea—Iced Tea

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