



Dinner Meeting for Tuesday, July 14 **Affordable Fly Fishing in New Zealand** with Zane Mirfin



New Zealand has burned brightly as an international fishing destination ever since American Zane Grey first put New Zealand on the world map back in 1926 with his epic book, *Tales of the Angler's Eldorado, New Zealand*. Ever since then, many California anglers have made the pilgrimage across the Pacific and reported glowingly of the clear pristine waters, large slabs of beautiful trout, and the warm

hospitality of the New Zealand people themselves.

One magazine article many years ago described fly fishing in New Zealand as "like driving a Porsche - by the time you can afford it, your eyes and reflexes have gone." Well, that's not the true story anymore and it may well be that today fishing New Zealand is easier and cheaper than at any other time in history. Modern economic development has led to a thriving and vibrant country that relies on tourism as a major industry,

and services, internet access and communications are all world class.

Information, accommodation, air travel, rental vehicles, cuisine, fly shops, and access have never been better and there is huge scope for do-it-yourselfers to enjoy a highly successful and affordable fishing trip to New Zealand. In fact, the options are pretty much endless and there's no longer any requirements for fly fishers to stay at expensive, all-inclusive fishing lodges if they don't want to. There are very reasonable small motels everywhere, good pubs and restaurants where food is delicious, plentiful and very reasonable. There are also many camping opportunities and grocery stores where you can stock up on any and all food items you might wish to have while "in the bush."

Our July guest speaker, Zane Mirfin, is an expert on the trout fisheries of New Zealand, especially the rivers and lakes of the northern half of the South Island. Zane will lead us through an image-rich tour of modern New Zealand and the fishing opportunities easily available without costing an arm and a leg. The last time Zane addressed the clubs introducing many of us to the great fly fishing in New Zealand was in 2008, complete with him in a leg cast and having to use crutches after a July mid-winter (in New Zealand) hunting trip

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR JULY

First Prize — Orvis Clearwater 6wt 4pc rod

Second Prize — Your choice, Orvis Battenkill Reel or Zeiss Sunglasses

Third Prize — Your choice, Orvis Hydros Fly Line or wadding staff

Big Barrel

**Thermos coffee mug, Hat, One dozen flies and box,
LED light for fly tyers, Leader wallet**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



June may well be my favorite month – you get **Father's Day**, the **Summer solstice**, the longest day, and as a bonus **my birthday**. I gifted myself with a short trip to Montana and the famous Bitterroot, Rock Creek and Blackfoot Rivers. Guide Tony Reinhardt's dynamic program last year left me longing to see that salmon fly hatch and it did not disappoint. Stay tuned for an article in the July Flypaper. Next month there is much to look forward to. The **GSO** (July 24-26) is a highlight of the Club's calendar and a great way to get to know and learn from the many excellent anglers at SPFF. Apart from the Club member assisted outings, Bill Woods has rounded up local guides **Pat Jaeger**, **Kent Rian-da**, **Steve McGrath** and **David d'Beaupre** – it doesn't get better than that! If you are new or have never been guided,

trust me you will really benefit from time spent with these guys. The group rates are a bargain – go for it by signing up on the website event calendar. Don't forget to sign up for dinner at the **Breakfast Club** – this is always a great evening with stories, raffles and BBQ organized by Steve Ebersold. Looking further ahead to August check out the **IFF 50th annual fair in Bend Oregon** from August 11th to 16th. This is another great opportunity to learn from the best our sport has to offer.

Thanks to all 121 of you who filled out the dinner survey – the data from that will really help us make a few improvements to the meeting format. Our June speaker Ed Engle thanked us for a great evening and said, "Your consortium is the best organized and run group of its kind that I've dealt with in more than 20 years of speaking to fly fishing clubs." He is not the first to heap praise on the consistently high standard of our speaker circuit. It is truly a great benefit for members and not one available to all the So Cal Clubs. It does, however, need the support of the Club to keep it running. We need a minimum of fifty diners for every meeting since that is the agreement we have with the management of Encino Glen. Lately we have been struggling to meet that number and the Club has been losing money. The full survey will soon be available on the club website and the results show that many of you live too far away and lead busy lives and that some of you are not making fly fishing the highest priority in your lives! We need to change that immediately. Let's have a big turnout for the July meeting (Affordable Fly Fishing in New Zealand) when we welcome back Zane Mirfin and play host to the Wilderness Club. Don't forget that it is on **TUESDAY July 14th** and to bring your friends – you know they will win that ORVIS rod in the raffle!

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!

**Buck Kwalwasser
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Albert Carmona
Mark Jones
Darleen Jones
Karen Fountain**

Board Members & Committees

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and bad slip on ice. He's older and wiser now, and at 47, has been a professional fly fishing guide since November 1985 -- 30 years -- and has plenty of fishing tips and strategies to make you a more successful angler and not necessarily a "big spender." And, as his subject for this tour of SoCal fly fishing clubs is affordable fly fishing in NZ, he will show almost all he has learned about being a smart and budget-conscious fly fisher and Kiwi-land visitor.



Fly anglers from around the world have fished with Zane, and he has been in the fortunate position of having fished with or guided many of our previous club speakers, including Mike Lawson, Barry & Cathy Beck, David Lambroughton and Dave Whitlock, among others.



Since we last saw Zane he has been on many great new fly fishing adventures that he will show and describe to us. Innovation is in his blood, and at the low point of the Global Financial Crisis, as a self-employed operator, he feared that few people would travel to NZ and employ him, so he decided to

run for political office and help bring about good policies to his area. The result has been two terms as an elected local government councillor for the Tasman District Council, making important decisions that affect both his community and the environment. As an accredited resource consent commissioner, Zane is well qualified to describe what has been happening within the New Zealand fishing and environmental scenes. And, by the way, he kept and still has a busy schedule guiding fly fishers from around the world; his fears of having a dearth of clients were unfounded.

For those of you who haven't come across Zane before, you can check out his website www.strikeadventure.com



Accompanied again by his capable wife Aimee (whom he calls the real brains behind his guiding business and a not-shy-or-hesitant but highly qualified driver on congested California freeways!), Zane and Aimee have taken the opportunity to escape the NZ winter and four young children to soak up some Californian summer fun and spread the good word about fishing in their native land.



You'll find Zane and Aimee friendly and easy to get along with, so bring plenty of questions along for a fun night and they'll do their very best to give you all the answers you need to know about fishing in modern, and affordable, New Zealand.

RESULTS OF DINNER SURVEY

By Marshall Bissett

Thank you for responding the SPFF dinner meeting survey. The response was excellent – we received a total of 121 replies and confirmed that at least 62 of you will continue to attend meetings either as diners or “backbenchers.” The Club has to pay for 50 dinners to meet the minimum required by the Encino Glen. A few of you suggested that we find a different, less expensive meeting room. Please feel free to find us one! We have looked in the past and so far “the Glen” is our best option for room size, ambience, liquor license and reasonable menu. Now for the specifics:

- A) 34 of you felt it was too far to travel. We completely understand and are very grateful for the times when you can show up. We have a great speaker lineup and raffle items to tempt you.
- B) Many of you felt that the meetings run late. Well, sometimes they do because we have so many good items to pack into one meeting. We are making every effort to trim the meeting length and get the speaker on sooner.
- C) Some of you complained about the food and we are taking that to heart. Bear in mind that food costs have been steadily rising in the marketplace and our dinner costs include the room rental.
- D) Some of you requested programs with more local relevance and more emphasis on technique. Again I have brought that to the attention of the Programs group.

Finally will the person who wrote “Marshall is too short and I can't see him when he is speaking. It hurts my neck” please identify yourself as we have a special prize for you.

GET RID OF YOUR LOOSE CHANGE AND DONATE TO CASTING FOR RECOVERY

For those of you who have been collecting change at home, or in your car's ashtray, and haven't decided how to spend it – bring it to the joint SPFF and Wilderness Fly Fishers meeting on **TUESDAY, JULY 14TH** when you come to see Zane Mirfin's great program on Affordable Fly Fishing in New Zealand.

On each table, we'll have a pink cup labeled **CFR** for you to drop change in, and of course, greenbacks and checks are welcome. It costs around \$2,000 per participant to attend a CFR Retreat for women dealing with breast cancer. Bonnie Anderson is the director of the Southern California Casting for Recovery efforts, in conjunction with her position as a Board Member of the Southwest Council-International Federation of Fly Fishers. Bonnie organized the second So Cal Retreat this past May for 14 women, all of whom had a great time learning to fly fish as a way of dealing with their health issues. SPFF member Debbie Mahoney was there to assist.

SPFF and Wilderness Fly Fishers are two great clubs – let's help make a positive difference in someone's life. If you can't be at the meeting, but would still like to donate, please send your check, made payable to Casting for Recovery, and addressed to SPFF, P.O. Box 8403, Van Nuys, CA 91409

SPFF's ANNUAL ANGLER'S AUCTION & DINNER

S PFF's ANNUAL ANGLER'S AUCTION & DINNER will be on Thursday, September 17th this year. Be sure to mark the date and join your fellow club members for this “not to be missed” event. You will want to get to Monterey at Encino early (starting at 5:30 pm instead of the usual 6:00 pm) to have first crack at all the great stuff. Evening's entire net proceeds go to our important Conservation and Education programs.

Isla Blanca, Mexico

By Michael Schweit

The recession hit a lot of us hard and for someone in construction like me, it put an end to a 16 year run to Ascension Bay. But I have been dying to get back and saving the pennies. The improving economy has helped so I decided to take a small plunge and do a short trip of 3 days. While not as satisfying as sitting on the veranda of Pesca Maya, it did fit the bill quite nicely.

My buddy Marshall had been fishing for a week at PM and agreed to stay over to fish with me. We met up at the Terra Carribe in central Cancun. This is NOT your tourist section of town by any stretch. The hotel was very clean and extremely reasonable. The staff was very attentive and helpful with recommendations. The hotel had been referred to us by Marco Ruiz of Yucatan Fly Fishing and he arranged to have his guide, Luis, meet us each morning at 5:45 am. The trip from hotel to launch ramp takes about 35 minutes. Man, there is some serious development going on north of town in the Isla Mujeres area. Big, beautiful (and expensive) waterfront hotels and lots of fences. Not much DIY in that area! Luis also provided lunch and drinks every day, including some superb local fare.

The one thing we could do nothing about was the wind. Sunday and Monday blew constantly at around 15-20 and it really limited our areas to fish. Luis did his best but it was hard to duck out. We poled into several lagoons the first day and cast to rolling fish but no joy.



Marshall finally connected late in the afternoon so at least there was now slime on the boat.

Monday was more of the same. One question I asked before on this board was areas that we could wade for permit. Most said no but there are some. We did hit one and saw permit but did not have any real shots. In talking to Rogelio of PM one night at dinner, he mentioned that there are actually several large flats in IB so why guides are hesitant is beyond me. It was delightful to get out of the boat!

Tuesday was our departure date and of course the wind was starting to drop with expected forecast to be 3-5 on Wednesday. But we did hit another area and immediately found a large school of rolling fish. When we talk baby tarpon, these were smaller than that. Some were still suckling mother's milk.



But they ate and we landed 5. I have been out fishing a bunch this year and April 28th was the day I finally got a fish. Not sure if this is a sign of getting older, becoming less skilled or karma. But my drought ended.

We ate some great local food, too, as detailed in the photos. And of course, we were offered some "companionship" for the evening but we were there to fish! I have to say that there is a general fear of not staying in the main tourist areas. We found people to be helpful and friendly at all times. And you have to love eating a full sit-down dinner for \$10.00!

Photo's by Michael Schweit

2015 Bighorn River Outing

By Dale Lopez



Dale Lopez photo

This gathering started as an SPFF club outing when Gene Mahn was Outings chair nine years ago. After Gene's tenure this annual spring fling was continued by SPFF member Paul Guttenberg. Paul and his wife Jelene have relocated from Southern California to Billings, Montana.



Dale Lopez photo

Seventeen people made the trip this year - 13 from SPFF and 4 from the Pasadena Fly Casting Club. The weather was a bit of a challenge on two of the five fishing days. Tuesday the wind blew up river. The guides know where to fish to minimize this issue. Friday we had a thundershower that moved thru late in the day that necessitated rowing to the bank, putting on rain gear, and hunkering down. Twenty minutes and it was gone. Within minutes a bug hatch went off that left us with some of the best dry fly fishing of the week.



Dale Lopez photo



Jack Jonathan photo

Big fish honors went to Jack Jonathan with a 24 1/2" Brown trout.



Tom Lynn photo

Our guide pumped a fish stomach. Note the fly we were using, on the far left, matched many of the bugs the fish was feeding on.

All in all a great bunch of guys enjoyed awesome Montana fishing.

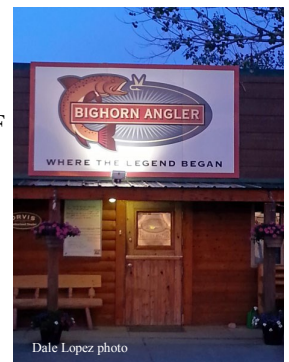
The Bighorn Angler continues to upgrade their operation. This year we enjoyed an enlarged dining room and were able to seat all 17 people at one long table. A truly great chef has been lured from a local competitor so the meals were first cabin.

Great stories were shared including one participant who hooked his foot on an oar while getting out of a drift boat and doing a face plant in the 40+ degree water.

Consider joining in on this trip next year as it marks its 10 year anniversary. See you there.

The Bighorn Angler is an SPFF sponsor.

<http://bighornangler.com/>



Dale Lopez photo



Something for everyone, all anglers and fly tiers.
Classes available for beginners through advanced.
The classes for beginners, the equipment will be provided.
Many on-stream workshops available.
Learn from the pros how to cast, tie and catch!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN!

Date: October 16 - 18

Location: Bishop Tri-County Fairground

Hours: Friday and Saturday: 9-5 Sunday: 9-3

Entrance fee: \$15.00 for all three days, \$20.00 for families up to four members. Eastern Sierra residents get \$5.00 discounted admission.

Online registration opens August 16

For more information and registration for classes:

southwestcouncilfff.org or Call 818/200/1499



SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FLY FISHING FAIRE 2015

The 2015 Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire will take place October 16-18 at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop, CA. The new venue offers a tremendous increase in space for vendor displays, classes, entertainment, and food.

While the schedule remains fluid, an exciting array of seminars, events, and classes for beginner and experienced anglers alike will run throughout the weekend. Take in a high-country trout adventure, learn the basics of European Style Nymphing and Tenkara, or become acquainted with the IFFF's new fly tying award program, among many other activities. As always, certified instructors will offer casting classes, and world-renowned tiers will once again hold a series of fly tying programs.

For those family members in attendance who do not fish, a variety of classes will be offered on quilting, pastel painting, and gardening for drought-tolerant plants.

Programs---ADDITIONS TO BE MADE, SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

Fly Tying with:

- Steven Fernandez
- Phil Therrien
- Naomi Okamoto
- Earl Arnold
- Bud Heintz

Fly Casting with:

- Dok Arvanites
- Mike McClay
- Tim Lawson
- John VanDerhoof
- Mark Allen

Seminars/Speakers/Classes:

- Ed Berg – Fishing Slovenia
- Peter Pumphrey – Hidden Fly Fishing Opportunities in the Eastern Sierra
- Dok Arvanites and Tim Lawson – Introduction to the IFFF Certification Program
- Ed Swanson's Petroglyphs Class and Tour
- Bill Hammon's and the California Heritage Trout Challenge
- Jason Koop's class on IFFF Fly Tying Skills Bronze Award Program
- Chiaki Harami's all day rod building for beginners
- Freddie Ramirez on Fishing Tenkara
- Gary Gunsolley teaching European Style Nymphing
- Alex Cady's Warm Water Fishing in the Lower Owens
- Chris Leonard's high country adventure
- Maria Rivas' class and outing on Reading Trout Water for Beginners
- Leigh Ann Swanson's Knots and Rigs for Women as well as a Casting Class
- Aquabonita's free demonstrations of 'Kasting for Kids'
- Jill Field-Duerr – Angling Fine Art
- Damian Ross – Angling Ceramic Artist
- Ed Pounds – Boy Scout Program
- Santa Lucia and Deep Creek Fly Fishers Beginning Fly Fishing classes

Non-Fly Fishing Events:

- Quilting Class
- Art/Pastel Painting class
- Gardening Class on drought tolerant plants

Online registration opens August 16th. Cost of admission is \$15. For more information and class registration, visit <http://southwestcouncilfff.org/> or call 818-200-1499.

Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Recovery – Summer 2015

June – September 2015 / Silver and Slinkard Creeks, CA

Volunteers are needed this coming summer for a landmark conservation project in the Eastern Sierras. Take part in the restoration of Silver and Slinkard Creeks as habitat is returned to the region's majestic native fish, the Lahontan cutthroat trout. This project will occur from late June through September.

Volunteers will work in conjunction with paid interns to clear brush around both waterways, as well as assist in the removal of the invasive brook trout. Experience with hand and power tools will be particularly valuable. Participants will be asked to arrive on a Thursday and contribute through the weekend.

The project is a joint effort of a consortium of the region's fly fishing and conservation groups, including the Southwest Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, Cal Trout, Trout Unlimited, California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Please join us in this daunting yet rewarding undertaking, and in the process learn more about this coveted species and habitat. For more information, contact Jack Marshall at

conservation@goldenstateflycasters.org or 805-966-7773.



Kelly Galloup's Slide Inn

By Dale Lopez



Check out his instructional videos on YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=kelly+galloup.

Kelly puts on streamer schools in the fall. I am pretty stoked to be signed up to attend one this September. I hope to come away being able to cast huge flies into the river, not the back of my head.

Kelly Galloup is an SPFF sponsor, <http://slideinn.com/blog/>

Those of you who have had the pleasure of fishing the Madison River just below Quake Lake in Montana should be familiar with The Slide Inn Fly shop and possibly its owner Kelly Galloup. Those of you who haven't, Kelly and his staff have a serious passion bordering on addiction for fishing streamers. I have been looking to get into this as streamers tend to attract the biggest fish in the river. The other thing is, unlike nymphing with subtle takes, fish hit streamers with a vengeance. Kelly likes to see the fish take the streamer so his technique employs fishing near the surface.





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



Outing Opportunity

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

Green River Stop Over



Jack Jonathan photo

Ron Tatsui and Jack Jonathan shared a ride this spring to Fort Smith Montana to fish the Bighorn. On the way home they included two days of fishing on the Green River in Utah. On day two, after lunch, Ron had a stellar afternoon when he started throwing streamers. Above is one of the 8 fish brought to the net.



Blue Ribbon Flies photo

What's hatching on the Madison River today? Just have a look at your bumper.

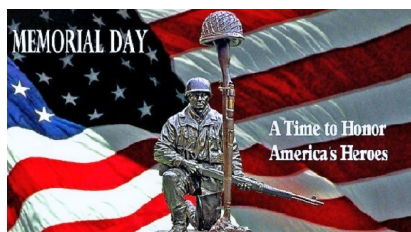


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Casting Clinic at Balboa Lake

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

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

Catch of the Month



Joey Guzman shared this picture he shot in March while assisting a ITTF student on Hot Creek.

Next Dinner Meeting

Tuesday July 14

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Caesar Salad

**Prime Rib
with Mashed Potatoes
and Green Beans
or**

**Broiled Salmon
with Mashed Potatoes
and Green Beans**

Hot Fudge Sundae

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

MontereyatEncino@Gmail.com

Reserve by Monday July 6

\$32.00 Cash or Check, No Cards
Non-dining guests \$5

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