



Dinner Meeting for Thursday, October 15 **Trophy Stillwaters of the Eastern Sierra** **with Ernie Gulley**



One of the most popular fly fishing destinations for southern Californians is the eastern Sierra, just up Highway 395. In addition to streams, rivers and creeks, this area has some of the finest stillwater fishing water found anywhere in the country. This month, our good friend Ernie Gulley will be guiding us on a mouth-watering trip to show us where to and how to catch the fish of a lifetime. He will be giving us details about primar-

ily three different stillwaters, with each one of them having a unique history and story that helps us appreciate them even more than we do for the fish they con-



tain.

These are: Kirman Lake, which is the best trophy brook trout fishery in California



and Crowley Lake, considered by most to be the best stillwater in the golden state.

Now the stillwaters covered in Ernie's presentation are no strangers to many SoCal fly fishers, as clubs often schedule outings to these destinations.

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR OCTOBER

First Prize — Orvis Clearwater 5wt. 4pc 9' rod

Second Prize — Orvis Access II Reel

Third Prize — Orvis Hydros HD line

Big Barrel

**LED Flashlight, Coffee Mug, One dozen flies and box,
one year subscription The Angling Report**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Going, going, gone! Once again the annual fundraiser and live auction produced its share of thrills and surprises. Despite a lower than normal attendance, the Club managed to raise slightly more money than last year and, more to the point, attract a few new buyers into the bidding mix. I would like to thank the bidders, the backstage organizers and especially Steve Esgate who does a heck of a job for someone who has retired from the fundraising position he once held! I also want to thank those who donated vacation homes, tying benches, sculptures and jewelry. The evening missed the familiar presence of Bill Harry but we have to assume he was directing the bidding from above. I was also delighted to welcome guests from the Pasadena and Sespe Clubs. Also, will

the person who is holding Michael Peratis' reading glasses please come forward – Michael is offering a big reward.

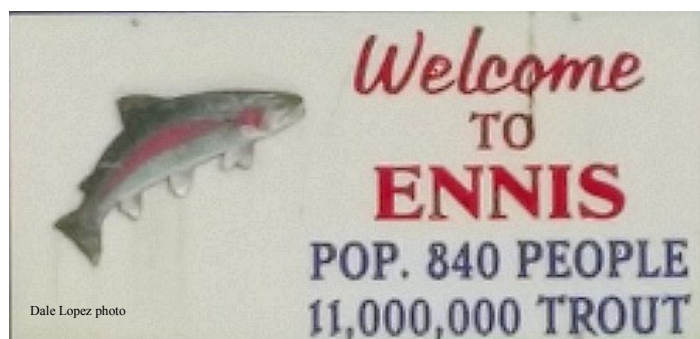
The end of summer means only one thing to us – the beginning of great Fall fishing. Rumors of low water should not keep you away from the Upper and Lower O over the coming weeks and the IFFF Faire in Bishop on the weekend of October 16th is an excellent opportunity to take on stream classes and learn from local experts. I encourage you all to join us up there. If you can't make it to the Faire, we will be holding a nymphing clinic, also in Bishop, on November 13 thru 16th. Look out for a press release from outings chair Bill Woods. This clinic is in some ways an extension of the GSO where more experienced Club members pass on their skills and secrets to wide eyed students. But why wait for Fall? Every Wednesday the fly tying group, led by the now myopic Michael Peratis, meets to learn new flies and on the first and third Saturday of every month we have casting tune-ups at Balboa Lake.

If you've read this far, you know all about what SPFF has to offer. Like most Clubs, we operate on the 5% principle where, out of 235 members, only about 15-20 are active in the running of the Club – serving on the Board, helping with fundraisers, teaching, fly tying and generally being of service. Well those brave 20 souls are getting tired and are ready to train new souls so we don't become like the US Senate! If you have any skills in software, event planning, fund raising, cooking hot dogs, writing, Ebay selling or graphic design, or you just want to be more active in our Club please contact me directly and I will put you to work. If you want different Club activities or make changes to what we currently offer – just send me an email. This is your Club to enjoy and make the most of. See you on the river or the ocean.

Marshall Bissett

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I attended a Fishing fair in Ennis Montana during the month of August. This sign greets you as you enter town.

Ran into Jack Jonathan working as a volunteer in the fundraising tent for the Madison River Foundation.

If you ever get a chance to visit this area its worth a stop to bask in the energy generated by all the fly fishermen milling about town.

Dale Lopez

LET THE BIDDING BEGIN – THE 2015 FUNDRAISER



Marshall Bissett Photo

In an evening marked by high energy and low attendance, Club members and guests were able to score some excellent bargains at the SPFF annual fundraiser. With over 110 live and silent auction items assembled by Steve Esgate and his team of assistants, there was something for every taste and price point. New members were able to pick up rods, reels and clothing at up to 40% discounts while the more gear endowed old hands focused on artwork and trips. Past Presidents were big winners in the live auction presided over by current president Marshall

Bissett - Bill O'Kelly was the high bidder on Jo Ripperton's quilt and Rosemary Ecker took home a beautiful Jim Healy bamboo rod and a rare Charles Jardine print. Sespe Club visitor Earl Arnold was once again the high bidder on the other Jardine print and a day on the river in the UK with the artist himself. Phil Peck did some retirement planning – he was the top bidder on some excellent guided trips. Bill Roen won a weekend in the Sierra and a book of photographic memories as a souvenir.



Marshall Bissett Photo



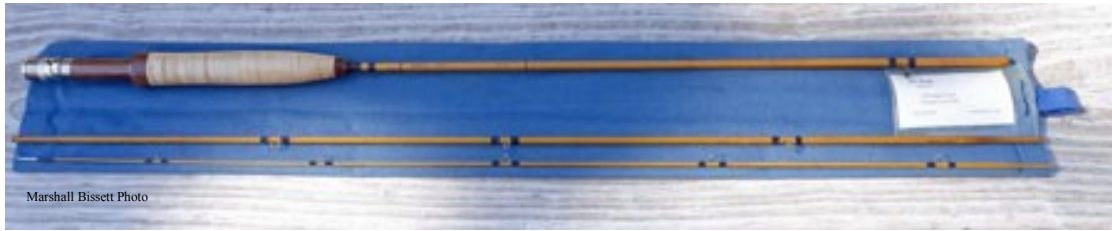
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Another big bidder, Michelle Hulac-Morentin will soon be landing trout in a net signed by Charles Jardine and new member Wenda Payan will be able to tie flies at an exquisite maple tying station built by club member Kevin Radanovich.

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Raffle ticket sales were at an all-time high in part because of the high end Abel and Orvis items and at the end of the evening only four lonely items of clothing remained on the table. While we all missed the large presence of the late Bill Harry, it is reassuring to see that his bidding legacy has been passed on to a new generation.



Several of the guided outfitter trips did not sell and the Club is still offering these. If you wish to bid on any of the items listed below contact Steve Esgate sesgate1@gmail.com. We will keep these items open to the highest bidder until October 15th.

Item #73 – Bighorn Angler, Montana. A gift certificate good for two nights lodging and one day of guided fishing for two anglers Value \$695 Minimum Bid \$300

Item #62 – Falcon's Lodge, Altamont Utah. A two for one gift certificate good for four nights and three days of guided fishing includes lodging and all meals. Normally \$5070, you pay \$2535 plus your bid.
Minimum bid: \$500

Item #67 – Crystal Ranch Lodge, Yellow Stone Canyon, Utah.

A gift certificate for a 50% discount. Normally \$3599, you pay \$1799 (\$299 per person). Meals can be purchased separately, or you are welcome to use the lodge's kitchen to prepare your own meals. Not valid for sales & lodging taxes. Children under 16 years of age not allowed. For complete details, see www.crystalranchlodge.com. Guides are required at an additional \$225.00 per fisherman. Your own private lodge for your stay. Fish over two miles of private stream and ponds. Gratuities not included.

Minimum Bid : \$150

HAPPY BIDDING!!

(Continued from page 1 Ernie Gulley)

All of them present the opportunity to land fish up to, and even well into, the 30-inch range.



Ernie will be breaking down the individual stillwaters by showing where they are, how to get there, when to go, what to bring, how to rig, what flies to use and how to fish them. And the waters he will focus on all present a chance for anyone to

experience the fish of a lifetime, both in beauty and in size. He will use maps, explain when are the best times to go, how to prepare and what to do when you arrive. Ernie will show us his favorite fly patterns, leader set-ups and specific, secret and deadly techniques. Learning the best times of the year to plan fishing trips to these places can help give anyone the confidence he or she needs to enjoy a fly fishing experience even more.

Ernie was actually born in southern California, and started fishing with his Dad as soon as he could walk. However, at age seven, Ernie and his family moved to New Orleans where he learned how to fish Lake Pontchartrain for speckled trout. Later he moved back to SoCal and began fishing Crowley, Bridgeport Reservoir and many lakes in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. Ernie currently resides in Riverside with his wife Shannon and two children, Logan age 12 and Aidan age eight.

In 1998 curiosity about those long rods with thicker lines won out and he tried fly fishing. Well, a love affair was born and he has never looked back. In 2006 Ernie joined Deep Creek Fly Fishers, where he became a principal instructor for fly tying and classes on stillwater tactics. In 2007 he won the "Double Haul in the Fall" tournament at Crowley, both individual and team division titles and in 2008 and 2009, Ernie placed second in the "Stillwater Classic" team trophy. In 2008 Ernie joined the High Desert Fly Fishers where he has served as Vice-President and President.

Ernie is currently a professional guide in southern California and the eastern Sierra, known as one of the Sierra's premier stillwater guides and often called a fly fishing "guru." You can learn more about Ernie and his guiding by going to: <http://www.erniegulleyflyfishingguideservice.com>.

CONSERVATION

Golden Trout Conservation Reception Exhibition

By Debbie Sharpton

BISHOP, CA - The Southwest Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers will hold a reception and exhibition in celebration of the Golden Trout on Friday, October 16th, as part of the 2015 Fly Fishing Faire. The event will focus on celebrating over a half century of resource agency and volunteer efforts to protect California's official state fish, while highlighting an upcoming opportunity for public engagement on US Forest Service management strategies related to grazing on the Kern Plateau.

The Kern Plateau, the headwaters of the Kern River, is the only native range for the purest of golden trout. One of the biggest challenges in conserving this at-risk species is managing the impacts of livestock grazing, and coupled with the historic drought and a warming climate, these impacts deserve added attention. The Inyo Unit of the Forest Service is currently reviewing the four livestock grazing allotments on the Plateau, so the upcoming public comment period is an important time to advocate for this native species and ensure its survival in our region. Representatives from Trout Unlimited and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will also be on hand to discuss recovery efforts and opportunities to become involved.

The reception will take place at the Bishop Tri County Fairgrounds in the Patio Building. Complimentary beer, wine, and food will be served 3 - 6 PM, while the exhibits will remain on display through the remainder of the Faire.

Register online for the Faire at <http://www.swc-fff.org/Faire>.

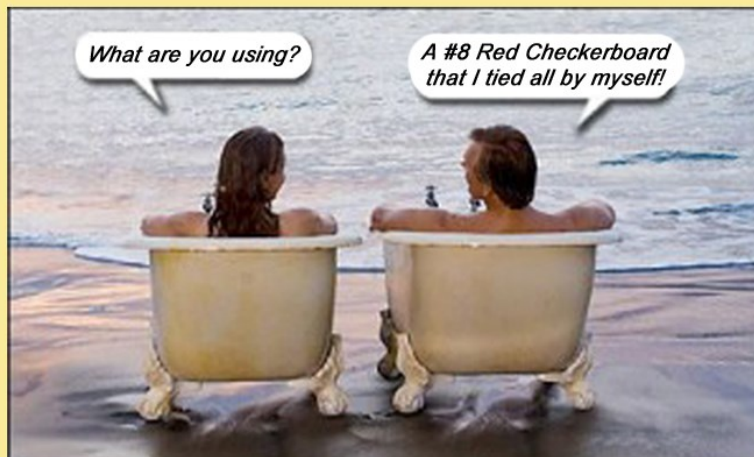
EDUCATION

Michael Peratis

DO YOUR EYES WATER AT THE MERE THOUGHT OF STEELHEAD?
DO YOU SPEND YOUR WEEKENDS REARRANGING THE CONTENTS OF YOUR FLY BOXES?
HAVE YOU FOUND YOURSELF AT THE FISHERMEN'S SPOT BUT CAN'T REMEMBER DRIVING THERE?
ARE ALL YOUR BACKCASTS ENDING UP IN TREES OR IN SOMEONE'S DOG?
HAVE YOU HAD NIGHTMARES ABOUT TREBLE HOOKS, SALMON EGGS & POWERBAIT?
DO THE PARACHUTE ADAMS FLIES THAT YOU TIE END UP LOOKING LIKE BRASSIES?
YOU MAY BE SUFFERING FROM THE DEBILITATING EFFECTS OF MICROPESCAFOBIA

DON'T DELAY
IT'S PROBABLY TIME FOR YOU TO SPEAK WITH A BOARD MEMBER TO DETERMINE IF FLY-TYING IS RIGHT FOR YOU!

REMEMBER.....WE'RE HERE FOR YOU
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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!



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



OCTOBER 2015**90 Day Membership Renewal Notice**

PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	1
Board Meeting.....	1
Rod Building Class #1.....	14
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	15
Dinner Meeting, Ernie Gulley Trophy Stillwater of the Eastern Sierra.....	15
SWC IFFF FAIRE-BISHOP.....	16-18



Rod Building Class 2.....	21
Rod Building Class 3.....	28
Halloween.....	31

NOVEMBER 2015**60 Day Membership Renewal Notice**

Rod Building Class #4.....	4
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	5
Board Meeting.....	5
SWC IFFF Interclub Tournament.....	7
Veterans Day.....	11



Rod Building Class #5.....	11
SPFF Nymphing Clinic.....	13-15
General Trout Season Closes.....	15
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	19
Dinner Meeting Dave Trimble, Fly Fishing for Sharks.....	19
Thanksgiving.....	26

DECEMBER 2015**30 Day Membership Renewal Notice**

PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	3
Board Meeting.....	3
Hanukkah.....	7
Fly-Tiers Holiday Celebration.....	9
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	17
Annual Awards Dinner Meeting (Bring un-wrapped toy & cash for food bank)	17
Christmas.....	25

January 2016

PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	7
Board Meeting.....	7
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	21
SPFF Dinner Meeting.....	21

February 2016

PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	4
Board Meeting.....	4
Super Bowl Outing.....	5-7
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	18
SPFF Dinner Meeting.....	18

March 2016

Fred Hall Show.....	2-6
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	3
Board Meeting.....	3
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	17
Dinner Meeting.....	7

April 2016

PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	7
Board Meeting.....	7
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	21
Dinner Meeting.....	21

MAY 2016

PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers.....	5
Board Meeting.....	5
Mother's Day.....	8
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers.....	19
Dinner Meeting,	19
Big Horn Outing.....	22-28
Memorial Day.....	30

JUNE 2016

PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	2
Board Meeting	2
PHW Vets Welcome Volunteers!.....	16
Dinner Meeting,	16
Father's Day.....	19

Casting Clinic at Balboa Lake

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

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



One of two 19" Cutthroat caught on the Yellowstone River inside the park. Your editor, Dale Lopez, got the fish to eat an olive cone head leach. Flowing 670 miles the Yellowstone River is the longest undammed river in the lower 48.

Next Dinner Meeting
Thursday October 15

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Caesar Salad

Chicken Cacciatore
Mashed Potatoes &
Grilled Vegetables
or

Broiled Cod
Mashed Potatoes &
Grilled Vegetables

Hot Fudge Sundae

Coffee—Tea—Iced Tea

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

MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com
Reserve by Monday October 12
\$32.00 Cash or Check, No Cards
Non-dining guests \$5

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