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The Date:

Thursday, December 20, 1979

The Time:

6:30 Happy Hour  
7:30 Dinner RSVP

The Place:

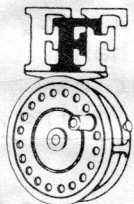
KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
12024 Balboa, Granada Hills  
(on Balboa North of Rinaldi)

Program:

Annual Christmas Party

Call:

785-7306 for reservations  
before noon on December 19th  
PLEASE!!



### SIERRA PACIFIC FLYFISHERS NEWSLETTER

#### PROGRAM

It's hard to believe that the months have rolled around again and that we are ready for our annual Christmas Extravaganza. Don't miss the party, there's something for everyone and a good time is guaranteed. Once again, Stan Lloyd will serve as "Stanley Claus" and will oversee the gift exchange. Buy a flyfishing gift in the \$3.00 value range and wrap it with something nicer than your old newspapers. Deposit your gift with Mike Weigand when you buy your dinner ticket.

Jordan Lagman has once again agreed to design original trophies based on highlights of our flyfishing year. These trophies will show off Jordan's magnificent fly tying technique and are guaranteed to elicit a chuckle from the meanest of flyfishing Scrooges. You may very well be a winner already, so don't miss the party. If you don't show up, you won't get your award.

#### RAFFLE

We have a super, colossal, stupendous, one of a kind (each Christmas) raffle for you.

\*\*\*Buck knife - model 500, Duke\*\*\*

\*\*\*Cortland 444 fly line (rocket taper WF 7F/S)\*\*\*

\*\*\*Two copies of Universal Fly Tying Guide by Dick Stewart\*\*\*

\*\*\*Two S.P.F.F. Tee Shirts\*\*\*

\*\*\*A Powell rod\*\*\*

\*\*\*Berkeley reel\*\*\*

\*\*\*444 Hi D line\*\*\*

\*\*\*Laggies Dcurl\*\*\*

\*\*\*Cortland fly box\*\*\*

\*\*\*The book FISHLESS DAYS AND ANGLING

NIGHTS by Sparse Gray Hackle\*\*\*

With so many prizes available, you can't miss.

PUT A TEE SHIRT ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST. Be sure to buy one of our classy S.P.F.F. tee shirts. They come in blue and wheat and in four sizes, extra large, large, medium and small.

CASTING ABOUT Unfortunately, we have very little to report this month, but that's your fault for not going fishing and telling me about it.


The Baja Surf Fishing trip was not well attended, but Bill and Joanie Lally and Donna and Louis Rinelli joined Jan and Andee Sadlo for a lazy weekend, relaxing on lounges at the beach with a surf rod in one hand and a Marguerita in the other. Everyone enjoyed a fabulous dinner at the Elnito Restaurant. Jan tells me that this is something worth doing, even if the fishing isn't too good, and I believe him.

The Long Distance Casting Clinic at the Long Beach Casting Club was held December 8th at 1:00 P.M. and was attended by Ed Miller, Don Gardner, Joe Papevis, Jordan Lagman, Lou Paskin, Mike Weigand, Jim Walthers, Art Johnson and Jan Sadlo. Everyone enjoyed the clinic and claim to have added 10 feet to their cast.

BOOK REVIEW Bennett Mintz has my thanks, for not only coming up with a great suggestion, but for actually doing something about it. He suggests that we have an occasional book or gift review, and he prepared the following:

The Living River  
by Charles E. Brooks

Published by Nick Lyons Books  
Doubleday & Co. \$17.50



If you have ever stood below a thermal pool on the Firehole and cast to a trout; if you have ever been in the meadow above Gibbon Falls where the elk congregate; if you have ever waded the Madison in the fall while flights of honkers whistle above; or if you have ever floated down to Ennis in late June when the salmonflies turn fishing from a passtime to a fever (or if you have ever dreamed of doing any of the above), the The Living River is a must for your bookshelf.

It's the new book by Charlies Brooks, out just in time for Christmas/Channukkah giving/receiving and at \$17.50 it might be the bargain of the century.

Brook details virtually every fishable inch of the Firehole and Gibbon to their confluence to form the Madison; and then takes you along the Madison from Madison Junction through the Park, to Hebgen and Quake Lakes, to Ennis and all the way to Three Forks where the mighty Madison joins with the Gallatin and Jefferson to form the Missouri.



Brooks goes into the Indians who lived on the banks, the seasons, the flora and fauna. He deals with the river section by section. And he deals with the future of the river.

I really only found one fault: the damn thing is too big to carry with me and it won't fold. I intend to carry it each trip into the Yellowstone country from now on. But while it might be too big for fishing vest, it will go handsomely on a coffee table, and that's a great place for The Living River.

Ned Grey, the Fishermen's Spot and other stores will, no doubt, stock it for holiday gifting.

#### NEW MEMBERS AND ADDRESS CHANGES

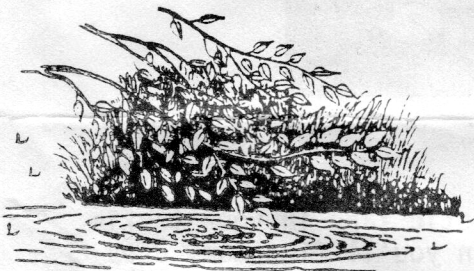
We'd like to welcome the following new members:

1. John Herrera  
1000 Glendon Way, Apt. #11  
Alhambra, CA 91803  
(H) 570-8228  
(B) 232-6291
3. J. W. Hyer  
5928 Colfax Avenue  
No. Hollywood, CA 91601  
(H) 769-9825  
(B) 992-4433

2. Edward R. Melendrez  
10057 Petit Avenue  
Sepulveda, CA 91343  
(H) 368-3351

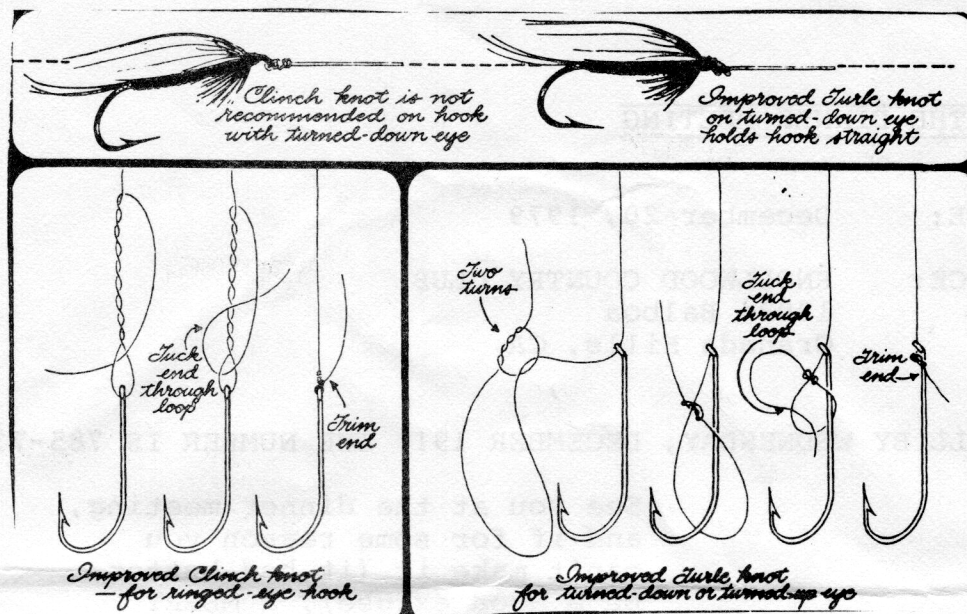
Bernie and Dorothy McGuire have a new address:

4439 Lindblade Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90066  
391-5867



#### DFG ALERT!

If you're going to be fishing in Ventura County, watch out for Bufo Marinus. This is a prohibited species of poisonous giant toad. Apparently the toad didn't read the DFG regulations and has showed up in a tributary of Ventura County's Canejo Creek. It's native range is from Texas down through South America. These toads grow to ten inches and one was captured in the area and several others have been seen doing whatever it is that toads do. The DFG said that they are dangerous to handle and their poison can cause temporary blindness.



## REMINDERS

Photo Contest - December 31st is the deadline for the Photo Contest. This is your last chance. Your pictures for the Photo Contest must be submitted to Jan Sadlo, marked on the back of the print as entered in either the category of pictures of a member (in the act of fishing or some other outing-related activity), or all other (all other pictures taken on an outing).

By the way, if you wanted to enter the Essay Contest, it's too late. But don't despair, we'll have another one next year. Submit your fish tales to me for the January Newsletter and you'll be an automatic entry in the 1980 contest.

## OUTINGS AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 16, 1979	-	Redondo Beach Bonito/Bonita Outing.
February 9, 1980	-	Fly Casting Clinic. (This is to help you prepare for the games)
February 23, 1980	-	Fly Casting Games.
March 23, 1980	-	Local fishing outing, possible Sespe or Deep Creek.

Remember, advanced fly tying will start after January 1, 1980. The exact date will be announced in the next Newsletter.

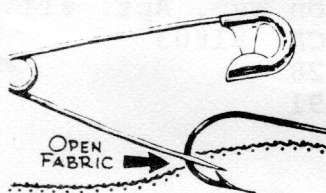


If you happen to be flyfishing in the area and hook one of those toads, cut off the tippet, don't try to save the fly, or you may have to walk out blind. Of course, some of our members regularly walk away from our outings blind as a result of ingesting various dangerous substances made from ethyl alcohol. For those of you without prior experience at getting home while blind, watch out for the toads!

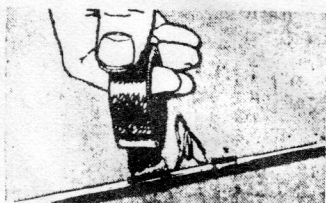
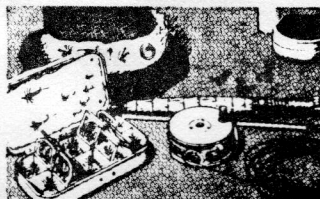
As long as I'm giving you bad news (see toad paragraph above) I might as well tell you that your dues next year will be \$15.00 for regular membership, \$20.00 for associate memberships and \$7.50 for junior and non-resident memberships. Inflation has finally hit the S.P.F.F. The Board was reluctant to raise the dues, but in light of escalating costs, we had no choice.

### TACKLE TIPS

A fish hook stuck in your clothing can be removed without tearing the cloth by using either a common pin or safety pin. Use the pin to force an opening in the fabric on the barb side of the hook point, then back the barb out of the pinhole.



Trapped moisture can damage almost anything, due to rust or mildew. For this reason, it's a good idea to wait till the next day to put your fishing gear away. Leave the rod uncased, the lure box open, and clothes hung over a chair till dry.



Carry a roll of plastic tape in your tackle box and it's certain you'll find many uses for it: to fasten a loose rod guide, secure a spinning reel to the handle, cover a developing heel blister, prevent a rope end from fraying, and many, many more.

DON'T FORGET THE DINNER MEETING

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BE SURE TO CALL BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19! THE NUMBER IS 785-7306.

See you at the dinner meeting,  
and if for some reason you  
can't make it (it had better  
be a good excuse), A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR,

DAVE HARDACRE

