



## Great Deals + Do Good!

### Annual Auction and Fundraiser By Glenn Short

**G**et great deals on fly fishing trips, gear, accessories, guides, clothing, art and more, while you support SPFF's conservation and education programs.

Please plan to join us for our annual Sierra Pacific Flyfishers' Fund Raising Auction on Thursday, September 15th, at the Monterey at Encino. The Silent Auction tables will open at 5:30 p.m., with a Live Auction following dinner. You will find discounts of 30% to 60% below retail. A catalog will be posted on our club website before the event [spff.org](http://spff.org).

A highlight of the Live auction will be a day on the water with renowned British angler [Charles Jardine](#), an author, artist and club member. The Silent Auction includes an impressive lineup of over 25 fishing trips: Alaska's Boardwalk Lodge, Hot Creek Ranch, the Green River and the Bighorn River. Other items include a stay at a Mammoth Lakes condo, numerous fly rods, reels, clothing and more.

All net proceeds will go to Sierra Pacific Flyfishers Foundation's conservation and education programs. Don't forget to make your dinner reservation and bring your cash, credit cards or checkbook.

Please come support our club and its good works, while you enjoy an evening with friends!



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



With fires breaking out all over the State, hot temperatures and no sign of rain, we must look forward to Fall in the Eastern Sierra. We anglers are incurable optimists and, as we proved on the GSO, capable of being very resourceful. While it's been tough up North with high flows on the Lower Owens and vacationing fish on Hot Creek, the great Pacific Ocean has been performing well. If you've never tried it, this is definitely the time to sign up for a charter on the Sea Jay with Michael Schweit or a trip to any local beach for a chance at corbina. For the more adventurous a two day blue water trip out of San Diego will put you into yellowfin, dorado and maybe even a bluefin – that's fishing and sushi rolled into one. Closer to home a trip to Catalina with a local boat rental will give you a good chance at the small yellowtail just outside the harbor. Check the tide tables and head down to Venice, Will Rogers or La Conchita beaches at the crack of dawn if there's a low tide and you will see (catching not guaranteed) the backs of large corbina as they race around imitating bonefish. If salt is not to your liking, then you may have to wait for the big browns to head back to the Upper Owens. You can combine Fall fishing with a trip to the 4th Annual Faire in Bishop on October 14-16th. Check out the details in this edition. SPFF is doing a beginner's class on the Friday afternoon and I will be doing casting demos and a double haul class. Our old friend and Club favorite Charles Jardine is this year's special guest. Sign up now for his on the water classes – they are the best deal in town. Our annual fundraiser and auction is around the corner on September 15th. This is where I try to wring every last dime out of you to support what the Club does all year. Without sounding too much like an infomercial, this year will be bigger and better than ever! Steve Esgate and his team have put together over 25 trips, lots of rods and reels, clothing, artwork and flies for every budget. If you already have everything you could possibly need (yes, you Bill O'Kelly) then think of buying Christmas gifts for your friends who are starting out. We need volunteer help to set up, please contact Glenn Short if you can show up early. For those of you "back benchers" who are skipping dinner, we even have a special surprise for you. I will again be conducting the live auction although I have yet to master the classic auctioneer delivery. Finally, thanks to everyone who made the Lake Malibou picnic such a success (see separate article) – the local Fire Department were thrilled with our donation of Italian sausage.

*Marshall*

## MONTANA GUIDE TRIP



Want to check off that bucket list item?

October 2 through Oct. 8.

6 nights lodging at the 7R guest ranch, all meals, 5 days guided fishing from a drift boat.

Cost. \$1875 for double occupancy. \$2049 for single occupancy. Price includes airport shuttle from Helena.



For information contact Jack Jonathan at (818) 516-7958. email: [jack-jona@aol.com](mailto:jack-jona@aol.com) or Matt Morrill at (406) 640-0370 [guidewaters@hotmail.com](mailto:guidewaters@hotmail.com) This is the chance to fish for the hardest fighting trout you have ever seen. They average 17" The scenery is spectacular.



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## 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!**



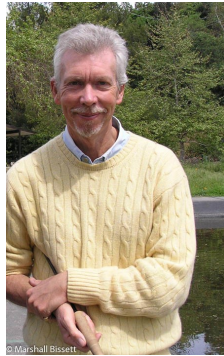
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# THE FLY FISHING FAIRE WELCOMES CHARLES JARDINE

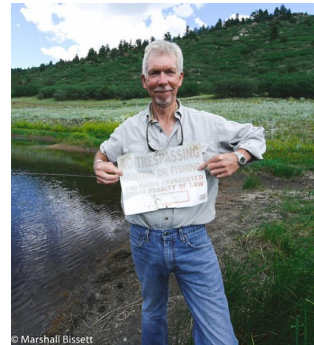
**A**claimed British angler, author, fly tier and painter Charles Jardine will make a return visit to Southern California for the SWC Fly Fishing Faire to be held at the Fairgrounds in Bishop on October 14-17. In a career spanning over 40 years, Charles has received virtually every award that fly fishing has to offer, including the IFFF President's pin and Ambassadors award and a silver medal in the ESPN outdoor championships. He has competed in the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships and



is currently the coach of the English Youth team. Charles has demonstrated casting and fishing techniques in Slovenia, Italy, Denmark, Africa, Cuba and the Bahamas. He was a member of team SAGE for fifteen years and has consulted for Rio, Fulling Mill, Winston



and Simms. He is the author of *Dark Pools* and the modern classic *Sotheby's Guide to Fly Fishing for Trout*, and wrote the introduction to George Daniel's *Dynamic Nymphing*. The fish he catches are lovingly memorialized in watercolors; his series of rainbow and gray-



ling prints are sought after by collectors worldwide. A long-time advocate for youth, he is currently the director of the highly successful Countryside Alliance Trust Fishing 4 Schools program. On his home waters of the Test, Itchen and Avon he is in demand as a celebrity guide. He is often (and proudly) out fished by his son Alex and made fun of on Facebook by his daughter Annabelle. No stranger to the big Western rivers of Montana and Colorado, Charles has a special fondness for California and the Eastern Sierra. "I am delighted to be returning to my second home and honored to be part of the SWC Faire."



## Bow River Bullets By Dale Lopez

**T**he Lower Bow River running through Calgary, Alberta is the Blue Ribbon section of the river. **Average size is 15" - 22"**, with fish in the mid-twenties caught daily. Here both Browns and Rainbows are pursued, with the legendary "Bow River Bullet" Rainbows consistently surprising anyone who hooks into one, with how hard they fight and how high they jump. These fish are freight trains - on steroids. Once an angler hooks one, there is no disputing that these special trout have steelhead ancestry. The "Rocket" is a hybrid between a McCloud River redband trout and the native Westslope Cutthroat. The fish tend to be more silver in color.

Day one we found water visibility was 1 - 1 ½ feet due to daily thunderstorm runoff. Because of the poor water conditions we had to fish hard but did average at least two quality fish in the 18" - 21" class per day. I started my day by breaking off my first two fish on 2X - 8# leader. We moved to 0X - 10# leader that we fished for the next 2 ½ days. I landed my best fish on a streamer, a monster 23" 5 pounder that ran me into the backing during day one. These fish are the hardest fighting trout I have ever played. They would come out of the water and slap the surface with a vengeance.

Local fishing guides told me the fish are healthy and with the abundance of food in the river this year are expecting to see some 10# fish this fall. I have already decided to return in September of 2017.





# SPFF PICNIC – FUN IN THE SUN

By Marshall Bissett

Thanks to the kindness of local resident Mike Rupp, Lake Malibou was once again the venue for the annual SPFF picnic. With valley temperatures in the triple digits, it looked

bivores. For the second year Kevin Radanovich and his helpers put together a yard sale with rods, reels, float tubes and pontoon boats at rock bottom prices. The final tally is not in yet but it looks like the Club may have raised about \$1200 that goes towards education and conservation efforts. Despite the heat, the Danish Casting Games were again a popular attraction. Attracted by the promise of lavish prizes, contestants tested their skills in distance and accuracy on an obstacle course. The lucky winners will be announced at the September fundraiser.

like we might beat the heat but by noon everyone was ready to eat ice cream or dive in the lake. This event was originally a potluck but soon became a catered affair with Bill Woods and Mike Rupp on hand at the grill. The menu, devised and donated by Janne Bissett, featured Italian sausage (mild and spicy or whimpy and manly), a hybrid called broccislaw and the obligatory baked beans and potato salad, with veggie burgers for the her-



Mike Rupp  
aka Martha Stewart

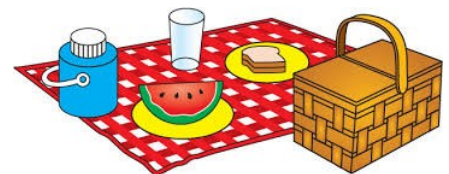


environmentally correct water dispenser. Thanks also go to Smoother and Kevin for their artful display of yard sale items. Michael Peratis deserves an honorable mention for stuffing his vehicle with unsold items to be offered on Craig's List or donated to the IFFF Flybuy next year.

This event would not have been possible without all the volunteers and early bird helpers. Thanks go to Glenn Short for leading the effort, Janne Bissett for catering, Mike and Tom



Glenn Short, Mike Rupp, & Bill Woods  
Sausage Meisters





# Why Oh Why Oh Wyoming

By Bennett Mintz



Now in my 80s with neighbors, business associates and old school chums dropping like proverbial flies, I decided to seize the day (or *carpe diem* if you know Latin) and have a whack at some trout in and around Grand Teton National Park. I was inspired by the Teton chapter Scott Sanchez wrote for the book I authored with Terry and Wendy Gunn.

Over the years, I've fished the Firehole, Madison and other Yellowstone waters dozens of times, but never Grand Teton. Scott graciously agreed to guide me one day while he played hooky from his daytime job at JD's High Country Outfitters in Jackson. And Paul Bruun agreed to take me floating a couple of days.

I thought about driving, and I would have except I thought about it again. The drive from Salt Lake City to Jackson Hole is a comfortable five hours. But that haul from Da Valley to SLC via Las Vegas is best described as 10 hours of sheer agony. So I flew to Salt Lake via Southwest and drove a rental Buick the rest of the way. What a way to go!



A young guide and friend of Paul wanted to spend a day with the Bruun Meister, the Master Craftsman of the Outdoor World, so he joined us on the Snake. Having two guides to swap oars is a perfect way to spend a day. If I was at all rich I'd do it maybe a hundred days a year. If one guy wasn't tying on a new fly, the other guy was. I felt like King Farouk or Dick Cheney or one of those guys.

The pattern on the Snake was a Chernobyl Ant or any of the myriad similar varieties now for sale. As long as it floated high and wiggled, a cutthroat was right there to eat it. I hooked about 30, landed around 15; nothing bigger than a dozen inches.

A day later, Paul took me 60 or so miles south of Jackson to a small river I'm sworn not to name in print. It runs through farmland in the Star Valley. Big Black Angus cattle walk the banks and cross the creek. It actually looks not unlike the Fall River in Northern California. To sum it up in a few words, the big ones rise but the small ones eat. I rose or hooked about 80 fish and landed roughly 40. None of the ones landed was bigger than 10 or 11 inches. But the ones that spit the hook! Ah

... big honkers in the 16- to 18-inch range. They'd hit, tug once and scoot or maybe show most of their back and then miss the bug entirely.

The Gros Ventre – pronounced Grow Von – is French for Fat Belly or something like that. It's an area of the largest landslide in history which occurred in 1925, blocked the river entirely and created a giant lake. The river itself rumbles and tumbles through the rocks and scree, twisting its way toward the Snake. Most of the banks were inaccessible to me. I no longer have the stomach or balance for boulder bounding if I ever did. But Scott found me a decent access point just downstream from a bridge where I could slowly shuffle my way to the river.

I cast one of his hair and foam rubber creations into a V-shaped slick adjacent to a cement piling and a 17-incher took me for a joy ride. I was casting a 4-weight rod and the fish ripped 20 or 30 feet into the current. As I finally swung it to the bank, Scott jumped in about knee-high and held it to his chest. What a guy!

The first lightning strike and ensuing clap of thunder sent us high-tailing back to his truck. We almost made it before the rains came. I wanted to stand there, drenched, smelling the fresh water and fragrant Wyoming grass, but wiser heads prevailed.

Part way down the hill we pulled next to an abandoned pioneer's cabin. It was a Hollywood phony ... it was the cabin built for Alan Ladd, Van Heflin and Jean Arthur in the movie *Shane*. So I did what everyone else does: I yelled *Shane, come back; come back Shane*.



Jackson, if you haven't been there, is a physical fitness fiesta. There are bicycle trails crossing jogging trails crossing mountain climbing trail heads. It might well be the only place in the world where you can buy a latte and \$1,000 pair of lizard cowboy boots in the same store. As Sanchez pointed out, the fitness fanatics even jog or bike from saloon to saloon. And there are lots of saloons.



## 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  
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Send an email to David Hoffberg,  
Project Healing Waters Program  
Lead [dhoffberg@aol.com](mailto:dhoffberg@aol.com)



## SWC IFFF Fly Tying Contest

**T**he Carson Fly Fishing Club is hosting a fly tying contest limited to members of clubs in the Southwest Council. The flies will be raffled off as a group at the SWC IFFF Fly Fishing Faire in Bishop that takes place October 14-16, and all proceeds will go to the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers. Participants do not have to be members of the IFFF, just a current member of a SWC club.

The contest rules and entry forms for the three tying divisions are detailed in the document linked below. If you need additional information, there is an address on the contest introduction page.

<http://www.carsonflyfishingclub.com/files/2016SWCFlyTyingContest.pdf>



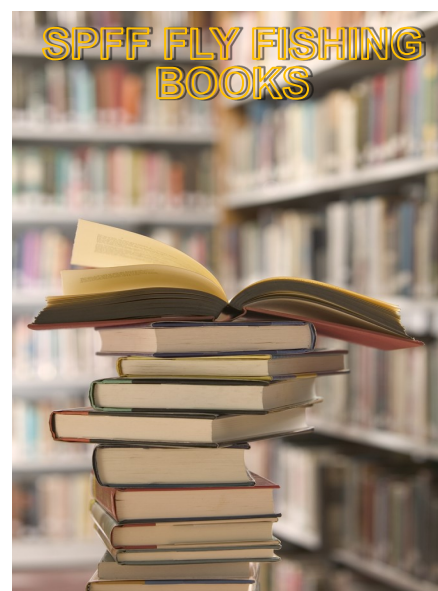
## Mea Culpa

Last month I mistakenly attributed the Summer in Baja article to Debbie Sharpton. The author's credit should have gone to Jodi Martin.

My apologies to both of you.

Your Newsletter Editor  
Glen Atkinson

## SPFF Library



You can "browse the stacks" online by going to the [www.spff.org](http://www.spff.org) website.

All materials are available for members to check out at *no charge*.

A link is provided to contact our Librarian.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

**FLY PAPER ENTRIES**—Please email copies of your photos or "jpegs" at the unedited, original size and other newsletter items to Glen Atkinson at:

[news@spff.org](mailto:news@spff.org)

**DEADLINE:**  
**3rd Thursday each month**  
**by 5 PM (Dinner Meeting)**



## Meet Your Board Member

Hi, my name is Jay Bushore and I am the SPFF Club Membership Chair. I have always liked to fish, both fresh and saltwater, but I had never flyfished until 2007. There was something that seemed intriguing about flyfishing. I had taken a short class on flyfishing but was still lost and needed help. I was looking through the internet when I came across SPFF website. It showed the ITFF and other outings where I could learn about flyfishing. SPFF seemed like a place to learn. I was at the Pasadena Flyfishing Show and SPFF had a booth there and I filled out the card for the ITFF class. The class was great and I went to the graduation outing.

I joined the club in April of 2007 right after the graduation outing. The members have been great on club outings and giving me tips, which I need a lot of. The GSO was great learning experience on where to go and how to fish the area. I did learn that everyone has a different style. One outing the guide was saying to set the hook hard like a bass fisherman. The next outing I hooked a fish and tried to set the hook and my current guide says why the hell did you do that? You pulled the hook right out of the mouth and that was the biggest fish I have seen today. Just find the way that works best for you. In 2010 Bill O'Kelly was vacating the Membership Chair to become the Vice President. I volunteered to take over the Membership Chair after some arm twisting and a glass of wine at a dinner meeting.

On the personal side, I was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. I live in Oak Park where I raised four kids. I now have five grandkids and counting. Two of my boys are getting into flyfishing. I think I will have drivers when I get older.

I have enjoyed being a member of SPFF and meeting the other members. I have learned a lot from them. Being on the board has also helped me learn more about flyfishing. Joining the board is a great way to learn about other areas of fly fishing. If you are a new member, I would like talk to you the next time you are at an outing or dinner meeting.

## Getting On In Years?

I'm getting old. What should I do with all this gear? My kids say "not in my garage!". My wife says "get rid of it before you aren't with us any more, or unable to use it". Your buddies fish conventional and are also old. **Idea** - Contact SPFF and ask the president for help!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

### July 2016

Independence Day.....	4
PHW Vets .....	7
Board Meeting .....	7
PHW Vets .....	21
<b>Dinner Meeting @ Wilderness Fly Fishers.....</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>GSO.....</b>	<b>22-24</b>

### August 2016

PHW Vets .....	4
Board Meeting .....	4
IFFF.....	2-6
SPFF Picnic.....	14

### September 2016

Labor Day .....	1
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome	
Volunteers!.....	1
Board Meeting .....	1
PHW Vets Outing/Welcome	
Fish Derby.....	3
Volunteers!.....	15
<b>Annual Auction Dinner MTG.....</b>	<b>15</b>
Nymphing Clinic (thru 2 Oct).....	30

### October 2016

<b>90 Day Membership Renewal Notice</b>	
Rosh Hashanana.....	3

PHW Vets .....	6
Board Meeting .....	6
Yom Kippur.....	12
IFFF Faire.....	14-16
PHW Vets.....	20
<b>Dinner Meeting .....</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Halloween.....</b>	<b>31</b>

### November 2016

<b>60 Day Membership Renewal Notice</b>	
PHW Vets .....	3
Board Meeting .....	3
Veterans Day .....	11
PHW Vets .....	17
<b>Dinner Meeting .....</b>	<b>17</b>
Thanksgiving.....	24

### December 2016

<b>30 Day Membership Renewal Notice</b>	
PHW Vets .....	1
Board Meeting .....	1
PHW Vets .....	15
<b>Dinner Meeting .....</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Christmas.....</b>	<b>25</b>

### 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



Kevin Radonovich on Lake Crowley  
@ GSO

### Next Dinner Meeting **Thursday September 15**

Monterey At Encino  
16821 Burbank Blvd  
Encino, CA 91436

#### Menu

Broiled Salmon  
Or  
Baked Chicken

Mashed Potatoes

Grilled Vegetables

#### Dessert

Hot Fudge Sundaes  
Coffee

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

[MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com](mailto:MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com)

**Reserve by Monday September 12**

\$32.00 Cash or Check, No Cards  
Non-dining guests are now FREE!

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