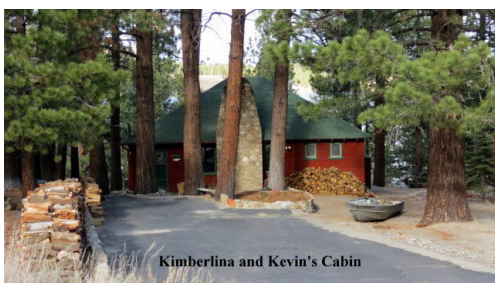




ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND LIVE AUCTION



By popular request, the spectacular SPFF Silent and Live Auction will take place on March 15th. This is the principal fundraising event for our Club, allowing us to support our goals of education and conservation. This year's tantalizing cornucopia of offerings will appeal to those who have never held a fly rod, and those who love to travel.

The lineup includes the ever-popular patchwork quilt, a special Behind the Scenes at the Natural History Museum of LA tour and condo rentals in Mammoth and June Lake. Knowing that many of you already have all the rods and reels you need, the emphasis has shifted to guided trips and destination travel. We have secured two-for-one guided trips from Colorado Guide Landon Meyer and, closer to home, Owens River trips with Pat Jaeger.

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR MARCH'S DINNER MEETING

1st Prize -

Redington Classic Trout Travel Rod, 3 wt 9', 6 pieces

2nd Prize -

Orvis Battenkill Disc1 Reel

Big Barrel-

Sequoia Gear Bag
Net

Simms Yeti Coffee Mug
Simms Belt

Various other items

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Beware the ides of March" warned one Club member on hearing that we had moved our annual fundraiser and auction to March 15th. For those who missed that day in high school, this was the soothsayer's (you may have to Google that) way of warning Julius Caesar that something bad was about to happen. True enough, it was not a great day for old JC but it will be an excellent evening for anyone looking for deals on rods, reels, guide trips and condo rentals in the Sierra. Previously the fundraiser was in September but lately attendance has dropped off, so we are testing a new time of year. Please prove me right by showing up in large numbers with generous hearts. This day will also mark the official end of our annual FUND DRIVE (see website for details). Many members have given generously but there is still time for you to make that donation in lieu of attending the fundraiser. This year (2017) your donations have been spread across our education efforts (ITFF etc..) and many deserving local causes. These are: RCD of the Santa Monica Mountains, Western Native Trout Initiative, Cal Trout, Kern River Conservancy and the SWC of FFI. Our thanks go to Debbie Sharpton for presenting these causes to the Board. March is the month for our annual ITFF (Introduction to Fly Fishing) held at the One Generation Center in Reseda. This year we have 40 new students and the same excellent team of casting and knot tying instructors. Presentations by Steven Fernandez and Paul Riegert round out a



truly excellent program and one that we hope will produce new Club members. Despite the recent fire that ripped along Chalk Bluff road, reports indicate that the Lower Owens should be fishable for our graduation outing on March 23rd and 24th. We are still looking for volunteers to help the students on these days – contact me if you are able and willing. This is the second newsletter produced by High School student Vicky Vargas – please make her life easier by sending in photos and short articles to news@spff.org. Check our calendar for upcoming outings – we are taking signups for Hot Creek and a new bass fishing outing to Kelsey Ranch – for details on these you can email Jim Fleisher at outings@spff.org.

See you at the fundraiser on March 15th – come for the corned beef and cabbage and stay to win some great prizes.

Marshall

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR 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.

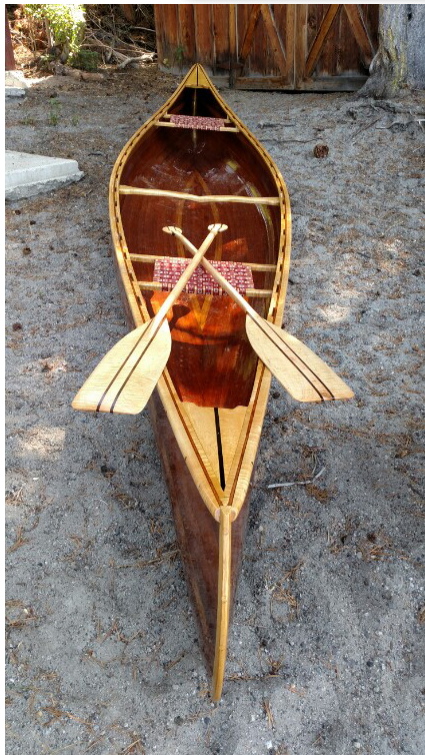
Members, please introduce yourselves to our new members at our monthly dinner meetings and make them feel welcome!

**Blake Yamamoto
Alice Hulac-Morentin**

LIVE AUCTION (CONT)

Club members play a big part in the Live Auction with a custom rod from Richard Plunkett and custom fly tying tables from master woodworker Kevin Radanovich. The Live Auction will again give the lucky winner the chance to fish in the UK with angling great Charles Jardine. There is no doubt that Steve Esgate and his team have once again put together a catalog that has appeal for veterans and newcomers alike. Don't miss this very special evening — bring your check book, credit cards or cash — all will be welcome.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE AUCTION CATALOG](#)





This is an example of how the funds we raise at the action are dispersed:

Debbie Sharpton, SPFF Conservation Director, presents a check for \$1000 to Candice Meneghin, CalTrout Southern California Conservation Program Manager.

SPFF LOGO GEAR

At long last, we have succeeded in arranging with Cabela's for us to order any item from their catalog embroidered with our SPFF logo, for the princely sum of \$5. You must order an item from Cabela's to do this; sale items are OK but you must order from the corporate office, rather than online.

The procedure is as follows: Choose any item (shirt, jacket, hat, etc.) and note the item number. Call 1-800-243-6636, give them the SPFF customer number (#20705696), your size, color and where you want to place the embroidery: shoulder, front, back, sleeve, or wherever.

Charge to a credit card, give them your shipping information, and voila! In a couple of weeks your embroidered item will arrive. Let's show our colors to the world!

Rich Ress



Come join SPFF members and friends for instruction at our Lake Balboa Casting Clinics—see the Calendar for dates.

FRED HALL SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL
Southwest Council

The Southwest Council FFI is looking for a few passionate fly fishers to staff their information booth at the upcoming Fred Hall Show March 7 -11 in Long Beach. Each volunteer shift runs about 4-5 hours and includes free admission to the show for the day. All that's required is a willingness to engage people as they stop by the booth, talk fly fishing and throw in a promo for our club or one of the other member clubs in the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International. Please contact Leigh Ann Swanson at LACraven22@hotmail.com to arrange for your shift. See you at the show.

**Casting for
Recovery**
Southern California



Casting for Recovery, Southern California is accepting raffle donations!

1st Drawing: Sage Grace pink rod, 8'6" 5wt outfit that includes Sage reel and line in a pink case

2nd Drawing: Pink 45 Yeti ice chest.

ONLY 52 CHANCES IN A DECK OF CARDS WILL BE SOLD!

Each card donation is suggested at \$100.00. CfR will draw 2 winners after the 52 cards are sold. Buy a card here: <https://donate.castingforrecovery.org/rafflesocal> (Your half of the card will come in the mail from CfR So Cal.)

Questions? Call Teresa 661-330-1649 or Carole 760-912-7539

Thank you for your continued support!

SPFF MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM JARDINE'S MASTER CLASS ON THE OWENS RIVER

Following a two-day master class on the Lower Owens River, Club members Ari Young and Leeanne Shin ventured out to try the tight-line European nymphing style taught by UK veteran angler, and January presenter, Charles Jardine. Following an amazing day on the river, Ari wrote the following letter of thanks to Charles:

First and foremost, thank you so much for your generosity and [the] time you gave us. It is something special that both Leeanne and I consider privileged to have the opportunity to learn from you. So thank you and Marshall, as well, for making this all happen!

Today we thought we would try a bit downstream, away from the fishing pressure in the first 3 miles. We fished a section that is 2 driving (probably at least 6 river miles) miles downstream from the old tree. We just had an incredibly successful day. Leeanne caught five fish and I caught 7 including a sucker (which we all know doesn't count for much

in terms of table fare). When I first hooked it and it began to bulldoze downstream I thought I had one of those fish that haunt ones' imagination and are only seen in movies.

Leeanne took me to the run [where] she caught a few with an ant Saturday, and I watched her Czech nymph it for... two 13" browns. I fished a run upstream of there and produced 5 similar sized browns and large sucker. There was a little more cloud cover today and the same 20-minute BWO hatch at 1PM. Prepared I was this time, and caught a 13" brown on the foolproof size 16 Parachute Adams. But, I must admit I fished down and across, crouched on the top of the bank, as there was no other way to present [a fy] into a deep dark alley, lined with tules. I can't wait to find a situation where I can use the upstream "S" mend you taught me on a fish across [the] current.

We had such a great time and attribute our success today to the nymphing



methods you taught us over the weekend. I can tell you it is addicting when you go 3 fish for 3 casts, and then two more casts and another hookup. Deadly, effective, in-the-zone, cheating, stupid, illegal, and wrong. It's just wrong when things come together so easily, yes? One begins to feel bad about such effective methods?

Thanks,
Ari

Editor's Note: Expert instruction can change your fishing forever!

ORVIS FLY FISHING GUIDE PODCAST



Orvis Fly Fishing Guide. Tom Rosenbauer posts an (almost) weekly podcast covering a wealth of flyfishing subjects. The archived podcasts date back to 4/17/2008. Check them out at <http://www.orvis.com/s/fly-fishing-guide-podcasts/4047>.

SUPER BOWL OUTING—EXCITING, JUST LIKE THE GAME!



With temperatures in Minnesota barely reaching a positive number, SPFF club members took advantage of clear blue skies and temperatures in the 70s for the Club's annual Super Bowl Outing to the Eastern Sierra. Flows on the Lower Owens (or Middle Owens as it is now called) dipped down to 96 cfs from previous month's highs over 400 cfs, making for easy access and wading. To everyone's surprise, the parking turnouts on Chalk Bluff Road were not crowded and the traditional spots above Benton Crossing were virtually deserted. Fishing reports showed wild swings from day to day—going from "red hot" to "couldn't buy a fish."



I had great success on Friday afternoon tight-line

nymphing the faster, more aerated runs in the wild trout section, and even managed a couple of nice browns on a #18 BWO. As the sun set and the cold set in at 4:00 p.m., the bite died off. The usual nymph suspects (Zebra Midge and Pheasant Tail) worked, as did larger Frenchies and suggestive competition-style patterns. On Saturday, we had to try the Upper Owens. We fished for two hours—nada, nothing, zero, zilch.

Dinner at the Bishop Country Club was the usual forum for stories, lies, half-truths and exaggeration. Over 40 members attended and most, if not all, had brought a few fish to net. Norm Willis's grandson had a stellar weekend, catching a quite unreasonable number of fish for a novice! He may even have out-fished our resident ringer, Mr. Richard Plunkett!

Cast
into
Spring

HEATHER HODSON
@NorthWestFlyGirl

SIMMS. SAGE

A DAY HOSTED by WOMAN ANGLERS

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SAT. MARCH 10th | 11am - 4pm

<p>11 am - 2 pm</p> <p>2 pm - 4 pm</p> <p style="color: pink;">2 pm</p> <p>2:15 pm</p> <p>2:30 pm</p> <p>2:45 pm</p> <p>3:15 pm</p>	<p>Education Stations</p> <p>Presentations & Fashion Show</p> <p>Heather Hodson Connecting with Women Around the World</p> <p>Analiza Del Rosario Fall in Love with Local Fly Fishing</p> <p>Michelle Bowman Paddleboard Fishing</p> <p>Kesley Gallagher Flats Fishing</p> <p>Fashion Show</p>
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SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

March 2018

PHW Vets	1
Board Meeting	1
ITFF Class #2	3
Fred Hall Show	7-11
ITFF Class #3	10
PHW Vets	15
Dinner Meeting / Fundraiser	15
ITFF Class #4	17
ITFF Graduation Outing.....	23-25

April 2018

PHW Vets	5
Board Meeting	5
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	7
PHW Vets	19
Dinner Meeting	19
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	21
SWC Quarterly Meeting.....	21
Kelsey Ranch outing.....	28-29

May 2018

PHW Vets	3
Board Meeting	3
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	5
PHW Vets	17
Dinner Meeting	17
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	19
Memorial Day	28

June 2018

Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	2
PHW Vets	7
Board Meeting	7
Hot Creek Ranch weekend.....	8 -11
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	16
Rush Creek Cleanup	16
PHW Vets	17
Dinner Meeting	21

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

NEXT DINNER MEETING

Thursday March 15
Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

MENU

Entrée:

Caesar Salad Grilled Salmon
OR
Corned Beef and Cabbage

Dessert:

Hot Fudge Sundaes

Cocktails at 5:30 / Dinner 7:00

Call 818.789.1919 Ext 10 (Michelle) or
email MontereyatEncino@Gmail.com
Reserve by Monday, March 12
\$32.00 Cash or Check, No Cards
Non-dining guests are FREE!

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