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MEETING INFORMATION:

This is a dinner/meeting venue attached to the Sepulveda Golf Complex at 16821 Burbank Blvd., Encino CA 91436. We are in the smaller room next to the bar by the golf course.

There is a no-host bar starting at 6:30. Dinner is optional and may be ordered any time. Some social business is conducted before 8 PM, including tall tale fishing stories and general announcements, and a chance to purchase some raffle tickets for some very nice prizes.

The speaker presentation will begin at about 8 PM.

IN-PERSON GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 18 6:30 PM: Cocktail Hour 8 PM: Speaker

OREGON'S REDBAND TROUT ROUTES with Marlon Rampy

by Marshall Bissett

When we think of Oregon fly fishing, many of us focus only on the Deschutes, the Rogue and the Umpqua. But, as we're about to discover, thinking in only those terms would be seriously shortchanging ourselves and Oregon. Our May presenter, Marlon Rampy will show us many impressive trout opportunities, including Oregon's famous redband variety, that exist along central Oregon's north-south Highway 97.

Highway 97 offers such scenic, rich tail waters as the Crooked

River, loaded with high fish counts. And the crystalline headwaters of the Upper Deschutes River will put you on some of the most picturesque brook trout water imaginable. An



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encounter with the legendary callibaetis hatches of East Lake, Hosmer Lake - "The Pearl of the Cascades" and many other spectacular fisheries near Bend, Oregon will leave you with spectacular fly fishing dreams that are within striking distance of Southern California.



At the southern end of Highway 97, you can find the Wood River, see how to float the Williamson River, and explore an expansive Klamath Lake system, home to Oregon's largest redband trout!

Some of the largest trout in the mainland 48 states (fish up to 20 pounds!) are quietly swimming, finning, and eating in the spring-fed rivers and lakes along Oregon's lovely 97. From the Klamath Basin all the way to Bend, our May presenter (and one of our favorites), Marlon Rampy, will

show us about this fantastic fly fishing playground.

Marlon is originally from southwest Washington. The summer he was 10, Marlon visited relatives in Montana, and, under the guise of working, he pursued his love of fly fishing on pretty streams around Bozeman.



After high school, Marlon attended Lee University in Tennessee where he discovered new trout water in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. Graduation from college brought opportunities for exciting fishing in eastern North Carolina, where Marlon had moved to begin a job. There he learned about the fun of fly fishing saltwater for stripers and blues, super aggressive fish that represented a big change from freshwater trout. But trout was still his first love.

So, in 1991, Marlon returned to the Northwest to reacquaint himself with the beautiful trout and steelhead streams of the Cascade Mountain Range in Oregon and Washington. Through his experiences in the Southeast, he had learned to appreciate the natural beauty of central and southern Oregon. With a desire to become an outstanding fly fishing guide, Marlon started working at McKenzie Outfitters Fly Shop in Medford, Oregon teaching students to cast, tie flies and fish the local streams.

Today, Marlon has been fishing and guiding these waters for more than two decades and, from all testimonials (many from our own members), has achieved his goal of becoming an outstanding guide. He has fished for

Rogue steelhead and the trophy trout throughout the Klamath Basin. For nineteen years Marlon worked

IN-PERSON GENERAL MEETING: MARLON RAMPY (CONT.)

with the Lonesome Duck Lodge on the banks of the Williamson before setting up his independent guide service. The Williamson remains his top favorite for large native trout. Situated within 45 minutes of Crater Lake National Park, the Lodge is also near a major flyway and the Klamath National Wildlife Preserve, where multitudes of birdlife are in abundant evidence.

A highly accomplished and admired photographer, Marlon's work can be found in Northwest Fly Fishing magazine, CATCHwebzine, Flyfishing and Tying Journal and many Amato Publications. He practices catch and release fishing techniques, recognizing that the native Klamath Basin redband trout is a limited resource and more than worthy of this practice.



Since its inception in 1995, Marlon's guide business, Wildwest Fly Fishing, has steadily gained a dedicated and popular following as a quality fly fishing experience. For more information about one of our favorite presenters, go to: www.flyfishoregon.com

Marlon's presentation will be a multi-media composition with plenty of photos, sound, scenery, music and yes, even some lovely fish. He will take us on a detailed journey up Highway 97 to see and learn about some of Oregon's best trout waters. This is an evening brimming with stunning images that could help us pinpoint an exciting new fishing trip to central and southern Oregon.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bernie Ecker

April has traditionally been the beginning of fishing season in the High Sierra. The weather this past season has left us with uncertainty. Will the projected cooler weather help hold the water in the abundant snowpack for a gradual runoff or will we be faced with flooding and unfishable waters? What might happen to our favorite rivers and streams in the Eastern Sierra that have struggled through several years of drought? How will the trout manage if melting snow causes exceptional high water flows through the streams? Will the cold temperatures from icy runoff cause the aquatic insect hatches be delayed? When is the best time to be fishing? Where shall we fish? Since nobody knows it behooves us to plan and get out and fish. We may not get the ideal conditions we wish for but very often fishing is about dealing with the conditions and doing as well as we can. The SPFF board had these discussions about our annual July GSO (Great Summer Outing). Suggestions ran the gamut but ultimately we decided to delay the outing by 2 weeks with that hope that that delay would yield better opportunities for fishing. In support of all our hopes for great fishing, there is a fair amount of background work being done to plan and arrange a Saturday evening dinner. With Mammoth Mountain planning for skiing thru July there are many logistic challenges. Much of the planning is still in work but I am confident we will all have the opportunity to get together for a wonderful dinner while also sharing stories of our fishing adventures.

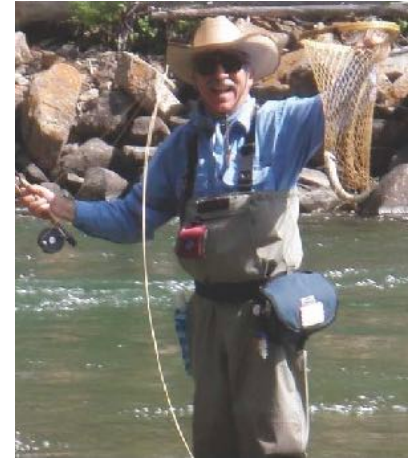
Last month I mentioned our Malibu Creek Steelhead Recovery Project involvement. An announcement was sent out last week about plans for a kick-off outing on April 30th. If interested, remember to submit the completed pledge and review

the information about the Arroyo Chub. This is to be the first of many other Malibu Creek outing opportunities.

Early in April we had an online auction where rods, reels, boots, packs, flies, casting instruction, a float tube, art work and a fishing lodge were offered. Bidding started out slow but by the closing most items were bid up making this another successful fundraising effort by our hard working Development chairperson, Rich Hoffman and his helpers. Thank you. I also want to express my special thanks and appreciation to club members that purchased items in support of our conservation and education goals.

Tight Lines,

Bernie



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MEMBERSHIP

by Jay Bushore

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.

New membership signup is at spff.org/New_Member_Signup.

SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

MAY

Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	3
Board Meeting	4
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	6
FLY BUY 2023.....	6
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	10
Surf Fishing Outing (Rincon Beach).....	13
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	17
Dinner Meeting and Program ("Oregon's Redband Trout Routes" with Marlon Rampy).....	18
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	20
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	24
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	31

JUNE

Board Meeting	1
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	3
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	7
Hot Creek Ranch Weekend	9-12
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	14
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	17
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	21
Dinner Meeting and Program ("New Nymphing Tactics" with George Daniel) .	22
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	28

JULY

Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	1
Fly Tying (in person and Zoom)	5
Board Meeting	6
Summer SWC Quarterly Meeting.....	15
Dinner Meeting and Program ("Bass in Southern California" with Alex Cady)	18
GSO - Great Summer Outing.....	27-31

UPDATE ON GREAT SUMMER OUTING (GSO)

Due to concerns about the runoff from the large snowpack, your SPFF board has decided to postpone the GSO until the last weekend in July (July 28-30).

The website calendar reflects this change. Registration is not yet available since many aspects of the event have not yet been finalized. There will be some type of Saturday night dinner, place to be determined. I will be sending out another email blast looking for volunteers to lead the various outings planned for the weekend.

Please stay tuned and check the website for any additional changes.

Thank you for your patience in this difficult year.

Jim Fleisher
Outings Chairperson



SURF FISHING OUTING: SATURDAY MAY 13

SURF FISHING "POP-UP" OUTING

**Saturday, May 13 at
Rincon Beach Park
Meet at 9:00 AM and fish until?**



SURF FISHING OUTING

Sierra Pacific Flyfishers is planning a “pop-up” outing for Surf Fishing this Saturday, May 13.

The outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 at Rincon Beach Park (Bates Rd. exit off the 101 Freeway) (where we hold the annual picnic).

Meet at 9:00 AM and fish until?

Lunch somewhere nearby like The Spot Hamburger place in Carpinteria.

Car-pool options available at the park and ride lot just across Kanan Road at the Kanan Rd. offramp from the 101 freeway. Meet there at 8:00AM if interested.

Any questions or need for directions, please contact David Hoffberg at:
dhoffberg@aol.com.

SPFF FLY ROD BUILDING CLASS

First Two Classes Filled Fast! Waiting List For Third Workshop...Now Open, Date To Be Announced.

This past March 25th, SPFF had it's first infamous "Fly Rod Building Class" of 2023.

The popular class was held at the amazing workshop of member Rick Russo, nestled among the majestic boulders of beautiful Chatsworth Park.

The one-day event was conducted under close direction of esteemed instructor, Chiaki Hiram. Chiaki is passionate about his rod building pastime, with over 200 builds under his belt. As an SPFF member, he volunteered to guide students through the process to build their own four part, 9', 5WT fly rod from a Batson, RainShadow blank.

President Bernie Ecker joined five other SPFF members as students that day. Attendance included: Estefania Tarin, Jeff Collins, Michael Bowden, Harvey Freed and Richard Fricke.

A wide range of thread wrap colors were available to customize the rod, including green, blue and pink, to name a few. Some chose two contrasting color thread wraps. Chiaki was very generous with his tips and ideas on how to give their rods a custom look and feel.

Each student not only received instruction, but also the tools to build their next custom fly fishing rod. The included materials and 4-part rod that each student walked away with - alone - made this class an amazing value at \$150. The Club even provided Jersey Mike's for lunch (thanks to Michael Peratis).

Each student was provided an entire table to assemble and finish their rod. The new builders took notes and photos along the way. Due to the epoxy curing time, Chiaki demonstrated how to apply the final simple finish coats so this could be done at home.

In Class, Students Learned How To:

- 1) Find the "spine" of each section of the rod. Measure and mark line guide placements.
- 2) Fit and assemble the cork handle, burl wood insert, reel seat and butt cap,
- 3) Use the wrapping bench (included in the package) to align and wrap the line guides,
- 4) Set up the "finishing motor" (also included in the package) to apply a final coat of epoxy.

A waiting list for a third class is forming. If you're interested in taking this excellent class, please contact Michael Peratis at Education2@SPFF.org or text to (818) 645-6031. Classes are limited to 6 students.

Instructor Chiaki Hiram has also made himself available to anyone with specific questions about the class criteria. He may be reached at (818) 968-6872.

SPFF FLY ROD BUILDING CLASS (CONT.)



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