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## ZOOM GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 20

### MAKING DRY FLIES AND EMERGERS WORK with Skip Morris

by Marshall Bissett

We all relish tantalizing dry fly hatches when trout swirl and lunge at tasty passers-by on the surface of rivers and lakes. But it can also be a frustrating game – are they feeding on the fully formed insect or the emerger in the film? To answer these and other trout mysteries we welcome back our May speaker, author and renowned fly tier Skip Morris. The program covers dry flies of all kinds and floating to half-floating emerger-flies.

"This was a good show a year ago--but I went back, dismantled it, rebuilt it almost from scratch. I feel it's gone from a good, solid show to a much-improved one, a new one, really," says Skip.

Beginners and seasoned fly fishers alike will find plenty of interest here: when to and not to fish an attractor (along with a look at some excellent attractor dry flies), casts for achieving a drag-free fly drift, how to sink tippet to turn it almost invisible, dry flies on creeks vs dry flies on rivers, when to twitch a dry fly, a close look at various dry-fly designs and how they affect the way each pattern is fished, considerations for choosing the right



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fly to imitate various insects, and so on, and so on...

Not merely a dry classroom presentation, "Make Dry Fly and Emerger Fishing Work" has stories and humor woven through it, to entertain as well as inform.

Skip has written 21 books on fly fishing and fly tying over the past 25 years (among them, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, *Western River Hatches*, *Trout Flies for Rivers*, and *Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes*) along with



over 300 magazine articles. He has served among the hosts of a national fly-fishing television show and on several instructional DVDs. As a speaker, Skip's performed in California and Arizona, Michigan, Iowa, Texas, and Alabama, and a bunch of other states, three Canadian provinces, and overseas. The spring 2014 issue of *Fly Tyer* magazine announced Skip as a winner of the magazine's lifetime achievement award.



Skip's wife, Carol, provides much of the photography in Skip's work and all the illustrations. They live, currently, with one willful cat named Olive on Washington's lush Olympic Peninsula with its myriad opportunities for both fresh and saltwater fly fishing.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

Finally, we are going fishing again! I just came back from the annual Missoula trip organized by David Hoffberg. Though not an official SPFF event, it is held every year with the goal of taking Project Healing Waters veterans on an exciting and challenging adventure. Because of the pandemic, PHW has curtailed all activities so far this year but the trip went ahead anyway, with club members as well as a few friends. I have had mixed experiences on this trip in the past, chiefly with my inadequate skills as I started fly fishing and with crummy spring weather. This time my casting was up to the challenge, thanks to casting practice and other drift boat trips in recent years, and the guides and fish cooperated for a productive time. The weather was something else, at least on the first day. It was fairly cold, about 30 degrees at put in, and for those fishing the Blackfoot not a problem, but for our groups on the Bitterroot it was tough. The wind was blowing upstream almost all day, apparently an unusual occurrence, at 30+ MPH without letup. I had on 5 layers and was still cold, and the poor guides had to row against the wind to get downriver. They earned their keep that day. The next three days were successively warmer and the fishing was excellent on those rivers as well as on the Clark Fork. My guide, Caleb Garrett, stopped to have us hike a short way over gravel to a small side channel where I stuck a nice brown trout which promptly dove for the bottom in a cloud of mud. I haven't seen that before, and when I released him, he did the same thing. As usual, Jim Fleisher managed to find the best water and scored two bull trout. They were reportedly huge, and if history is any guide, will grow with the telling in the future.

The best parts of the trip, however, weren't only on the river. Since all of us were vaccinated and MT hasn't mandated strict measures, we were able to congregate and dine together as in the past. It was a refreshing, if a bit spooky, respite. I look forward to doing that at home. The other great experience was spending Sunday morning with Carlos and Jackie, recent members whose skills are probably about where mine were on my earlier trips but

whose enthusiasm and energy (especially Jackie's!) were inspiring. We had opted for the later, direct flight from Missoula to LAX on Sunday so we took an Uber downtown, went to Grizzly Hackle where I picked up some fly tying materials and Jackie made a substantial investment in clothing, to Big Dipper Ice Cream and visited the church where Norman Maclean preached. A very satisfactory day.

I recently received an email from a club member who feels that we don't have enough organized club trips. She had fished with another club who do so more frequently and wondered why we weren't doing the same. I pointed out that local venues we visited in the past, such as Piru and Malibu creeks, are no

longer available, and even our Thursday Thrillers to the San Gabriel River have been curtailed by wildfires and drought. Nevertheless, she has a point. We should be organizing more trips to more places. In the past I've been to Soaring Eagle in New Mexico, Lonesome Duck in Oregon and elsewhere. Some of these were from 2 for 1 certificates donated to our fundraisers and not "official" trips, and some were organized by club members themselves but not available to the whole club. The problem, as with every voluntary club or organization, is that it falls to the same small group of people to find and arrange events. I challenged her, and challenge you, to propose and research a trip that the club can support. We are willing and able to help with arrangements, getting the word out, facilitating signup and the rest but the legwork to find and organize an event should be the responsibility of all of us, if we want our club to grow and to bring in new and younger men, women and families. They will be the future of our club, after all.



# HOT CREEK THREATENED!

The Forest Service has invited public comment regarding a proposed Long Valley Exploration Project which proposes to drill up to 3 core borings on each of 14 drill pads in the Long Valley area near Lake Crowley and Hot Creek. Each concrete drill pad would be 53 ft. by 30 ft in size, with temporary access roads built as needed to reach the pads. If the exploration is successful, the applicant, Kore USA Ltd., plans to conduct open pit mining and heap leaching to extract the gold.

The deadline for public comment is May 7. Your comments are encouraged. Reprinted in the pages below are an article by Debbie Sharpton as well as an Action Alert from CalTrout.

## **PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENT PERIOD FOR LONG VALLEY EXPLORATORY DRILLING PROJECT - PROVIDE COMMENTS BY MAY 7**

by Debbie Sharpton, Vice President, Conservation  
Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International

*(reprinted with permission from the May newsletter of the Southwest Council of FFI)*

### **LINK TO COMMENT PAGE:**

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=59294>

The US Forest Service is asking for your help in determining the scope of the analysis for a project proposed very close in Hot Creek.

Kore Mining proposes to conduct mineral exploration activities at it's Long Valley claim for a period of less than one year. Ground disturbing activities proposed consist of drilling with heavy equipment, the creation of fourteen drill pads and the use of existing roads and temporary access routes. The total new land disturbance anticipated is 0.93 acres. Project implementation would occur in the summer of 2021. Reclamation of all impacted areas would commence immediately following the completion of drilling activities. No production or mining would be included in this project. It would be for exploration only, to determine the mineral potential of the site. Any actual production proposed in the future would be analyzed according to National Environmental Policy Act guidelines at that time.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

We need you to submit a public comment opposing this mining operation to Colleen Garcia with the US Forest Service. Deadline for public comment is May 7th, however submittals received by May 1 will be the most useful to USFS in determining the scope for analysis. The link to submit comments and a sample letter are below. Please provide action items based on facts so USFS can use your input.

### **My letter to Ms. Garcia is asking the analysis include:**

1. Review the initial categorical exclusion position taken by the USFS. I believe there are extraordinary circumstances that require an EIS or EA be conducted due to the project applicant's April 8, 2021 press release describing the project is part of of "The 15,965 acre land package is district in scale and covers all deep-rooted fault structures of similar genesis to the Hilton Creek fault, the primary 'conduit' for the current Long Valley deposit." The applicant has chosen to keep the project under the trigger points to specifically avoid proper environmental assessments. Environmental regulators frown on this practice.

2. Release to the public the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by USFS and Kore Mining referenced in the Kore Mining April 8, 2021 press release. I could not find the MOU on the USFS project website. What does

## HOT CREEK THREATENED! (CONT.)

the MOU contain and why was it deemed necessary? How does it impact the environmental review process?

3. Analyze impacts to groundwater movement and surface waterbodies. The dynamic Hot Creek area requires proper scrutiny of the impacts of drilling. How could the drilling impact springs and seeps, groundwater movement and surface flows? Could the drilling alter current water movements? How is water being used in the drilling operation and how are they disposing it?

4. Review the initial USFS position on proposed restoration activities. Three years is insufficient time to insure the recovery of the natural resources taken by the project. Restoration success measures need to be established and the project signoff and release of a financial assurance dependent on meeting the measures. The biological resources taken by the proposed project should be replaced and any invasive species eradicated. A minimum of 7 years of monitoring and maintenance is appropriate, but could be longer in order to meet performance measures. This is standard environmental restoration protocols.

5. Secure financial assurances so the public is not burdened with a degraded resource. All potential impacts of the project should be listed with recovery costs estimated utilizing market rates. A financial assurance needs to be given to the people of the United States prior to any permit issuance.

6. Examine impacts to public land access. Will the public use of the area around the project be impacted by the project? In other words, will the public be kept off any roadways currently used? How will this be compensated?

7. Examine the impact to Bi-State Sage Grouse. The US Fish and Wildlife Service was prepared to list this bird as threatened until the development of the Bi-State Action Plan. Is the project compatible with the Action Plan? What efforts will be made to avoid any incidental take of this bird?

You can use any of my points in your individual submittal to USFS. If you have any thoughts that you think should be included in the letter, please reach out to me at [conservation@swcffi.org](mailto:conservation@swcffi.org)

Debbie Sharpton | CONSERVATION  
Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International

### From CalTrout: Protect Hot Creek, Stop KORE Mining

The US Forest Service is taking public comments on a proposed exploratory mining operation near the headwaters of Hot Creek in the Eastern Sierra that could lead to harmful open pit mining near this fishery. **We need your help to stop it.**

**This project is problematic and disastrous in many ways:**

- 1. KORE Mining wants to drill around Hot Creek for gold with no plan or guarantee that gold exists in that area.** Dredging, excavation, and hydraulic mining will cause dramatic stream degradation.
- 2. The proposal for the exploratory operation provides no information on how much water is needed, the depth of drilling, or the negative impact on the wildlife and the environment.** If the operation is granted, it would have long-term ramifications for

## HOT CREEK THREATENED! (CONT.)

one of California's iconic wild trout fisheries and for the wildlife surrounding the area.

**3. The Hot Creek watershed is highly sensitive** and has remnant impacts of historic mining and development in that area.

### How You Can Help

We need you to submit a public comment opposing this mining operation to Colleen Garcia with the US Forest Service. **Deadline for public comment is May 7th.** The link to submit comments and a sample letter are below.

We encourage you to demand an Environmental Impact Statement be conducted and share your personal comments and stories about why you wish to protect Hot Creek. Specifics are not necessary, any comment helps. Please share this action with your network. **For more information visit our webpage:** <https://caltrout.org/news/trout-clout-protect-hot-creek-stop-kore-mining>

### Sample Letter:

Dear Colleen Garcia,

I strongly oppose the Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project proposed by Kore USA Ltd. (Kore Mining). The proposed mining project threatens the future of the scenic, economically and ecologically important Long Valley area in Mono County.

I am particularly concerned about the proposed project's proximity to Hot Creek, one of the region's iconic fisheries. Though this project is only exploratory for now, as a CalTrout supporter, I am all too aware of the grave impacts mining can have on fish and freshwater ecosystems. Mining operations can lead to sulfuric acid and heavy metal contamination when rainwater or surface drainage carries contaminants to nearby streams, rivers, lakes, and groundwater harming species who rely on these water sources. Not only is this proposed project just above Hot Creek, but the water from Hot Creek eventually flows into Owens River and Crowley Lake, putting this entire ecosystem at risk.

Right now, the need to restore ecosystems rather than degrade them is urgent. California is entering into another extreme drought, another extreme fire season, and is aiming to protect 30% of our lands by 2030. As such, it is completely inappropriate to approve projects like this that will only cause further risk to our natural resources. Therefore, I strongly oppose even the first exploratory step of this effort to ultimately mine for gold. At a minimum, a full EIS should be conducted in order to properly assess the full impacts and allow for meaningful public engagement.

Sincerely,

### More Information:

**•Concerned citizens have until May 7, 2021 to participate in the current 30-day public scoping period** for the proposed Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project proposed by Kore USA Ltd. (Kore Mining).

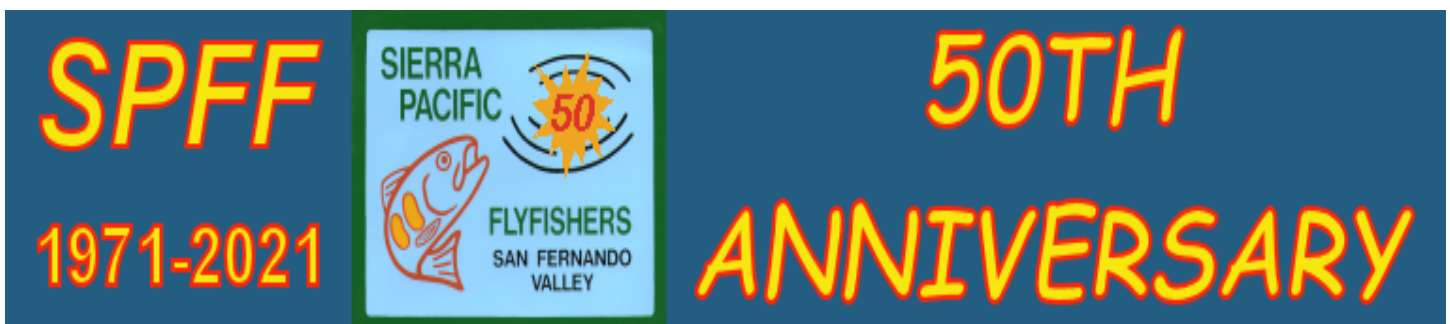
## HOT CREEK THREATENED! (CONT.)

- **Proposed mining exploration threatens the future of the scenic, economically, and ecologically important Long Valley area in Mono County.** Ground disturbing activities proposed consist of drilling with heavy equipment, the creation of fourteen drill pads and the use of existing roads and temporary access routes. The total new land disturbance anticipated is 0.93 acres. Project implementation would occur in the summer of 2021. Reclamation of all impacted areas would commence immediately following the completion of drilling activities. No production or mining would be included in this project. It would be for exploration only, to determine the mineral potential of the site. Any actual production proposed in the future would be analyzed according to National Environmental Policy Act guidelines at that time.
- **Impacts of this proposed project include:** local quality of life, tourism, air quality, noise pollution, decimated habitat of local flora and fauna (including endangered sage grouse and local deer). Kore Mining proposes to construct a total of fourteen drilling pads, measuring 30 feet by 50 feet each. Access to these drill pads will require re-opening roughly a third of a mile of road for the duration of the project. The impacts of the exploration might be only the beginning, however. If the company finds a sufficient quantity of gold to mine, that activity could affect important habitats, create long-lasting water pollution issues, and forever scar Long Valley.
- **Kore Mining is interested in drilling the ground around Hot Creek to look for gold.** Many rivers were excavated, dredged, and hydraulically mined for gold, causing dramatic stream degradation. Instream gravel mining also removed riparian vegetation and spawning gravels and degraded riparian habitats. Such mining is now largely banned, but lasting impacts remain in many areas.

### EDITOR'S COMMENT

The current proposal only covers exploratory drilling. However, if significant gold were found, KORE has indicated on its website that it proposes to utilize open pit and heap leach mining. There is a short animated video depicting open pit mining and heap leaching at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpoQFovFwLM>. Heap leaching for gold commonly utilizes a sodium cyanide solution. Liners are used to prevent the solution from escaping into surrounding environment, but a leak can be catastrophic.

If you have any concerns regarding the exploratory drilling and potential subsequent open pit mining and heap leaching near Hot Creek, please send your comments to Colleen Garcia of the Forest Service no later than May 7.





## IN MEMORY OF JON BAIOCCHI: DENIS PEIRCE: FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

By Denis Peirce

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**Jon with his lifetime best Yuba River steelhead last February.**  
*Provided photo*

There is more to fishing than just chasing fish. There are the places we go and the people we share the experience with. I have been fortunate enough to meet a wide variety of interesting and interested people through my angling adventures. One of these friends I have made was local fly fishing guide Jon Baiocchi. I was shocked to hear a week ago that Jon passed away. He was only in his early 50's, young from my vantage point. As I have heard the story, he was guiding a client when he had a stroke from which he did not recover. He died at the river.

I cannot put my finger on when I met Jon for the first time. I interviewed his father Bob on my radio show many years ago. Both Bob and Jon had a strong relationship with Jay Fair, another storied angler in the Northern California fishing community that has also passed on.



## DENIS PEIRCE: FAREWELL TO A FRIEND (CONT.)



**Jon Baiocchi landing a fish for Colin Peirce on Lake Davis.**  
*Provided photo*

The first time we fished together I wanted to write a column about fishing Deer Creek in Nevada City, Wolf Creek in Grass Valley and Squirrel Creek in Rough & Ready all in one day, catching trout on each creek. From our first outing, what struck me about Jon was his willingness to share what he knew with fellow sportsmen. There are guides who hold back what they have spent years figuring out. It is that knowledge which is the basis for their business. When speaking with Jon he was not one to hold back. He was dedicated to helping others be successful on the water.

I had him on my radio show numerous times and when asked, he was forthcoming with where he was fishing, the insects the trout were feeding on and the techniques he was using. He genuinely wanted others to achieve the level of skill he had worked years to achieve. He often was a featured speaker for fly clubs. I heard him at our local Gold Country Fly Fishers meetings and I learned something new on each occasion. He shortened the learning curve for hundreds of fly anglers during his guiding and speaking career.

He had a circuit that he fished each year. During the late fall and winter he was on the lower Yuba River. In early spring he fished the middle Fork of the Feather. He then fished Lake Davis in the late spring. During the heat of summer he could be found on the North Yuba and the Truckee. His favorite I believe was fall fishing on Lake Davis both fly casting and trolling with flies. He then returned to his home in Nevada City to fish the lower Yuba again.

From the outside looking in, the life of a guide, on the water fishing everyday, seems idyllic. The reality is being up well before dawn to be on the water before the clients arrive. Making sure that all of your gear is in order, lunches are arranged, and he spent many an evening tying flies for tomorrow's trip. On his days off he is scouting for new water to produce fish for his clients who became his friends.

Jon was passionate about the waters he fished and the condition they were in. Both he and his father were well known in the conservation movement. Jon was also known for an occasional on-line dust up with others. But invariably it was on a topic he was passionate about.

This past winter I featured him in my column about the largest steelhead of his life which he landed on the Yuba River. In retrospect it was a fitting culmination to his lifelong love of fly fishing. He spent his last day on the water guiding a fellow angler. Hindsight leads me to believe that there may have been a higher power involved in the events of his final season.

I am going to miss Jon Baiocchi. He was a friend to both me and my son. He always had a kind word and a genuine interest in Colin. I have saved a number of my radio interviews with Jon. I consider them among my best shows. I will find a way to make them available to others.

Of the many anglers I have had the pleasure to have known and learned from, Jon Baiocchi is in the upper echelon. Godspeed Jon. I believe we will meet again.

*Denis Peirce writes a fishing column for The Union's Outdoors section and is host of "The KNCO Fishing & Outdoor Report," which airs 6-7 p.m. Fridays and 5-6 a.m. Saturdays on 830-AM radio. Contact him via his website at <http://www.trollingflies.com>.*

## WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

by Catrina White

Hello to everyone!

Now that our State is beginning to open up, we can begin considering the possibility of meeting in person in a few months. How exciting will it be to finally see our fishy friends?

Our program with Alyssa Halls was amazing! Alyssa is a guide based in Thermopolis, Wyoming and has built quite the reputation for herself as a guide in Wyoming and also Christmas Island. Alyssa spoke about being present to your surroundings. Watching the water, the hatch, and how to help yourself with minor adjustments to your line and gear. This video is posted on the SPFF Foundation Facebook page, so if you have some time, please watch it and let me know what you think!

I am beginning a program which will roll out in June entitled "You are not alone", as part of my duties for Southwest Council.

Each region within the council will have a lead who assists other clubs with establishing a women's program, identifying new women to each club, and assigning a Buddy to that new member. This member's duty is to introduce the new member to other members of their club, provide resources to the new member, and to assist them on their journey of fly fishing. It is not necessary to have a lot of fishing experience. I am still relatively new to the fly fishing world, having started three years ago last March . I am asking that all of you please, send me an email to introduce yourself, and perhaps a little something about your club participation, and if there is something you would like to see that we do not offer, please let me know!

We will not have a program in May so I can focus on the roll out of the new program. But have no fear: we will be back in June with Carol Morris and her wonderful presentation of fish identification, and the proper handling of fish from catch to the release.

We are partnering with FFI Women Connect to help grow and retain our group. We are going to have a special event in June fir Women's Fly Fishing Month, so please keep an eye out for more information.

Be safe and fishy, my friends, and as always, tight lines!

## SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

### MAY

Annual Lower Owens River Clean-up ...	1
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	1
Double Haul Clinic .....	1
Virtual Fly Tying via ZOOM .....	5
Board Meeting via ZOOM .....	6
Virtual Fly Tying via ZOOM .....	12
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	15
Virtual Fly Tying via ZOOM .....	19
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Free Fly Casting Tune Up and Refresher Course .....	22
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Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	5
General Meeting & Presentation with Ryan & Rob Buhler via ZOOM .....	17
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	19

### JULY

Board Meeting .....	1
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	3
California FREE Fishing Day - no license required .....	3
General Meeting & Presentation with Dave Smith via ZOOM (joint meeting with Wilderness Flyfishers).....	13
GSO (Getting Started Outing).....	16-18
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	17
SWC Summer Quarterly Meeting.....	17

## FREE FLY CASTING TUNE UP AND REFRESHER CLASS

by Jody Martin

Has your fly casting become a little rusty after a long time away from it? Do you find yourself wanting a refresher class on some casting skills before hitting the water again? Then this class is for you! For many of us, the past year meant missed opportunities to go fishing, and we are hungry to get back at it. The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International, in conjunction with local fly fishing clubs, is offering a morning of fly casting "tune up" instruction with excellent instructors present from many southern California fly fishing clubs, all at no cost to you. This class is for people who already know the basics about casting a fly rod but would like a few reminders, pointers, and tune ups in a relaxed and informal setting. You will need to register ahead of time and bring your own rod and reel.

**When:** Saturday, May 22, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.

**Where:** The Casting Pond of the Pasadena Casting Club, in Lower Arroyo Seco Park, Pasadena.

**Who:** Any fly fisher who would like a tune up or refresher before getting back on the water.

**Class Size:** Limited to the first 15 people who sign up. You must register ahead of time, by sending an email to Jody Martin at: [casting@swcffi.org](mailto:casting@swcffi.org) Use the subject heading "Registering for Casting Tune Up."

**Cost:** This event is free. But you do need to register for it, and you will need to bring your own rod and reel.

## 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](http://spff.org/New_Member_Signup). SPFF always welcomes new members.

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by Catrina White

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We have many groups under the umbrella heading of SPFF Foundation to suit your needs from making new fishing friends, Women's programs, participate in programming live on Facebook, and other great groups such as rod building, fly tying, and trade/barter/sell your fishing equipment. We look forward to seeing you virtually!

For questions, comments, and suggestions, please contact: [Socialmedia@SPFF.org](mailto:Socialmedia@SPFF.org)



## WHEN IS A FLY NOT A FLY?

by Marshall Bissett

If we're not fishing, we fly anglers have an uncanny ability to discuss our sport beyond the point where a reasonable person would cry "Enough, already!" Worn out from BREXIT, the Brits have found a new sport – fly fishing debates. The latest in the worldwide ZOOM cast series *Hero vs Villain* pitted prominent UK angler and artist Charles Jardine against Simon Cooper of FishingBreaks (UK) in a debate over the limits to which flies like the



squirmy worm or the mop fly can be called flies. Conveniently timed at 7.00 pm (GMT) participants tuned in from Australia, Italy, Canada and the US. Many of our own Club members pitched ideas and opinions.

In the absence of a moderator, the debate quickly turned into a free for all leading to Charles Jardine's jaw -dropping outburst "I have no fishing moral compass – I will fish with anything that works." This effectively killed topic number one, opening the door to further discussion of whether casting and fly tying are separate sports, dry fly versus nymph fishing and the merits of the soft hackle. Simon and Charles kept the mood lively and civil with the understated wit you might expect from two gentlemen of the chalk streams of Southern England. No conclusions were reached or even approached. If you missed this, you can still see and hear it:

Listen: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/780203/8389067>

Watch: <https://youtu.be/phpo8e3BTsl>

Don't miss the next debate on 7pm Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Editor's note regarding the Fly debate:*

As the Bard might have said:

To be, or not to be (a fly), that is the question:  
Whether 'tis nobler for the angler to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,  
By using squirmy worms and minnows to improve  
success,  
And by so doing offend some. To catch - to net,  
much more.  
Ay, there's the rub:  
For in that breach of rule what more may come,  
When we have shuffled off all morals of fly?  
For if power bait be the final means to our end,  
When we have shuffled off all moral coil,  
Must give us pause -and the lack of respect  
That makes calamity of such loathsome ways.

## CASTING CORNER

by Jody Martin

**Answer to last month's question:** Tracking in fly casting refers to maintaining your rod tip (and therefore your line) in the same front-to-back plane during both your forward and back cast. Poor tracking results in loss of efficiency, less control, less accuracy, and less distance. A good way to see if you have tracking issues is to stop the line on your backcast and let it fall to the ground behind you, and then check to see if it is in a straight line relative to the direction of your forward cast. A tape measure is helpful for this.

**This month's question:** If a "haul" is defined as an increase in line speed caused by pulling on the line with your non-casting hand, then what is a "double haul" and why would you want or need one?

Feel free to email me with your answers, questions, or suggestions for future topics:  
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