

## GENERAL MEETING (CONT.)



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## ANNUAL SPFF PICNIC: SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 9 AM - 2 PM RINCON BEACH PARK, CARPINTERIA

by Glenn Short

We hope to see you at our annual club picnic which serves as our August meeting. There will be free food and beverages to enjoy with friends while you escape the Valley's heat. Rincon Beach Park has shade, picnic tables, real bathrooms, an outdoor shower, and convenient parking. We will be outdoors with cool ocean breezes, so although we're still in the pandemic we will be in a reasonably safe environment.\*

There will be a fly fishing "garage" sale to benefit the club with great deals on lightly used gear. If you have serviceable fishing or outdoor gear you don't use and would like to donate to the club, contact Kevin Radanovich.



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## ANNUAL SPFF PICNIC (CONT.)

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You can surf fish—there will be a rising tide—and experienced club members will be on the beach by 7:00 a.m. to help surf fishing novices! The best fishing is expected between 6:00 am and 8:00 am. There are articles on surf fishing on the club website, and the staff at the Fishermen's Spot are very knowledgeable.

We hope to see you there—if you bring your surf fishing gear, remember your license with an Ocean Enhancement Validation! If you want to bring an umbrella, blanket or beach chairs, and park yourself on the sand, we won't mind. There is a paved walkway down to the beach.

**Sunday, August 15  
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

**at  
Rincon Beach Park  
Carpinteria  
(Highway 101 @ Bates Road)**

**Low tide is at 8:44 a.m.  
High tide is at 3:41 p.m.**

**Alcohol is permitted for those over 21, but smoking is prohibited.  
Dogs must be leashed at all times.**

\*If you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask. This is now particularly important with the dominance of the Delta variant, even though we will be outdoors.

\*  
Directions: <https://www.google.com/maps@34.3759555,-119.4793852,15.85z>





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

The summer is here, it's hot in the Valley and we are doing all the expected things. Finally, at long last, we have been able to have a successful Club



outing, our first GSO in 2 years. We didn't have quite as many attending as in the past since we had no ITFF this year, but it was glorious to be together, visit our usual places and catch some fish. As usual, results were all over the map, generally favoring the more experienced anglers but, also as usual, a few lucky beginners catching some great fish. There's nothing that will cement a love of fly fishing like that first fish on a fly rod. We all remember our first (no ribald comments, please); mine was on Hot Creek Ranch, late in the evening on the day we arrived, back against the bluffs toward the downstream end of the Ranch. I didn't have any of the special Hot Creek flies but a Parachute Adams did the trick.



Fast forward to this year: I took 3 rank beginners to the Interpretive Center, probably a poor choice for

a first experience, on Friday. No fish were caught then, but techniques from rigging up a fly rod to tying a clinch knot were taught and then making a cast and getting a nice drift. It paid off the next day when Rick Russo took one of those beginners there again, where he caught a nice trout. I'm sure he will remember that fish as I remember mine.

You will see pictures in this newsletter of the backpacking trip, the campground potluck and some of the other sites including Big Springs, which was officially closed due to the fires but Steve Ebersold was able to get his group in there by some special dispensation I won't question. On Saturday I went to Yosemite and fished the Dana Fork with Rich Plunkett, the Master Fisherman as usual, and Jim Fleisher. Despite dire warnings of long entrance lines and crowds we got in within 10 minutes and had an entire meadow, complete with wildlife, to ourselves. It was heavenly. Other groups went there as well and had similar experiences.

The Saturday night barbecue at the Breakfast Club was delightfully familiar, with the usual lies, I mean stories, of fish caught and lost, the tribulations of the backpackers and the raffle for the newbies. I missed some of the previous years' attendees, some of whom had to skip this year and a few we won't see again, but that's to be expected as we get older. Happily, we had several younger members this year and that augurs well for the future.

Now we can look forward to resuming our other activities, assuming the Delta variant doesn't set us back. That includes fly tying in August and dinner meetings beginning in October. Stay tuned for updates.



## FLY TYING

By Michael Peratis

### LIVE, IN-PERSON FLY TYING RETURNS!

After 15 months of fly tying exclusively on Zoom because of Covid-19, our group will return to live, in-person meetings on August 11. We'll also simulcast the meetings on Zoom so that out of area tyers and can continue to participate.

Many thanks to Charles Brittain for 14 years of hosting our weekly meetings at Mount Aire. The family business was recently sold and the fly tying group suddenly became "homeless".

WE'RE HOMELESS NO MORE!...SPFF fly tyer Dr. Sue Chung has arranged for us to use a terrific venue at the Facey Patient Education facility in Mission Hills. We'll be meeting in the Dr. Frederick Russo Conference Room...Rick is also one of our tyers. Tap the Fly Tying Group tab on our web site for information and directions to the venue.

Contact me at [education2@spff.org](mailto:education2@spff.org) if you'd like to join our group or just want some information about SPFF's Fly Tying.

## SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

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# ANNIVERSARY

## 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. Please welcome and introduce yourselves to our latest new members:

**Tevan Ovsepyan**  
**Helen Ovsepyan**  
**Michael Wittman**  
**Bonnie Sharer**  
**Jaxon Annino**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

by Catrina White

Please join us on our social media sites:

Facebook - SPFF Foundation  
Instagram - SPFF Foundation

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)

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## What IS Fly Buy?

Part fishing tackle garage sale, part fly-fishing carnival and all fun.

**When:** November 13, 2021

**Time:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Where:** Long Beach Casting Club - 5201 E 7th St, Long Beach, CA 90804

### ALL DAY EVENTS:

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| - Fly Tying     | Kids' Fly Tying (under 14 get in free!) |
| - A Garage Sale | - Silent Auction and Raffles.           |

### FLY TYING CLASSES | FREE FLY TYING FOR CHILDREN

- Twenty of Southern California's best fly tiers – including national and international award-winners – will be on hand to demonstrate their fresh and saltwater fish-catching fly patterns and techniques.
- Fly patterns will range from Eastern Sierra trout, bass bugs to surf fishing, local ocean breakwaters, and offshore big game.
- We will have tiers available to teach kids to tie their first fly.

\* FFI = Fly Fishers International

**EVENT CONTACT:** Michael Schweit

Phone: (818) 601-9702 | [specialprojects@swcffi.org](mailto:specialprojects@swcffi.org) or visit [www.swcffi.org/FlyBuy](http://www.swcffi.org/FlyBuy)



# WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

by Catrina White

Hello everyone! Hope you all are staying cool with this heat wave we are having. By the time you read this, Keeley and I will be home after a wonderful trip to Henry's Fork and the Big Horn. Fishing with family and some new friends is always a treat as it builds community, and you get to meet some incredible people.

I admit I have been in a bit of a funk especially after losing my two closest friends so close together in time. However, during this time of grieving, I have been reaching out to Women (and some men) anglers to see about meeting during our vacation.

One of my new friends has been a real help checking in on me and offering her friendship even though we haven't met in person, yet. She also believes in building a lasting community of friends and her new business, Finatical Flyfishing is a great example. You'll be meeting this fascinating woman during our August program:

## **STEPH ALBANO ON FLY FISHING, TRAVEL, AND FINATICAL FLYFISHING**

**Friday, August 27, 6:00 P.M. Pacific Time**

Most of us would probably agree that flyfishing adds a great deal to our lives. Travel and the communities and people it introduces us to enhances our flyfishing and offers growth we didn't know we were ready for. Join us as we talk about the Henry's Fork, Cuba and the trips offered by Finatical Flyfishing.

Stephanie launched Finatical Flyfishing in May of 2021. An avid 'weekend warrior' on the river most of her life, she loves to flyfish. She's traveled and flyfished in Chile, Alaska, the Bahamas, Mexico, Cuba, the Seychelles, Belize, Christmas Island, Hawaii and throughout the western United States. Talk about a well-rounded angler!

I know we will have a lot to learn from her so I hope you will join us August 27 at 6:00 P.M. PST for this incredible presentation.



Stay safe everyone, continue wearing your masks, and stay cool!

Sincerely,  
Cat

Catrina (Cat) White SPFF Women's Programs is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4112941257?pwd=cmxZOFYxcFljQ2xyU3h2T2FWQjllQT09>

Meeting ID: 411 294 1257

Passcode: SPFF2020

# FISHING REPORT: THE MISSING MONUMENT

by Ren Colantoni

When I first joined SPFF and started fishing, I somehow ended up driving up to “the monument” on the upper Owens river above Lake Crowley. It was a good place for a beginner since there are no trees there and the chances of getting hung up in foliage was minimal (although I did manage to do it). In those days, “the monument” consisted of a base of cemented rocks, a rusted pipe sticking vertically out of it, and a rusted metal plate at the top of the pipe, upon which were posted notices of fishing rules for the area.

The river below the monument adhered to whatever rules were in effect for Lake Crowley at the time. It marked the upper-most limit of the lake. So fishing on that stretch would go from regular limits of five until August first, when it would be catch-and-release only, barbless hooks, etc.

Between the monument and the Benton Crossing bridge was an area that at some times had no fishing at all and at others fishing with certain limitations. I was told that these rules were to provide a spawning area at certain times of the year for the trout that came up out of the lake.

I fished the monument area before the Covid sequence and at that time, in addition to the old marker there was a very nice large wooden notice board with the current rules and dates for that area of the river. It was hard to miss, and I thought that it made things pretty clear about when and where you could fish.

So, during the recent GSO, I faithfully went to “the monument” but alas it was not to be seen. I drove up and down that area of the river along the fence looking for it. I did find the old rocks and pipe structure, but the fancy new wooden board was gone. I did find a paper notice on the fence that basically eliminated the division above and below the monument site and turned the whole stretch of the river between the lake and Benton bridge into a single fishing area. This is OK for metal slingers until July 31, and on August 1 it becomes a catch-and-release area only. So the area set aside for spawning is gone forever. All of this was the result of some sweeping changes made by the DFW to supposedly improve fishing in the area but which to me seems to be going in the wrong direction.

Anyway, there is no more monument physically or in the rules. My point is that you make sure about the new rules for fishing at your favorite spot because the rules may have changed.





# UPCOMING PROGRAM OF INTEREST

## Hero vs. Villain: Topical Debates in the Spirit of Fishing by Simon Cooper and Charles Jardine

### 5 Top Tips for Better Casting plus Improved Catch & Release

Charles Jardine is going to demonstrate his **5 TOP TIPS FOR BETTER CASTING** and between us we are going to offer some insights and demonstrate innovative practices for **IMPROVED CATCH & RELEASE**.

#### US EVENT DATE AND TIME / ZONES

AUGUST 26, 2021 PDT 10:30am | MTD 11:30AM | CDT - 12:30PM | EDT - 1:30PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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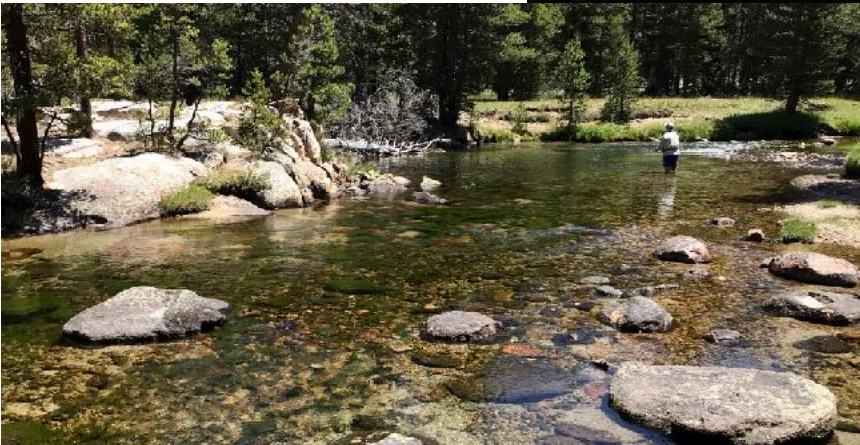




# FISHING REPORT: LYELL FORK BACKPACKING TRIP

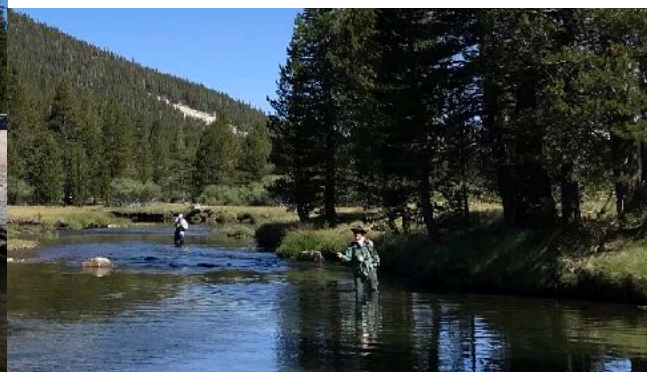
by Glenn Short

The accompanying photos are from the Lyell Fork backpacking trip at GSO earlier this month. There were three of us: Mike Rupp, Nate Prunet, and me. Jim Fleisher and Richard Plunkett joined for the first section of the hike so they could fish for the day. Mike, Nate, and I continued on to an area of the stream that runs over large slabs of granite, then crossed the Lyell Fork to a campsite located somewhat south of Ireland Creek. Nate was very persistent and was the top rod, catching many fish including some between 12 and 14 inches. We caught primarily brook trout, but also browns and a few rainbows. We experienced relatively mild temperatures and clear skies, but had frost one morning.





## LYELL FORK BACKPACKING TRIP (CONT.)





## PHOTOS FROM THE 2021 GETTING STARTED OUTING







# Fly Casting Skills Event

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 – 10:00 AM

CONTACT : JODY MARTIN  
([CASTING@SWCFFI.ORG](mailto:CASTING@SWCFFI.ORG))

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CASTING/FLY-CASTING-SKILLS-  
CHALLENGE](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/learn/learning-center-resources/fly-casting/fly-casting-skills-challenge)

On Saturday, August 21, FFI Certified Casting Instructors Eric Callow (PCC) and Jody Martin (SPFF) will be demonstrating and hosting a morning of casting following the new FFI “Casting Skills” program. Come to learn about the program and/or try your hand at the casting courses we will have set up on the grass. You’ll need to bring your own rod, and if you want to register with FFI to receive recognition for achieving the bronze, silver, or gold casting levels, you will want to bring the appropriate paperwork from the FFI website. This is a no-pressure, fun way to challenge yourself and improve your casting in a relaxed environment.

**Where:** The grass field just to the left of the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center and tennis courts (also known as Brookside Park), 360 North Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, CA.

**When:** Saturday, August 21, 8:00 am until 10:00 am

**Registration:** Limited to only 12 casters, on a first come, first served basis. There is a \$20 payment associated with it. Please register and pay through the FFI SWC website. For questions please contact Jody at: [casting@swcffi.org](mailto:casting@swcffi.org).



**WHERE?**

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**RINCON STATE  
BEACH IN  
CARPENTERIA**

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**WHEN?**

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**The date is right  
there!**



**TIME?**

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**9:00 am** Come early  
if you want to surf fish!

**SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH**



# **ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC AND GARAGE SALE**

IT's THAT TIME AGAIN! Time to go through your closets, garage and that "secret" place where you keep all of the fly fishing gear that you are hiding from your significant other and will probably never use! Now's your chance to get rid of the evidence before it's too late!

**CALL KEVIN  
RADANOVICH IF YOU NEED  
SOMEONE TO PICK UP YOUR JUNK**  
I mean stuff...(818) 421-2044

[kevin@greenwall.us](mailto:kevin@greenwall.us)





**WANT TO  
CATCH**  
SOME NEW SPECIES?

**CHANNEL ISLAND  
FLY FISHING EVENTS!**

**DATES - August 31 (Tues) and October 30 (Sat)**  
**Anglers - Trip is limited to six (6) anglers  
and the host**  
**Cost is \$250.00 per person**  
**Contact - Michael Schweit (818-601-9702)**

## WANT TO CATCH SOME NEW SPECIES?

See a new part of Southern California? Come join us on a fly-only one day saltwater trip out of Oxnard and fish the Channel Islands. The islands get less angling pressure and the fishing CAN be off the charts. We will be fishing for California Kelp Bass (calico bass), yellowtail, white seabass, barracuda and bonito. We never know what will show up as it is dependent on water temperatures and currents but with two islands to choose from, there is always a place that is biting. Here are the details –

**When – July 31 (Saturday), August 31 (Tuesday) and October 30 (Saturday)**

**Cost – 250.00 per person and includes bunk (bring your own pillow), bait (for chumming up fish), water and a lox/bagels/fixings breakfast. Bring a small ice chest with your lunch and for any fish you want to take home (catch/release is encouraged but keeping something for dinner is encouraged). The boat has coffee and a microwave. Allow 25.00-50.00 for crew tip/fish cleaning.**

**Anglers – trip is limited to 6 anglers and the host.**

**Time – The *Island Tak* leaves CISCO's Landing in Oxnard at 4 a.m. and we can board any time after 3 a.m. There are motels in the area if you want to come up early. We will return to the dock around 4-4:30 p.m.**

**Gear – 7-8 weight rods are fine, along with a good reel with either a full sink (preferred) or sink tip line. A stripping basket is a must as is the ability to double haul. Streamer flies in olive over white are effective. Purple over black can also be good, along with red/black, all white and just about any combination. Fish are funny that way. Clouser-style seem to be slightly more effective. We use straight 20# 6' leaders as they are not leader shy.**

**Your word is your bond. If you want a spot on any of the trips, contact Michael Schweit, [SpecialProjects@swcffi.org](mailto:SpecialProjects@swcffi.org), 818.6019702. Feel free to call with any questions.**

**View these trips in more detail on the SWCFFI's new [YouTube](#) channel by "[clicking here](#)". Presentation on Channel Island fishing with Michael Schweit and Marshall Bissett.**

**Hope to see some new faces on the water.**

## CASTING CORNER

by Jody Martin

### Answer to last month's question:

This question (about which line would weigh more in the first 30 feet) was a tricky one. The correct answer was "they would all weigh the same" because all of the lines in the list of possible answers ere 6-weights. So despite the fact that one line is floating and another is sinking, and regardless of the taper, all of them would weigh the same in the first 30 feet of line. That's what makes them all 6 weight lines.

### This month's question:

Graphite is by far the most common material for making fly rods these days. What are the differences (and are there advantages?) between graphite, fiberglass, and bamboo fly rods in terms of your casting? Is it only a personal preference, or are there circumstances where one type of rod might be preferred over another?

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

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