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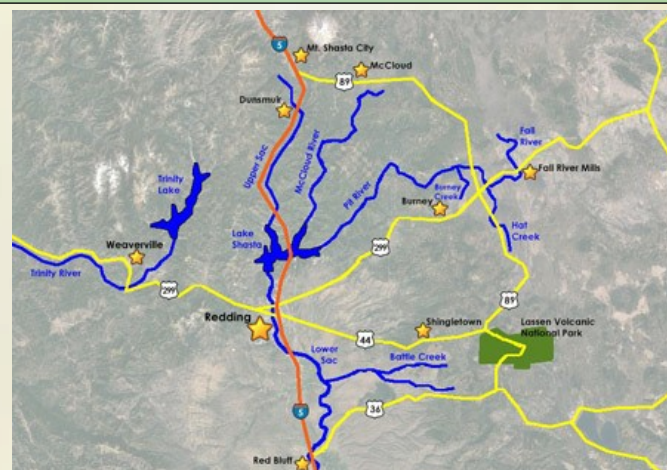
Dinner Meeting for Thursday, May 18

Five Rivers in Five Days

with Andrew Harris

We live in what is often called “The Golden State,” and it’s called that not just because of sunshine. California is described as golden because of the many opportunities available, and we, as fly fishers, realize that the opportunities for us to pursue our sport here *are* golden, especially in the central and northern parts of our state. For example, we can find gorgeous and prolific wild trout fisheries in the Redding area. And in this month’s presentation, we are going to travel there to see and learn from detailed maps, to hear solid advice on techniques and to understand logistical considerations for getting to these highly regarded fisheries . . . and to enjoy fly fishing at its best.

Our leader on this journey is Andrew Harris, who has 20 years of guiding experience in northern California. Andrew will be



showing and advising us about the amazing streams in this focused area, including the Lower Sacramento River and the Upper Sac, the McCloud River, the Pit River, Fall River and, of course, Hat Creek. These rivers are great destinations for guided and non-guided anglers

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR APRIL DINNER MEETING

First Prize — Redington 5wt 9ft 6pcs

Second Prize — Redington Rise Reel 5/6wt

Third Prize — Clear Water Sling Pack

Big Barrel

One dozen flies and box, Coffee Cup, Picture Frame, Map of the Owens River

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This message comes to you from deep inside the Mayan jungle, four hours South of Cancun. The full story of this exotic trip will appear next month and will feature at least one "grip and grin" with Smoother's name attached. The upcoming Club schedule perfectly defines the dramatic extremes of our sport. In less than a week I will have cast a 10 weight with huge weighted crab patterns to finicky permit in near gale force winds to attempting that perfect drift on Hot Creek with a 3 weight

that feels like a tooth pick by comparison. It's hard to think of another sport that offers these dynamic extremes. It's important to convey this message to the ITFF graduating class of 2017. The basic skills we teach over four weeks can with practice be used to chase every fish that swims and eats. Fly fishing may not always be the most productive but with changing technology, the odds are shifting in favor of the determined fly caster. As I look back on a week of extreme saltwater fishing with its reliance on balance, core strength and keen eyesight, I encourage all of you to take advantage of this while youth, or what remains of it, is on your side.

This issue again includes an article I wrote for Angling Trade (if you're tired of my material, just submit your own to our editor!) about the dedicated record seekers in our sport. You will seem some familiar faces. Follow their example – seize every chance you get to chase a new species, learn a new cast or fish untried waters. If your social life is really slow, you can always learn a new knot to impress your friends. Closer to home the year ahead will either produce amazing fishing or the town of Bishop will be swept away by roof high runoff. It depends on which expert you consult. The fish have seen it all before and have survived to taunt us one more time. Closer to home there are encouraging reports from Piru Creek and the West Fork of the San Gabriel River, both perfect for the quick getaways. Keep an eye out for Tom Wright's Thursday Thrillers. Debbie Sharpton will be sending out a call for volunteers to help inner city kids to fish in Malibu Creek as part of the Salvation Army summer camp program. Check the calendar section (well maintained by Tom Wright) for other Club activities. At the same time spare a thought for Glen our newsletter editor, ever desperate for news. Remember that any published article will qualify you for a free dinner ticket to be drawn at the next dinner meeting. Our Board is still in need of a social media chairperson. – our Facebook page is slowly getting more activity but still needs a little help. See you at the next dinner meeting, at Balboa Lake casting or perhaps on the water. *Marshall*

Bluewater Opportunity

By Michael Schweit

If you have ever wanted to try bluewater fishing, this could be your chance. Join me on the Fortune, based out of San Diego, September 26-27. This trip targets tuna, yellowtail, dorado and skipjack. All are hard pulling fish that will definitely get into your backing! I even have extra 11 weight rods and flies so all you need is your fishing license. Cost of the trip is \$725.00 and that includes dinner the night of departure, all meals and snacks during the trip, Mexican permit and a bunk to sleep in after an exhausting day of pulling on fish. The trip is limited to 16 anglers and we try to have ½ conventional and ½ fly as we find that mix holds fish around the boat for much longer. For questions or to reserve your spot, contact Michael Schweit [818.6019702](tel:818.6019702)

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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!



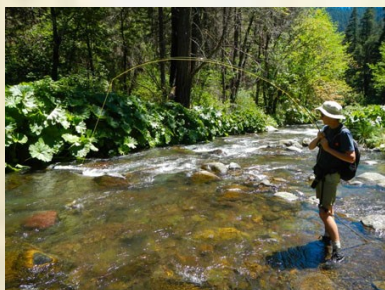
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alike and will amaze people who have never been to this lovely area.

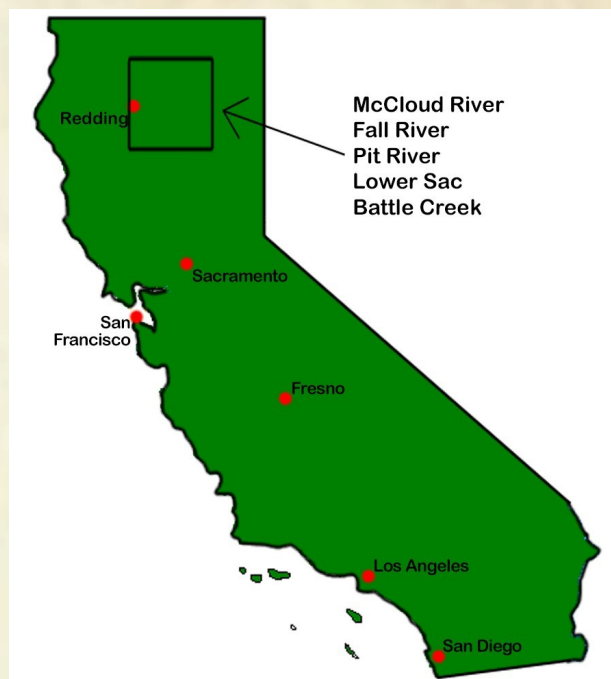
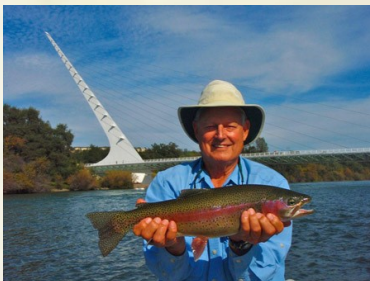
Andrew has been guiding in northern California since 1997, when he started helping clients on the rivers surrounding Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen. He lives in Red Bluff, California with his wife Katie and daughters Mackenzie and Madison. In 2007 Andrew created Confluence Outfitters, with help from partners Gino Bernero and Jon Hazlett. Andrew actually acts as the "Outfitter" in Confluence Outfitters, as he is the one who answers the phones and emails. Andrew says he definitely enjoys helping clients



plan their trips. Confluence Outfitters has a solid and reputable group of guides and a bewildering array of venues in northern California, southern Oregon, and Washington. Andrew can help you select the right guide, destination, and time of year for your next fly

fishing trip.

By the way, Andrew is a USCG-licensed Captain, which means he can operate a motorized boat in the inland waters of California. He puts this license to good use on the lower reaches of the Sacramento River where he uses his jet boat to fish for striped bass, trout and steelhead. Andrew has also become recognized as a pioneer of



using lightweight two-handed rods for trout on the Lower Sac.

Andrew is a regular on the northern California fly fishing club circuit and typically does five to ten presentations a year. He also writes regularly for *California Fly Fisher* magazine and is the author of the Plumas National Forest Fishing Guide, a fly fishing guidebook to the Feather River country.

For more information about Andrew and Confluence Outfitters, please go to: confluenceoutfitters.com



Annual SPFF Picnic



Fellow SPFF members, mark your calendars so you can join us at the annual picnic. We don't have a dinner meeting in August, and the picnic is a wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy free food and beverages, and tell tall fishing tales to friends. This year we are returning to Carpinteria. We will have a raffle and a fly fishing "garage" sale to benefit the club.

There is plenty of shade, picnic benches and cooler temperatures.

We hope to see you there—bring your surf fishing gear!



Sunday, August 20
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
at
Rincon Beach Park
Carpinteria
(Highway 101 @ Bates Road)

Low tide is at 3:28 a.m.
High tide is at 9:51 a.m.

SPFF Web Site Offers New Features

By Ren Colantoni

S PFF's web site hosting service Club Express continues to add new features to make the site more useful. They have created two features that SPFF believes will be of use to our members.

CLASSIFIED ADS – This feature provides a means by which members can offer for sale to other members any fishing-related items which the owner may no longer need or want. A member with something to sell posts a classified ad on the site and any member who might be looking for an item can check the ads to see if there is something for sale that would be useful.

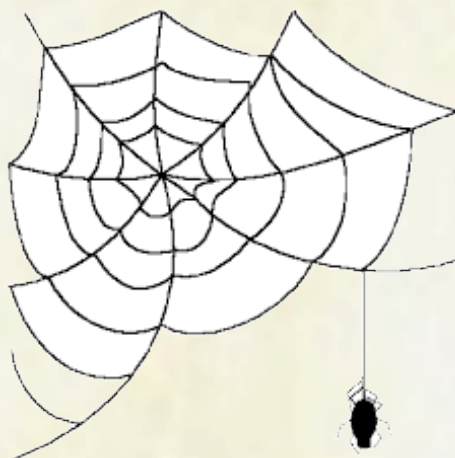
To post an ad, the member logs into the web site, then, under his name in the right hand area of the main display, selects the PROFILE link. In the profile screen, under WEBSITE on the right hand side, select CLASSIFIED AD. This will generate a series of screens by which the seller can list the item's description, details, contact information and pricing. It is also possible to add one or more photos to the ad. Once the seller submits the ad for posting, it is sent through an approval process to ensure it is suitable for posting, then is set up for all to see.

To see the ads for available items, log onto the site, then locate the link CLASSIFIED ADS in the left hand main menu at the very bottom of the menu. This will take you to the listings that have been posted for your perusal. If someone wishes to purchase something, the buyer contacts the seller directly. Note that SPFF is not involved in any way with the transaction or exchange of product or monies. There is no charge for this service.

For more details, there is a complete instruction sheet available in **Documents and Downloads, SPFF Web Site How-To's**, under **How to Use the Classified Ads Feature**. We suggest you check this out before attempting to post your ad. It includes some steps involved in posting photos.

MOBILE "APP" – The web site now offers a mobile application, or "APP", that enables you to access the web site from a cell phone or device rather than needing to use a desktop or laptop machine. The advantage is that the site is now accessible from virtually anywhere that cell service or wi-fi is available. This even includes the upper Owens at the Benton Crossing Bridge.

The app is available for both Android devices and iPhones. You start by downloading and installing the app from either the Apple Store or Google Play. Once installed,



you can access the web site's main menu pretty much as you would on a larger device. You can get to the site's main menu, the membership directory, and your profile directly. You will see that the display on the app is different than the main page on the web site due to size constraints.

There are two additional features for the app that expand its ability to be useful in the field. The CHAT feature enables you to use a simple text method by which you can communicate with other members. It is similar to texting but is able to broadcast messages to all members instead of just

one at a time. It's a simple first-in, first-out setup but will be useful for things like communicating with others on an SPFF outing.

The second special feature is called MEET. This uses the GeoLocation feature of your phone to locate where you are, and to find other members nearby who are willing to be "found". Your phone's display will show both your location and that of any other member who has turned on this feature, and who can now also find your location as you can find his. This will be useful for outings and educational events where folks are nearby but not necessarily within visual range.

The feature also provides "channels" of members that might have common interests or belong to committees or special interest groups. They can communicate with each other without the need of broadcasting their messages to all members.

There are two documents in the **Documents and Downloads** area of the web site that will be helpful in using this feature. These are located in the **SPFF Web Site How-To's** folder. The first is the **Mobile App Quick Setup Guide**. This assists you in the download and setup process for your phone, and has some links to explain the main icons of the app screen. The second is the more extensive **Mobile App User's Guide**. This is an extensive document that gives you all the details on the ins and outs of the feature and how to use it. We strongly recommend checking these out as they explain lots of the details of the operation of the software.

There is no charge for the download or use of the app software. It's a members-only thing, so you will need to log into the app store and app itself to use it.

Aran's Adventures

By Aran Dokovna

Fly Fishing on Fortune

I traveled with one of the conventional fisherman to San Diego, my son, Daniel, flies into San Diego and meets with us at the boat. Faster to drive with two or more in HOV lane. Trip was in late September (That's three trips in September and my wife doesn't remember who I am.)



Michael Schweit arranges two charters one in July and one in September. Typically there are 8 conventional fishermen and 8 fly fishermen. Mostly 10 to 12 weight rods. We trolled most of the first day and were hailed to meet an-

other boat that was on a school of tuna. We dropped our lines and could not miss. Many times the tuna would jump out of the water to grab a fly or (bait). The fish were mostly 10 to 15 pounders, but lots of fun. The second day only one fish caught on the boat, a dorado, on bait (by yours truly). The boat leaves between 7 and 8 pm and returns at about 5 pm. Good food, good fishing, good friends.



Fly Fishing at Smiling Moose Lodge

Mid September 2016 my high school friend Gerry (who never fly fished before) arranged a fishing outing to the Smiling Moose Lodge. We fished the Madison and a number of private lakes. The lodge picked us up at the Bozeman airport and took us to the lodge.



They proceeded to provide casting lessons for all the newbies (Gerry fit right in). The lodge is well appointed with cabins for pairs of fishermen. They also have one or two

rooms in the main lodge. Food was excellent. Fishing was also quite good. They provided guides for the Madison and the private waters. Beer and wine was abundant. Negative was four hours each morning of Christian introspective analysis of the group. Positive was the fishing was great. See pictures of Gerry on the Madison with his first trout on the fly and myself with a little rainbow at one of the lakes.



FISHING FOR RECORDS – A FISH TOO FAR?

By Marshall Bissett

“Nothing makes a fish bigger than nearly being caught” (Anonymous angler who lost record fish)

I fish with a very opinionated friend. “Working a 50 pound tarpon for two hours on 4 pound test is BS – an ego trip for the angler and hellish on the fish!” was his careful response when I asked him if he ever wanted to catch a record fish on the fly. We rarely get on to politics or religion.

Most fly fishermen have little interest in catching a fish that will make its way into the record books. Some consider it a barbaric activity contrary to the spirit of the sport. Others cannot resist the challenge – a mountain that must be climbed. Some believe that records should be eliminated; others collect them as Olympians collect medals. As long as we have the Guinness family and the IGFA, be assured that record fish will be recorded, celebrated and, in many cases, killed. Sure, it makes for great magazine copy – who can resist a ‘local hero story?’ Tackle manufacturers, resort operators and outfitters are quick to endorse and promote records. Of course it’s good for business, but is it fair to the fish? The record breakers we talked to and the IGFA who set the rules are staunchly on the side of catch and release. They are partnered with the prey they chase. On the other hand, I did receive a couple of recipes for cooking world records.

THE FIFTY PERCENT RULE

You might think your chances of catching a world record by a happy accident are as slim as winning the Powerball or finding a truthful politician, but weekend anglers will be encouraged to hear that, per IGFA stats, it happens about half of the time. We all know it’s better to be lucky than good, but this does not deter the other fifty percent who are goal-oriented, focused and well prepared to not only catch the fish but deal with the considerable paperwork required to make the record stick.

LIFE OR DEATH

Most people believe that it is necessary to kill a fish for a record, but in a recent interview, IGFA’s World Record Coordinator (yes, that’s a real job), Jack Vitek was adamant. “No, absolutely not. As a matter of fact, over the past five years or so the number of applications that we receive for fish that have been released is very close to 50%.” To that end IGFA has an All-Tackle length record program that is strictly catch and release.



Gary Bulla

THE RULE MAKERS

The IGFA rules, while shorter than the IRS tax codes, are no less strict and detailed. Records are sub

divided by line or tippet class and, quaintly, whether the angler is male or female. At the time of writing there is no Trans gender category. To be considered by the IGFA, catches must be verified by a photograph, girth measurements and include a sample of the tippet used. Controversially, the fish must be weighed on a certified scale, often resulting in its death. In recent years, under pressure from the catch and release lobby the IGFA has relaxed this rule, accepting girth measurements and photographs for certain categories. Fish cannot be weighed on board a boat as a moving platform is not thought to be accurate. Class tippets can be no more than 15 inches in length. Vitek notes, “Fishermen are very ingenious – we’ve even had people catch, weigh and release two hundred pound sharks within the last couple of years.” The main reasons he quotes for disqualification are having help to land the fish or using an incorrect tippet size.

THE RULES WILL SET THE FISH FREE

Recent changes in the IGFA rules have not sit well with some existing record holders. In April 2017 a new rule that requires the weight of the catch be at least ½ as much as the line class it is eligible for (in the 12 pound tippet class the fish must weigh at least 6 pounds), is creating controversy. Southern California angler Kesley Gallagher, holder of four corbina records, questions this decision. “That’s fine if you are targeting big species like tuna, tarpon, or red drum. But in the case of corbina, there is no record of an 8 or 10 lb. fish. This essentially eliminates 16# or 20# tippet records for the species. And although smaller when compared to carp or tarpon, these fish demand skill and are a worthy quarry.” Her view is shared by Al Quattrocchi who recently made fly fishing history by setting two world records (Calico Bass on #12 tippet and White Sea Bass on #20 tippets) about 90 minutes apart in a single day. “I think they should clean the slate on all these species and start over so everyone has an equal chance.” While Al releases 99% of his catch, the two record fish made tasty kitchen fare and the calico is immortalized in a gyotaku print. For the record, Al did not follow the advice of his friends and place a large bet in Vegas.



Michael Schweit

THE RECORD SETTERS

IGFA record holders are as diverse as the fish they pursue, busting the stereotype of the publicity seeking type- A brag-

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SWC Events

Annual Rush Creek Cleanup

On Saturday June 17 2017 Streamborn Fly Fishing Club will hold its 11th annual Rush Creek clean-up. We will be picking up trash from the beginning of Rush Creek at the Southern California Edison Power plant downstream Including the shoreline of Silver Lake all the way down to Grant Lake. We will also clean up the highway past Grant lake down to US 395. We will meet in the parking lot of Silver lake boat ramp at 8:00am for a safety meeting and instructions. I am asking all volunteers to bring gloves, a hat and sun glasses. Trash bags and bug repellent will be provided by Silver Lake. Clean-up in past years was over by 11:30 am. Silver Lake Resort will provide a free bar-b-que lunch for all volunteers after the clean up. If anyone has questions they can call Joe Lemire [909-609-1101](tel:909-609-1101).

Riptide Rendezvous

Announcing the SWCIIFF Riptide Rendezvous!

Calling all fly anglers! On Saturday, October 21, 2017, the SWCIIFF will hold its first annual "Riptide Rendezvous", a fly-fishing-only surf fishing contest. The event will be held at Rincon Beach Park in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County.

There is no cost to enter the event, which will follow a format similar to Al Quattrocchi's previous One Surf Fly events. Anglers are restricted to the use of just one fly during the allotted fishing time, and all fish will be measured, photographed, and released. In addition to awards for first, largest and most fish caught, there will be a great raffle of fly-fishing and outdoor gear, with all proceeds benefiting the Southwest Council, International Federation of Fly Fishers and their related outreach programs.

Past surf fly fishing events have been a great place to see old friends, make new friends, and share a tale or two, on top of helping raise money for a worthy cause. Make sure you mark the date on your calendar!

More details to come. We'll be launching a website and social media page soon with the details as they are announced.

John Loo Rendezvous Director

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gart. Gallagher is taking advantage of a rule change that has created separate men's and women's categories for freshwater species and is currently pursuing records for largemouth bass. She takes conservation seriously: "Record fish should always survive to generate more record fish. I have released several fish that would have qualified for records but I could not bring myself to kill them. Fishing for records has raised her game making her 'a more prepared angler'. She adds," I make sure my tippet is fresh and the right length, my knots are strong, and I mentally prepare myself. I have become more stealthy."

Gary Graham has run Baja on the Fly for the last 30 years and was manning the IGFA booth at the recent Fred hall All Tackle show in Long Beach. "The IGFA is doing everything they can for fly fishers," said Graham as he unrolled what appeared to be a wide tape measure showing current saltwater length records. "The angler can lay his fish out on this template, take a photograph and submit it for a length record." A long time proponent of light line (at one time he had #2 and #4 records for tuna and bonita), he takes the long view. "Records are there to be broken – we're all competitive – it's human nature."

Another So Cal based Baja outfitter Gary Bulla set records for yellowtail (the Pacific bruisers, not the wimpy ones) in two tippet classes. Like Al Q, he seized an opportunity but has not turned it into a life mission. "Too many rare large breeder fish are dying because of this competition," says Bulla, "I would not want to kill a large rooster or dorado just to get a certificate." He urges IGFA to have a greater focus on environmental issues and to avoid targeting exotics species.

White Sea bass #8 record holder Michael Schweit runs sport charters in California's Channel islands. "I chased that fish for four years and I still fish with #8 to beat my own record. Unfortunately we had to kill that fish and I wound up eating it – would you like the recipe?"

Asked for advice on catching that record one day, Gallagher sums it up, "Be ready, luck favors the prepared."



Kesley Gallagher



GSF/ SWCIFFF 1ST Annual Mission Bay Fly Fishing Classic

Where: Mission Bay, CA

When: June 10th, 2017

Cost: \$25 for IFFF Members,

\$35 for Non-Members

Awards Dinner: \$25

Sign up on GSF website
www.goldenstateflycasters.org

Have you ever wanted to learn to Fly Fish our Southern California Bays? Or are you a seasoned salt water fly angler? This is an open invitation for all Southern California Club members to come fish Mission Bay for a multitude of Salt Water species.

If you answered yes to any of the above, the GSF/ SWCIFFF 1st Annual Interclub Bay Bass Bonanza is for you! GSF will be hosting a weekend of fun, education and a little bit of friendly competition!

Mission bay is located just north of downtown San Diego and is a fishing paradise. There are miles of sandy beaches that are productive wading and plenty of launch ramps for those who wish to float.

The Event Details:

Dates: June 9 through June 11, (Friday through Sunday)

Costs:

\$25 For IFFF Members/ \$35 for Non-Members

Award Banquet and Dinner \$25

Dinner and Award Banquet will be held at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club. There will be a silent Auction during social hour and concluding before the awards.

Beneficiaries:

Portions of the Proceeds from the event will go to SWCIFF, Project Healing Waters and to GSF

Places to Fish:

A detailed map of wading access and boat/ kayak will be provided prior to event.

Competition Details:

There will be two separate Divisions: Floating and Wading

Each Club can bring as few/ Or as many members as they wish. Each club will take their five highest competitors scores for the team scores. Clubs with less than five team members will be given prorated scores to get up to five members.

Individuals awards will be given, along with the team awards.

Points will be awarded per fish, and based on species. Example, a spotted bay bass will be worth 1 point (very common) and a Cortez bonefish will be worth 10 points (rare, but they are in the bay). Size won't matter in scoring, but large fish will have pictures taken for largest fish award.

Suggested Gear:

Fly Rod: 5-8 Weight; 9' to 10' in length

Fly Line (Match weight of Rod): Floating, Floating with Intermediate tip, Intermediate with Sink tip.

Flies: Clouser Minnows, bait fish patterns, Deceivers, Woolly Buggers, Crab patterns, Shrimp Patterns
Tippet 6-12 pound, Fluro/ Mono

Itinerary:

Friday, June 9th:

6pm Social Hour, 7PM Presentation on how to fish the bay by one of the Top Guides in San Diego.

Saturday, June 10th:

Meet at 6:30 am for sign in, Briefing and Photos

7:30am: Fishing begins

2:00: Fishing Ends

3:00: Final Call for Turn in Score Cards – All Cards must be turned in by 3PM!!!!

3:00 – 4:15: Social Hour/ Silent Raffle at Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club

4:30: Dinner – Banquet Style

5:00: Award Ceremony/ Recognition

6:00 – Conclude Event

Sunday, June 11th

Open fishing on the Bay/ Surf

Lodging:

There are many lodging options available, from Camping to five star hotels. A list of hotels can be provided if needed. Hotels.com or Booking.com is a good place to start.

Any Questions, comments or to reserve your spot, Contact GSF President Dave Smith at:

gsfbaybasstourney@gmail.com

Introducing Fly Fishers International

BY INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS



For most of us, fly fishing is more than just a sport. It's been central to our lives in many ways, providing a much-needed break from the daily grind, and giving us time on the water we'll never forget, as well as friendships that will last a life-

time. That's why I'm especially excited to announce that our organization is undergoing a significant evolution that I believe will better reflect the importance fly fishing plays in all our lives. The new name of our organization is Fly Fishers International (FFI), and with it comes a reinvigorated approach to our programs, mission, and purpose.

As president of FFI (formerly known as the International Federation of Fly Fishers, or IFFF), I wanted to give you a little background into this change, which is a tremendously exciting new chapter in our group's storied history, and for the future of the sport.

Our core values remain unchanged—to continue to serve as a strong advocate for fly fishing in all waters for all fish, to preserve and promote the arts of fly casting and fly tying, and to help ensure that future generations can enjoy these same one-of-a-kind experiences.

So why the change?

Change can be difficult, and we want you all to know that the process leading up to this evolution involved hundreds if not thousands of hours of in-depth discussions and thoughtful debate among board members and dedicated volunteers.

Rebranding and a potential name change was originally identified for consideration by the Strategic Planning Committee when it first met in May of 2015. Why was it being discussed? Certainly, one key issue revolved around the name: based on research, fly anglers do not find the name "International Federation of Fly Fishers" appealing, nor did it sound like a modern organization. Looking at the average age of IFFF membership, organizational goals for growth, and a perceived lack of relevance among some fly fishing groups, we knew it was time to ask some hard questions.

The process of exploring potential rebranding began with the hiring of a marketing and branding agency, which was tasked with evaluating current recognition of the organization within the fly fishing community, and to document and analyze the thoughts and opinions of our members regarding our current brand presence.

Early on, questionnaires were sent to three sample

populations: the general fly fishing community, current IFFF members, and members who had allowed their IFFF membership to lapse. Although the three sample populations were diverse in terms of their demographics and relationship to the Federation (members versus non-members), their comments were consistent. One of the most jarring results was that up to 88% of non-member fly anglers had never even heard of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (and we've been around since 1964). Another result made it clear that, while our core mission was still very relevant, there was a disconnect between what we do in the context of our mission, and what people think we do.

Overall, the survey results were quite clear: our organization needs to do a much better job of informing both members and the general public of what we do, and why that mission is critical to ensuring our opportunity to fly fish doesn't vanish. From protecting public access to passing on the art of fly tying, or teaching two-handed casting to addressing overcrowding and habitat degradation, there is a clear need for the voice of the fly fisher to be heard.

Therefore, leadership agreed a name change was central to this rebranding—and to signal, in no uncertain terms, a fundamental evolution was underway. Through further research and discussion, Fly Fishers International was recommended as the strongest name choice. The name incorporates elements of our current name, but is reconceived in a simple, straightforward way that emphasizes our primary market target—people who fly fish—while embracing the international presence that we continue to nurture and expand.

Finally, Fly Fishers International is also already echoed in the name of our organization's long-time publication, *Flyfisher Magazine*, offering another level of recognition among our current members, corporate partners, and the fly fishing community as a whole.

As many of you have rightly pointed out, organizational change will not simply occur with the change of our name. A great deal of hard work lies ahead. We recognize the need to do a much better job of increasing public awareness for the great work our organization continues to accomplish, and for taking better advantage of the partnerships, potential projects, and other opportunities that could benefit from FFI's help in making positive impacts.

But these efforts won't be nearly as effective without your help. Please join Fly Fishers International as we work together to cultivate conservation, education, and community within the sport of fly fishing.

www.flyfishersinternational.org



Volunteer Opportunity!

Become an SPFF Project Healing Waters Volunteer.

Spend time with a Veteran and share the wonderful world of Fly Fishing.

We 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!

Many 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.

So Come Join the Fun!
1st and 3rd Thursday
4:00 PM to 5:45 PM
Sepulveda Vet Center
9739 Haskell Avenue
Sepulveda / Mission Hills, CA
91343

Send an email to David Hoff-
berg, Project Healing Waters
Program Lead [dhoff-
berg@aol.com](mailto:dhoffberg@aol.com)



Fishin' Funnies

Submitted by Howard Rosen

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential down-pour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 10 years replied, "And, can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight started...



To open our Board meeting, Quigley here will present a thorough review of my most recent fishing trip.

SPFF Library



SPFF FLY FISHING BOOKS & DVD LIBRARY

You can "browse the stacks" online by going to the www.spff.org website.

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

A link is provided to contact our Librarian.

Casting Clinic at Balboa Lake

1st & 3rd Saturday each month unless otherwise noted.

Instructors are usually available most Saturday mornings 9 - 11AM, schedules permitting.

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

January 2017

New Year's Day.....	1
PHW Vets	5
Board Meeting	5
Fly Tying Class.....	11
Surf Clinic.....	14
Martin Luther King Day.....	16
Fly Tying Class.....	18
PHW Vets	19
Dinner Meeting	19
Fly Tying Class.....	25

February 2017

Fly Tying Class.....	1
PHW Vets	2
Board Meeting	9
Super Bowl Outing.....	3-5
Fly Tying Class.....	15
PHW Vets	16
Dinner Meeting	16
President's Day.....	20
Fly Tying Class.....	25

March 2017

Fred Hall Show.....	1-5
PHW Vets	2
Board Meeting	2
ITFF.....	11
PHW Vets	16
Dinner Meeting.....	16
ITFF.....	18
ITFF.....	25

April 2017

ITFF.....	1
Board Meeting	6
PHW Vets	6

Passover.....	11
Easter.....	16
PHW Vets	20
Dinner Meeting.....	20
Trout Season Opens.....	29

May 2017

Board Meeting	2
PHW Vets	4
ITFF Graduation.....	5-7
PHW Vets	18
Dinner Meeting.....	18
Memorial Day.....	29

June 2017

Board Meeting	1
PHW Vets	1
Hot Creek Ranch Weekend.....	9-12
PHW Vets	15
Dinner Meeting.....	15
On The Water Youth Camp.....	21
On The Water Youth Camp.....	28

July 2017

Independence Day.....	4
On The Water Youth Camp.....	5
Board Meeting	6
PHW Vets	6
On The Water Youth Camp.....	12
Dinner Meeting.....	18
On The Water Youth Camp.....	19
PHW Vets	20
GSO.....	20-23
On The Water Youth Camp.....	26

August 2017

IFFF Fly Fishing Faire.....	1-5
Board Meeting	3

PHW Vets	3
PHW Vets	17
Annual Picnic.....	20

September 20 17

Labor Day.....	4
Board Meeting	7
PHW Vets	7
Rosh Hashanah.....	21
PHW Vets	21
SWC FFI Interclub Tourney.....	23
Dinner Meeting.....	28
Yom Kippur.....	30

October 2017

Board Meeting	5
PHW Vets	5
Columbus Day.....	9
PHW Vets	19
Dinner Meeting.....	19
Halloween.....	31

November 2017

Board Meeting	2
PHW Vets	2
Veteran's Day.....	11
PHW Vets	16
Dinner Meeting.....	16
Thanksgiving.....	23

December 2017

Board Meeting	7
PHW Vets	7
Hanukkah.....	13
Dinner Meeting.....	15
PHW Vets	18
Christmas.....	25

Beautiful Places



Catch of the Month



Mike "Nick" Nichols
Pyramid Lake
Sutcliffe, NV

Next Dinner Meeting **Thursday May 18**

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Entrée:

Chicken Brochette
Or
Salmon

Rice Pilaf
&
Steamed Veggies

Dessert

Ice Cream Sundae

Cocktails at 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00
Call 818.789.1919 **Ext 10** (Michelle) or
email

MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com

Reserve by Monday May 15

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

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