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## Dinner Meeting for Tuesday, July 18

## California Surf Fishing

### with Al Quattrocchi

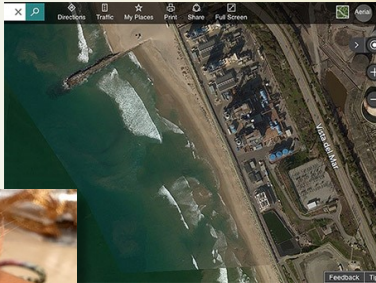
Did you know that you don't have to make a four or five hour drive to find great fly fishing in southern California? In fact, we have the largest saltwater pond right outside the door in our own back yard? The Pacific coast of California is an amazing and mysterious ecosystem that beckons to be explored with fly rod in hand. And we are going to see and learn all about it this month with a true expert.



Al Quattrocchi has been fishing the surf on three coasts of America for more than forty years. His presentation, which could be titled "Fly Fishing the Surf in Ten Basic Steps," will demystify this challenging environment and invite you, as well

as show you, how to explore our largest fly fishing resource totally on your own.

Al (known to almost everyone as Al "Q") was



born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. There, early in his childhood, he developed his love for saltwater fishing while living in Sheepshead Bay, once home to the

largest commercial fishing fleet operating in the U.S. As a teenager he spent his formative saltwater fishing years on party boats, piers, bridges, beaches and jetties in and around Sheeps-

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**RAFFLE ITEMS FOR APRIL DINNER MEETING**

**First Prize** — NRS (Orvis) Personal Flotation Device Fly Vest

**Second Prize** — Redington Classic Trout 4wt 9ft 4pcs or a Redington Rise Reel 5/6wt

**Third Prize** — Clear Creek Fanny Pack

**Big Barrel**

SA Fly Box, Simms neoprene beverage holder, knot tying tool, Rio Line Cleaner



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



July already? A visitor from outer space might well be confused by the sight of bikini clad skiers on Mammoth Mountain and predictions that skiing might soon be a year-round Sierra activity. Those of you who attended the excellent June dinner meeting with Gary Borger would have heard our Outings Chairman Jim Fleisher's latest weather reports from the Eastern Sierra. Setting aside all jokes about ice fishing, I am confident that we will find fishable water for the GSO (Getting Started Out-

ing for the newer folk). My secret inside sources are full of hope and encouragement. Please sign up for outings and reserve a spot at the Breakfast Club for the wrap-up dinner on Saturday night at [www.spff.org](http://www.spff.org). We can't guarantee the fishing but we are sure you will have a great time.

July is the month to try for the Los Angeles grand slam – carp in the LA River and corbina on the local beaches. You don't have to spend thousands of dollars to be humiliated and haunted by these tricky species. The local beaches are having their best sand crab hatches in years, and the LA River has a few less shopping carts than normal, so everything points to a good season.

On a sadder note, in June we lost long standing Club member Bob Thiele to a disease that he fought bravely. Bob will be remembered as an angler who did what others only talk about – setting out to distant places in an RV or by any means possible, to find new adventures. He was a role model to retirees everywhere and his cheery presence will be missed, especially at the March Media Madness meeting.

Pink Floyd sang "We don't need no education" but they were not, I think, referring to Sierra Pacific. We need lots of education and longtime member Gary Pintar has stepped up to help Steve Ebersold as Education Chair. My hope is to include at each dinner meeting a special topic, presented by a Club member. The collective knowledge in our Club is impressive and must be shared. On that subject, for those of you who still hate Facebook – please get over it and check out the revitalized SPFF Facebook page. Richard Plunkett is doing a great job with useful, fun posts. No dancing cat videos or breakfast photos!

This month we welcome the Wilderness Fly Fishers for a great presentation by Al Q on local surf fishing. The meeting is on TUESDAY JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> – to allow us to get up to the GSO. On Saturday, we have a casting clinic at Lake Balboa – see you there or wherever there is water.

*Marshall*

## Bluewater Opportunity

By Michael Schweit

If you have ever wanted to try blue-water 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 @

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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!**



**No New Members  
For June**





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head Bay as well as Breezy Point, Rockaway and Jamaica Bay.

After moving to California in the late seventies to attend college, Al was inspired to switch from plugs to the fly rod. Here he began his fly fishing journey after years of reading articles written by saltwater fly fishing luminaries such as Joe Brooks, Lefty Kreh, Frank Woolner, Bob Popovics, Lou Tabory and our own Nick Curcione.

Al lectures and presents programs to many fly fishing clubs and fly shops in southern California. He founded the "One Surf Fly," an event which he created to help promote his favorite sport along the SoCal coast. Al also created the "Double Haul Ball," which is a free, educational and collaborative effort put forth by local fly fishing friends and Federation of Fly Fishers certified casters and is held once a year at the historic Long Beach Casting Club. Al and good friend Conway Bowman (of "Bowman Bluewater" and "Fly Fishing the World" fame) both host the Carp Throw-down at Lake Henshaw, San Diego each June. This Orvis sponsored event is mainly a sight-fishing tournament for carp-enthusiasts and has been widely recognized across the country. The tournament is timed around the hopper hatch so anglers can experience dry fly sight-fishing for cruising carp.

Al's articles and fly patterns have been published in *Fly Fishing in Saltwaters*, *Fly Tyer*, *California Fly Fisher* and *Saltwater Fly Fishing* magazines. He is currently on the pro tying staffs for Umpqua, Tuffleye and Enrico Puglisi. His *Beach Bug* pattern is one of the best selling SoCal surf flies in Umpqua's Surf Fly Series. Al's other commercial Umpqua patterns include *Qs Corbina Candy*, *Qs Thin Lizzie* and the *Qs Ghost Whisper*.

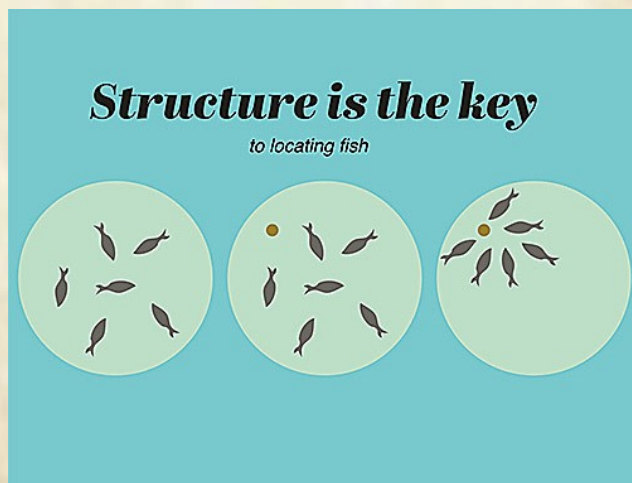


As an avid fly angler, fly tier, artist and photographer, Al continues to draw inspiration from the sea. He hopes to expand his passion and love of saltwater fly fishing through teaching and mentoring one angler at a time through "The Fly Zone," a comprehensive program he and his friend (and Wilderness Fly Fisher member) Jim Solomon created to help anglers learn to be better fly casters.

Al resides in Westchester, California with his wife Janet and daughter Quinn. He is a creative director at Tornado Creative, the award-winning design agency located in the historic Helms Bakery in Culver City.



Al's fishing blog can be found at:  
<https://alquattrocchi.wordpress.com>





# San Fernando Valley Club takes on the mighty Bighorn.

By Smoother Smythe

## *A Trip to the Bighorn River.*

I was kindly elected to write the article for the Fly Paper but I feel that I can only give you an overview from my perspective and that of my fish fanatic partner Colleen. I feel that our fishing experiences were very much mirrored by the whole group.

It was December 20 2016 when I sent an email to Colleen telling her that I was going to book a week of fly fishing on the Bighorn River in Montana for the two of us. She had previously mentioned to me that, judging from the comments of other club members, it was something she thought we would enjoy. She was dead right.

If you attend the monthly club meetings you will know this to be the trip that Jack Jonathon strongly promotes each year. Our out of state club member Paul Guttenberg puts this together from his home in Colorado Springs and a fine job he did this year.

I was quite surprised when the list of participants arrived by email listing twenty four of us. That meant we would be needing 12 guides and 12 boats. I figured the boat ramp was going to look like the Dunkirk beaches. Our group comprised 16 members from SPFF with the balance from either Pasadena Casting Club or those free of any club affiliations. We all arrived on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> with departures booked for Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Paul had worked up a grid listing who everyone's fishing partner would be on each of the five days. He also worked up a grid listing the guide that would be taking care of those anglers on each specific day. It was a terrific idea as it meant that each angler fished with five

different guides during the week... each guide with his own style and approach to the fishing conditions.

The fishing conditions. The normal flows for late May are around 4,000 cfs. We were about to fish the river flowing at 13,000 cfs with wading out of the question. Needless to say I felt it was going to be a bit of a blow out and I would be hearing "you should have been here last year". Win some lose some kind of thing.. Oh well, nothing ventured nothing gained.

**Monday** morning 8am with light winds and pleasant temperatures. Meet George Young our guide de jour. George had us employ a conventional two fly nymphing rig with plenty of weight above the flies. Magic, we were immediately into fish. 14" was average with a few getting up to 17" plus.

**Tuesday.** Sunshine and no wind. Meet Mike Faris. Mike says we need to take advantage of the weather conditions and go upriver to the lake above the main dam. We will be fishing for carp (huh!!). With the sunshine and no wind we were able to have a day of sight fishing with medium size dry flies. End result, Smoother 7 and Colleen 9. This was an absolute hoot.

**Wednesday.** Meet Ray McCarn. Weather was mild with light wind. Ray had us using the Teton method of nymphing. This entails bouncing a weight along the river bottom which is very effective in high water and legal on the Bighorn.

Another great day with the local grand slam Rainbow, Brown, Whitefish and Sucker.

**Thursday.** Extremely high winds and very cold. Meet Sam Mavrakis. Sam,

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*Smoother and his catch*



*Colleen's 9th carp of the day*

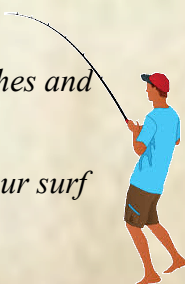
## *Annual SPFF Picnic*



*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.*



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an ex U.S. fly fishing team member, introduced us to another new nymphing technique. This involved using a large indicator which somewhat dragged the heavily weighted rig along the bottom. The indicator was encouraged to get ahead with the faster top water. The weather restricted us from having a bonanza day and sent many anglers back to the lodge at lunchtime. I was with Colleen so had no choice but to fish all day. Charlie Webb (Pasadena Casting Club) sustained bruised ribs when the wind took their boat into some streamside tree branches. Fly fishing, a great opportunity to meditate and take

in the scenery... A no contact sport !! This mishap did earn him the "Birdsnest" mishap trophy.

Friday. Nice weather. Meet Matt Shirley. Matt had us employ the standard nymph practice which was again very productive.



**Guide showing Wayne Ripperton's trout**

I was keen to try out my Hornberg and streamer fish the bank. The boat and current moved so fast that large fish were leaping



**Trophy for Charlie Webb**

out of the water but missing the fly by more than a few inches. However, the Hornberg did get me two fish and a whole lot of fun.

A summary. Comfortable accommodation, great food, great guides, unbelievable amount of large fish and a wonderful group of people. This was way above our expectations and a steal at the price. 24 anglers with 23 being male and 1 female. Who gets the biggest fish award ?

## Scholarship Awards By Erwin Goldbloom

The 2017 SPFF William L. Harry ,Don L. Lee Scholarships were awarded at the May 18 dinner meeting.

This year's two recipients were among the top applicants that we have had since initiating the award in 2005.

Both Paige Kauffman, a Sausus High School senior and Mireille Vargas, a senior from Santa Paula High School, BOTH had GPA's above 4.5 and had received all A's or A-pluss grades throughout high school while taking mostly AP and Honors classes.

Paige will be attending the University of California San Diego and majoring in Marine Biology. She was number one in her class of 548 students. Paige has always been interested in science and the outdoors, coming from a nature orientated family and has been involved in camping, hiking, surfing, kayaking and snorkeling.

She has been a Girl Scout and has receive the Gold Award, which is the most prestigious award in the Girl Scouts, the equivalent of an Eagle Scout.

She also is very active in the Santa Clarita Community, being involved in Operation Christmas Child, Santa Clarita Marathon, has been president of People Assisting Sheltered Animals. This project created a unique dog walking pathway for the "isolation dogs," (new dogs brought into the shelter) an organization called New Leash on Life.

Other school and community work include Special Olympics Society, Not One More Teen Suicide and being bulletin editor for the Key Club and has participated in the Santa Clarity Rally. Besides all this, she found time to be active in Cross Country and Track and Field teams.

Mireille Vargas, our first applicant from Santa Paula High School, will be attending Stanford University, majoring in Environmental Systems Engineering. Mireille is very active in community activities, being president of SESPEA, (Students Encouraging Social Political Action.) Through SESPEA, she was instrumental in receiving a grant from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to get a hydration station installed in the high school and helped with a school assembly about reducing waste by using reusable bottles.

She was also involved as a school representative for MESA, ( Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement.)

Her group won first place in the MESA Greenfoot Competition twice. She is also so active in Sierra Club Conservancy, Central Coast Alliance for a Sustainable Ecology, and SOAR, (Save Our Open Spaces and Agricultural Resources.)

She visited the Island School, in Eleuthera, Bahamas for four weeks researching the effects of micro plastic in Mahi Mahi and plans to return again to learn more about the effects of pollution on sea life. She also found time to be involved in the school volley, swimming and wrestling teams.

SPFF is proud to present our annual \$1,000 scholarship to these outstanding students, interested in the activities that our club sponsors.

Remember, activities such as these are made possible by the support of SPFF Club members in being involved in our fund raising events. Keep up the good work.





## A FOND FAREWELL

George Robert “Bob” Thille, 1939 to 2017, finally lost his battle with an aggressive form of Squamous Cell cancer of the neck, lungs and elsewhere.

Life was idyllic for a young boy growing up in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles in the 1940’s and 1950’s. Bob had lots of neighborhood kids to play with outside the family’s home in Sherman Oaks. Saturday morning was the perfect time to take the 10-cent streetcar rides down Ventura Blvd. to the movies. There was a newsreel, cartoons, and a double feature. Trips to the beach in Santa Monica and the snow in the winter in the local mountains were enjoyed by parents Nick and Georgette and later on by sisters Nancy and Pat.

Bob’s father was a skilled carpenter and a building inspector for Los Angeles. He not only built the Sherman Oaks home, but also constructed two more, one in Tarzana and the other in later years in Agoura. Georgie was a housewife and elementary school teacher.

At age 13 Bob was given a .22 rifle that served as his constant companion while roaming around the Santa Monica Mountains near his home in Tarzana. Pal, Gary Hoffman, invited Bob on weekend fishing trips to Catalina Island aboard his family’s 34-foot cabin cruiser. A seed was planted in childhood that became life long passions: fishing and exploring the world. He’s been to all seven continents and over 85 countries.

Bob progressed through school, ending up with a degree in geography at California State University at Northridge and a teaching credential. He started teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 1965 at Woodlake Elementary. The 1969-70 school year was spent in Toronto, Canada on a Fulbright Teaching Exchange. He volunteered for two years teaching at Normandy Elementary in Watts. In 1975-76 the family was in Southern England on another Fulbright exchange. In 1980 he started the 1<sup>st</sup> of three ½ year Sabbaticals. He joined an Overland expedition driving and camping for 112 days from London to Johannesburg, South Africa. He returned to teach at Canoga Park Elementary School. In 1982 sons Todd and Brian were taken out of elementary school to trailer camp around most of Mexico for almost 6 months on a 2<sup>nd</sup> sabbatical. Upon return Bob made the move to Hale Middle School where he taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade World History and Geography. He started the school’s Science Fair and ran the Nat’l Geographic Geography Bee. In 1990 the

3<sup>rd</sup> ½ semester sabbatical was granted and then 19-year-old son Todd took a semester off from Pierce Jr. College to join his father on a 6 month around the world trip. Bob retired in 2000.

Fifty years ago, Bob married Carol Haines and over the years added two sons to the busy household, Todd Nicholas and Brian Lee. Schoolwork, endless projects, outings, Boy Scouts, and prolonged trips were in order.

Todd and Duygu live in Istanbul, Turkey with their twin (9 month old) daughters, Gaia and Luna. He is a web designer and works at home.

Brian and Catherine reside near Atlanta, Georgia with daughters Maya (14) and Elana (12). Brian works in marketing.

Bob is known for his encyclopedia knowledge of travel destinations and restaurants. He thinks nothing of planning a three or four month trip, arranging the details for each day: mode of transportation, hotel, sights to be seen, mileage, etc. All is in place before starting out. Bob has seen the world from Antarctica to the Arctic and points in between. Besides enjoying foreign travel, he and Carol have crisscrossed all fifty states countless times plus much of Canada and Mexico pulling their house trailer behind.

Over the years he’s enjoyed membership in Southern California Overseas Teachers, the Desert Explorers 4X4 group, 25 years in the Sierra Pacific Flyfishers, The Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society and Neighborhood Watch.

Bob is off at his favorite fishing spot, so no service will take place.

Ciao, Carol, Bob, and Brian

### A Photo By Neal Hoffberg



CEDAR RIVER

RENTON, WA



# FISHING RETREATS

By Jody Martin

## TWO FLY FISHING & SPIRITUALITY RETREATS

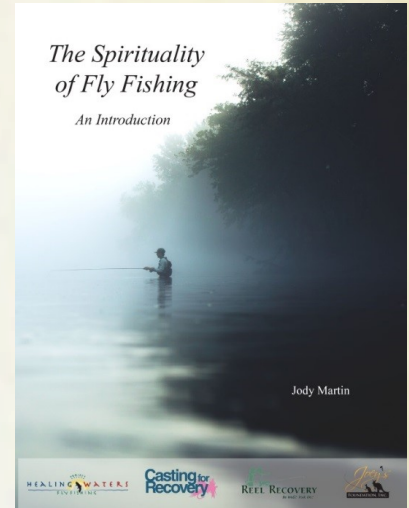
We are pleased and excited to announce two fly fishing and spirituality retreats, one in the Eastern Sierras of California and one on Pennsylvania's Delaware River!

At both retreats, days will be spent learning how to fly fish (for those who need some instruction or some fine tuning) and hiking (California) or floating (Pennsylvania) to fly fishing spots. Evenings will be devoted to furthering our understanding of the spiritual nature of fly fishing – why we are so drawn to it, how it helps and heals us, what we want and expect from it, and how we can give the gift to others, based on Jody Martin's recent book.

### 1. Parchers Resort, Bishop, CA FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 25-27, 2017

Jared Smith, owner and operator of Parchers Resort (<http://parchersresort.net/>), and his fishing partner Seth Blackamore (co-authors of the book *Fishin' Trails 2*), have joined forces with SPFF's Dr. Jody Martin (author of *The Spirituality of Fly Fishing*) to offer you a unique weekend experience. Days will be spent learning how to fly fish and hiking to some of the beautiful and storied waters of the High Sierras in pursuit of trout. Men, women, couples, families, and even children (over the age of 12) are encouraged to attend, as there is sure to be something meaningful for everyone. Lodging, meals, fly fishing instruction, guided hikes – everything is included! A variety of rustic cabins of all sizes will accommodate just about any group. Other available activities include horseback riding, kayaking, rock climbing, photography, and more. Come relax, recharge your batteries, get closer to God, and become engaged in the wonderful and spiritual world of fly fishing the High Sierras! But register soon – spaces are limited!

**To register:** Contact Jared Smith, Parchers Resort (760-873-4177), at: <http://parchersresort.net/>



### 2. Delaware River Club, Pennsylvania FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2017

In Pennsylvania, Jeff White of the Delaware River Club (1228 Winterdale Road, Starlight, Pennsylvania 18461, phone 570-635-5880; <http://thedelawareriverclub.com/>) has teamed up with Vito Baldini, the Mercy Ministries pastor

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of Liberti Church in Philadelphia (<http://libertichurch.org/#main>), again working with SPFF's Jody Martin, to offer you this east coast retreat similar to the one described above. At the DRC, days will be spent learning how to fly fish and casting to wild trout on the storied Delaware River, one of the top 5 wild trout streams in the U.S. As with the California retreat, men, women, couples, families, and children (over the age of 15) are encouraged to attend. Lodging, meals, fly fishing instruction, guided fishing, and spiritual discussions are all included. The DRC offers several lodging options sure to fit your needs. Also available are hiking trails, a private 3 acre fishing pond, and an outdoor pool. As with the Parchers retreat, please register soon – spaces are limited!

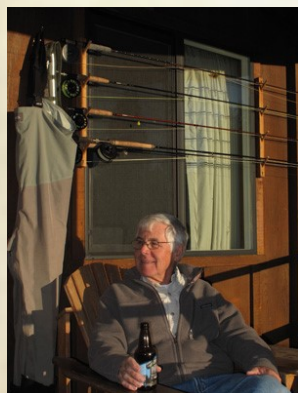


**How to register:** Contact Jeff White, Delaware River Club, at: [jeffw@thedelawariverclub.com](mailto:jeffw@thedelawariverclub.com)

I'll be at both retreats, and I'd love to see you there!

Jody

## WEEKEND AT THE RANCH *AN ADVENTURE AT HOT CREEK* A PICTORIAL BY GLENN SHORT



Bruce Altrock enjoys a  
Mammoth Brewing  
Double Nut Brown



Bill & Emily Luddy



Debbie Sharpton & Lew Riffle



Bruce Altrock



Mike Tansey



Bruce Altrock



Glenn Short Spey Casting



# Fish Reports

## Hot Creek - Local Weather and Flows

<p><b>Water Conditions: Fair</b></p> <p>Flows at 344CFS as of 6/23</p> <p>Runoff is affecting water clarity, and probably will for the next several weeks.</p> <p>(Note flows include water from the springs, not just the gauging station at the highway so this is what is really flowing through the canyon)</p>	<p><b>Fishing conditions and Hatches: Fair</b></p> <p>Runoff is going stronger than ever. Getting reports of a few quality fish here and there. Fish the seams where the water is moving even just a little bit slower with the biggest and brightest you've got in your box. Swinging a big streamer couldn't hurt either.</p>	<p><b>Recommended Flies:</b></p> <p><b>DRIES: Nope</b></p> <p><b>NYMPHS:</b> San Juan Worm Red #14, Western Coachman #14, Prince Nymph #14, Red Copper John #14, Nitro Caddis #14</p> <p><b>STREAMERS:</b> Conehead double bunny white/olive, Dirty Hippy Rainbow, Slump Busters</p>
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## Guides Hint:

UPPER OWENS RIVER- Local Weather and Flows		
<p><b>Water Conditions: Fair</b></p> <p>Flows are at 177cfs as of 6/23 Above the confluence.</p> <p>Things are starting to dry up finally, but there are still some pockets of standing water. Be careful if you don't have 4WD.</p> <p>Water is off color above the confluence, and dirty below.</p>	<p><b>Fishing Conditions and Hatches: Fair</b></p> <p>The cutthroat have returned to the lake, but you can catch smaller resident fish here and there on some small caddis dries up high at long ears where the water is clearer and the flows are lower. Hot creek is flowing well over 300cfs right now, so stay above the confluence.</p>	<p><b>Recommended Flies:</b></p> <p><b>DRIES:</b> Little elk hair caddis.</p> <p><b>NYMPHS:</b> #12-16 Bead Head Prince Nymph, #16-18 Pheasant Tail, Flashback Hares Ear #14-16, Red Copper John #12-14, Western Coachmen #12-16, San Juan Worms #12, Egg patterns any size, Zebra Midge #18, Copper Tiger Midge, Maribou leeches.</p> <p><b>STREAMERS:</b> Double Bunny, Ruby Eye Leech, Goat Leech, Maribou Leech.</p>
Guides Hint:		

**Lower Owens River  
Unsafe Conditions - Do Not Fish!**





## Volunteer Opportunity!

**B**ecome an SPFF Project Healing Waters Volunteer.

**S**pend time with a Veteran and share the wonderful world of Fly Fishing.

**W**e 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!

**M**any 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.

**S**o 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)



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEER FLYFISHERS

Wednesdays from 10:30-  
12:30 pm  
June 21- Aug 2

SPFF Summer YOUTH OUT-  
REACH Program

In Conjunction with the Salva-  
tion Army

Malibu Creek Camp Gilmore  
Needs you!

**T**here will be 25 campers age 13-17 yrs. old each week for seven weeks at the beautiful 500-acre Camp Gilmore facility on Malibu Creek. It's a great stretch of creek to expose the youth to the art of flyfishing. Many of these kids have never been out of the Los Angeles inner city before. What a treat it will be to work with the future generation of possible fishers that will keep the passion of our sport and the love of our streams and rivers alive.

Sierra Pacific Flyfishers is supplying a rod and reel for each camper to use. All you need is your patience, skills (even if you have only a few techniques you know, you do not have to be a master caster!), and regular gear.

Please sign up at [www.spff.org](http://www.spff.org). Look for the Event Calendar on the left sidebar and go to the Wednesdays of your choice and sign up for ON-THE-WATER WITH YOUTH WILDERNESS CAMPERS.

Contact Debbie Sharpton, conservation chair, at [debbie.sharpton@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.sharpton@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## SPFF Library



## SPFF FLY FISHING BOOKS & DVD LIBRARY

You can "browse the stacks" online by going to the [www.spff.org](http://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.

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



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

## March 2017

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

## April 2017

ITFF.....	1
Board Meeting .....	6
PHW Vets .....	6
Passover.....	11
Easter.....	16
PHW Vets .....	20
<b>Dinner Meeting.....</b>	<b>20</b>
Trout Season Opens.....	29

## May 2017

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

## June 2017

Board Meeting .....	1
PHW Vets .....	1
Hot Creek Ranch Weekend.....	9-12
Mission Bay Fishing Classic.....	10-11
PHW Vets .....	15

<b>Dinner Meeting.....</b>	<b>15</b>
On The Water Youth Camp.....	21
Women's Flyfishing Class.....	24
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
<b>Dinner Meeting.....</b>	<b>18</b>
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
<b>Annual Picnic.....</b>	<b>20</b>

## September 2017

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

## October 2017

Board Meeting .....	5
PHW Vets .....	5
Columbus Day.....	9
PHW Vets .....	19
<b>Dinner Meeting.....</b>	<b>19</b>
Riptide Rendezvous.....	21
Halloween.....	31

## November 2017

Board Meeting .....	2
PHW Vets .....	2
Veteran's Day.....	11
PHW Vets .....	16
<b>Dinner Meeting.....</b>	<b>16</b>
Thanksgiving.....	23

## December 2017

Board Meeting .....	7
PHW Vets .....	7
Hanukkah.....	13
<b>Dinner Meeting.....</b>	<b>21</b>
PHW Vets .....	21
<b>Christmas.....</b>	<b>25</b>
Kwanzaa (Day 1).....	26

# Beautiful Places





# Catch of the Month



**Deanna Simon**  
**King Salmon**  
**Nushagak River, AK**



## Next Dinner Meeting **Tuesday July 18**

Monterey At Encino  
16821 Burbank Blvd  
Encino, CA 91436

### Menu

#### **Entrée:**

Chicken Marsala  
Or  
Grilled Salmon

Mashed Potatoes  
Grilled 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](mailto:MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com)

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