



## Annual SPFF Picnic



**F**ellow SPFF members, you've probably marked your calendars so you can join us at the annual picnic. Since we don't have a dinner meeting in August, be sure to come to Carpinteria, and enjoy free food and beverages with friends. You can escape the Valley's heat and enjoy comfortable beach weather with pleasant temperatures. We will have a raffle, and our fly fishing "garage" sale will be an opportunity for great deals that benefit the club.

Rincon Park has shade, picnic benches, real bathrooms, a shower, and convenient parking. Do I need to say there will be much cooler temperatures, again? We will have a few simplified casting games with prizes, and you can fish the surf—there will be a rising tide that morning!

We hope to see you there—bring your surf fishing gear, but don't forget your li-

cense with an Ocean Enhancement Validation! If you want to bring an umbrella, blanket and beach chairs, and park yourself on the beach, we won't mind. There is a paved walkway down to the sand.

**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.

Alcohol is permitted for those of us over 21, but smoking is prohibited.

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### RAFFLE ITEMS FOR AUGUST DINNER MEETING

No Raffle This Month Due to the Picnic

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Lately I have become aware that we take a lot for granted and that many of our Club traditions and names may not be familiar to everyone, especially new members. Last weekend I was asked about the meaning of GSO and I explained that, even though it is not our first outing of the year, it is the outing where the new ITFF graduates "get started" on the rivers and lakes under the tutelage of more experienced Club members. In recent years, we have expanded the scope of the GSO to include specialty classes using one or two out of the 48 licensed guides in the Sierra. I have encouraged this because I believe that guides are not only the gatekeepers of our sport but are like the carpool lane to the next skill level. I have fished with enough guides to fill a book. Along the way I have helped with their boat payments and kid's college funds, listened to their stories and nodded knowingly when told I should have been there last week. Often their teaching skills sharply remind me of my strict Scottish schooling and their politics tend to the right of right. That said, guides have encouraged me to cast with both hands, taught me to wade without falling in, ties knots quickly and fish the higher percentage water. If you are willing to work hard, then most guides will return your effort in spades. Be aware that they are dealing with a consuming public whose need for assurances and gratification has never been higher. Long after you are showered and cleaned up at the motel, they are hauling a boat into their driveway and making lunches for the next day. We are fortunate to have a wealth of guides in the Sierra and serving the local surf scene. Give them a try – it is impossible not to learn from the experience.

Another question concerns the annual picnic. We have tried many venues from Lake Balboa, Lake Malibu to the Mission at San Fernando and, because of rising valley temperatures we have settled on the delightful picnic area at Rincon Beach in Carpinteria. There will be special Italian sausages, veggie burgers, baked beans, salads, chips and the traditional ice cream. Along with casting games, the surf is close enough to provide excellent sport. No need for waders but don't forget your fishing license– the corbina have been running and your chances are good. Most important, BRING YOUR EXTRA NO LONGER USED GEAR for the rummage sale table. Last year we raised over \$1000 that went to a good cause. Kevin will be sending a reminder closer to the date of AUGUST 20. See you there!

*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!**



**Andy MacDonald**  
**Jack Anderson**  
**Rudy Rodriquez**





# GSO 2017 – IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT THE FISHING

YES, I SAID THAT!

By Marshall Bissett

An exceptional turnout, fabulous weather and a spirit of discovery were the key words for GSO 2017. The bleak fishing reports did nothing to dampen the ardor of Club members making their way to Big Springs, Little Virginia Lake, Crowley, Lyell



David DeBeaupre and his Saturday Clinic

Fork and Long Years in search of trout. Advance scouts Jim Fleisher and Richard Plunkett whetted appetites with daily website posts. Pat Jaeger, local Sierra guide and Club



The falls at Twin Lakes

speaker, tempted a small group over to the dark side of Tenkara (don't ask - its secret) on the Upper Owens. David DeBeaupre met his groups by the green church at Benton

Crossing – many were seen praying for success.

For my part, I forsook rod and reel to become a tourist. With my tentatively outdoorsy wife Janne, we followed the guidebooks, not the fishing maps. It started with a traffic

accident on Highway 14. Re-directed on to Soledad Canyon Road, we hit the hairpin bends as the moonscape of Canyon

Country flew by. This is a road for cars that love corners – a small taste of the Alps in So Cal.



Colleen Newkirk ready to slay 'em!



France on the

amidst MacDonald's and Carl's Jr, it is the antithesis of fast food. In fact, it's quite slow and a tad pricey but the cuisine is fresh and interesting.

Leaving our charming condo in Mammoth (thanks Colleen Newkirk!) we headed up 395 to Bridgeport, making a stop at the old mining town of Bodie on the return trip. This sounds easy but the last three miles on a dirt road surrounded by graders and earth movers, gave us extra admiration for the early prospectors who did it on a single horsepower four-legged creature. The late afternoon drive back along the June Lake Loop made you realize why people live or vacation in the Golden State. Only in Mammoth can you find *haute cuisine* above a bowling alley. The Mammoth Bistro is well worth a visit, and a welcome change from BBQ and burgers. On Sunday we cruised up to Twin Lakes where a magnificent waterfall cascades two hundred feet to the lake below. A float tuber might give this a single glance and get back to fishing, but it is well worth a long stare.

At the base of a hiking trail I photographed a father carrying four children, and in turn met a professional photographer who snapped a picture of us. Will I be giving up my fly rod to become a scenery watcher? No, but I did get a glimpse of a magical world beyond the end of the rod tip.



Family Man!

On 395 most people creep through the town of Independence, ever wary of the speed limits, without noticing the Still Life Café. An oasis of French bistro cuisine set











# GETTING STARTED OUTING (GSO) 2017

JIM FLEISHER  
OUTINGS CHAIRPERSON



This was the best GSO ever! More people attended this year than any other year in the history of the club! More fish were caught and it was TERRIFIC!

Seriously, despite all the efforts of Mother Nature to thwart our efforts, SPFF came through and created a great GSO. The water was high and fierce, but our intrepid leaders found good places to catch fish. We spread our good cheer all around the Mammoth Lakes area to show everyone that we can catch fish under any conditions (well not exactly as the Graduation Outing in April demonstrated).

After eating and greeting at the Breakfast Club each morning,



we fanned out to Virginia Lakes, Dana Fork, Lyell Fork, Upper Owens River (in several places) and Crowley Lake. I really need to thank our club leaders who rose to the occasion and found great places to take their groups: Steve Ebersold at Big Springs, Erwin Goldbloom at Virginia Lakes, David Hoffberg at Dana Fork, Gene Mahn at Dana Fork, Roger Backlar at Lyell Fork and Bill Woods at Crowley Lake. Without their expertise and guidance, this trip would not have been possible. We even got to see Marshall Bissett row his wife, Janne, around Virginia Lakes!

In addition, there were instructional classes by two professional guides, David D'beupre and Pat Jaeger. Richard Ress has still not recovered after catching his first fish on a Tenka-



ra rod in Pat Jaeger's class, and Jack Anderson caught several fish and I caught three nice fish with David D'beupre on the Upper Owens.

The Saturday evening Barbecue dinner arranged by Steve Ebersold at the Breakfast Club was a hit as usual. We heard some fish stories and had some prizewinners.

Despite the fact that I aged 10 years

in the process of trying to make this happen (frozen Saddlebag Lake-no backpacking, closed road to Devils Post Pile until the eleventh hour, destroyed Tioga Pass resort (no pies this year) and water levels approaching Niagara Falls) it all seemed to work out in the end. I need to give a special thanks to Richard Plunkett, who also happened to come up on Monday and really helped me scout out the area to help our leader find places to fish.



The drought is over for this year and who knows what next year will bring, but we are all blessed to have a place like Mammoth Lakes so readily available where (as I stated in one of my daily updates) you can ski in the morning, play golf in the afternoon and still catch the evening hatch on Twin Lakes!!





# Desert Fishing

By Ren Colantoni

I recently was involved in an expedition to west central Nevada to visit some ghost towns in that area. Yes, there are people who “collect” ghost towns and mining sites. Using Tonopah as a base, we visited one site called Berlin, about 70 miles to the north. This site is a Nevada state park, and the few buildings and mine site there are maintained in a state of “arrested decay”, just like Bodie in California. There are guided paths among the ruins and signs explaining what you are seeing. There is a crew of three rangers here that maintain the place and answer questions.

Camping is available.

Around the corner from the town site and up a dirt road we came to modern steel building. In this building is an exposed rock outcropping, and embedded in this rock are the

skeletal remains of at least 10 ichthyosaurs. (No, ichthyosaurs are not dry flies.) They are “fish lizards”, and date to ancient seas 200 million years ago. The site of Berlin has the largest collection of these fossils in the states and these have been heavily researched over the years.

To give you an idea of the nature of the beast, consider Figure 1. This wall contains an outline of the typical ichthyosaur of the kind found at the site, in this case, about 70 feet in length. One of our explorers is included for visual scale. From the guidebook we find: “Ichthyosaurs were more perfectly adapted to their marine environment than any other reptile. They surfaced to breath through lungs and bore live young. Their body was streamlined and well equipped with a propulsive vertical tail, paddles for balance and turning and a dorsal fin to prevent rolling. Their elongated jaw had many sharp teeth for catching prey and their enormous eyes were well suited for scanning dimly lit water for food.”



Figure 1

Inside the building we find the lump of rock that contains the fossils. Figure 2 illustrates the skeleton of the largest of the group with an outline of the arrangement of parts as they now exist. From the left, we see the triangular head, two pectoral fins, ventral fins, and the tail. Considering that the site is at almost 7000 feet in altitude and was once under water, we can understand how the thing got twisted and beat up over time. There are letter labels applied to the various bone outcroppings and with a guide book you can tell what is where. The ranger provided an excellent presentation of what we were seeing.

So, the first thing that came to mind was what sort of fly fishing gear one might need to fish for such a beast. For a rod, rather than the traditional size

measurements of 5, 6, or 7, perhaps a 200 might work, or a small fir tree, whichever is larger. For line, I’m thinking steel cable, probably at least 1.5 inches. For a reel, any war surplus winch on a Sherman Tank might work. But the real question would be what fly to use. We have some excellent fly tiers in the group. Perhaps they could make some recommendations or maybe even tie a couple up for us. It would have to look like primitive fish or amphibian, maybe 8 feet long, and brightly colored. Well, I’ll let you experts figure that one out. I’m still trying to locate an appropriate landing net. For those of you into fish lizards, this is a great place to visit.



Figure 2



## SPECIAL RAFFLE

Once upon a time, Mas Okui commissioned Steven Fernandez to make a shadow box with twelve dry flies of Steven's choice. Its was completed on April 3, 1980. Mas has very generously donated it to the club for our fundraiser.

The flies were tied on #12 Mustad 94842 hooks, which was Steven's preferred dry fly hook at the time. The flies were tied near the end of his career as a professional fly tier, for he soon after entered architecture school in the summer of 1980.



*Actual Size 7.25" x 8.75"*

Left to Right & Top to Bottom the 12 flies are....

Row 1:	Irresistible	Humpy	Royal Wulff
Row 2:	Adams	Mosquito	Light Cahill
Row 3:	Quill Gordon	Royal Coachman	Blue Dun
Row 4:	Black Gnat	Elk Hair Caddis	Renegade

The drawing for this beautiful fly plate created by Buz Buszek Fly Tying Award Recipient Steven Fernandez will be held at our March 2018 dinner meeting.

**TICKETS ARE \$10**



# FLY FISHING GARAGE SALE

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## *GEAR HOARDERS INTERVENTION*

AT THE SIERRA PACIFIC FLY FISHERS ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 20, 2017, RINCON BEACH PARK, CARPINTERIA, 9AM-2PM

**BRING ALL YOUR USED AND POSSIBLY UNUSED "SPARE" FLY FISHING GEAR TO HELP SPREAD THE OBSESSION WITH THE NEW FLY FISHERS.**



IF YOU ARE WONDERING IF YOU "MIGHT" HAVE A PROBLUM JUST ANSWER A FEW OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS?

IF YOUR SPOUSE OR PARTNER COMPLAINED THAT THERE IS NO ROOM TO PARK IN THE GARAGE DUE TO THE VOLUMNE OF FLY FISHING GEAR YOU HAVE? **YOU MIGHT BE A GEAR HOARDER**

IF YOU HAVE FLY POLES, REELS OR GEAR THAT STILL HAVE TAGS ON THEM FROM SEVERAL YEARS AGO? **YOU COULD BE A GEAR HOARDER.**

IF YOU HAVE FLY FISHING GEAR THAT YOU HAVENT USED IN THE LAST 2-YEARS? **YOU COULD BE A GEAR HOARDER**

IF YOU'RE FLY TYING MATERIALS EXCEED THE AMOUNT THAT YOU COULD POSSIBLY USE IF YOU TIED EVERY DAY FOR 100 YEARS? **YOU COULD BE GEAR HOARDER**

IF YOU HAVE 10 OF EVERYTHING AS BACK-UP? **YOU MIGHT BE A GEAR HOARDER**

IF YOU HAVE GEAR FOR A STYLE OF FLY FISHING THAT YOU HAVE NEVER DONE OR LIKELY WILL NEVER DO? **YOU MIGHT BE A GEAR HOARDER**

IF YOU HAVE SPENT MORE ON STORAGE SPACE THAN WHAT YOUR GEAR ACTUALLY COSTS?

**YOU MIGHT BE A GEAR HOARDER**

IF YOU HAVE GEAR THAT NO LONGER FITS, AND LIKELY WILL NEVER FIT? **YOU MIGHT BE A GEAR HOARDER**





## 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)



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**IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES TO 1 OR ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE YOU ARE A GEAR HOARDER.** IT'S TIME FOR AN INTERVENTION, CLEAN THE CLOSET, GARAGE, SPARE BEDROOM, OFFICE AND ANY OTHER HIDING SPOT AND BRING YOUR GEAR TO THE AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> FLY FISHING GARAGE SALE.

If you can't make the event or you're on the verge of a divorce from your hoarding, we'll come pick up your stuff. Please call Kevin Radanovich's gear hoarding hot line at 818-421-2044 or email him at: [kevin@greenwall.us](mailto:kevin@greenwall.us). You'll feel so much better after the purge, you'll have good karma for helping the new fly fishers and you'll get a great "legitimate" tax deduction.



## 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.

### 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](mailto:news@spff.org)

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

### August 2017

IFFF Fly Fishing Faire.....	1-5
Board Meeting .....	3
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PHW Vets .....	17
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### October 2017

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### November 2017

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PHW Vets .....	7
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## Catch-and-Release Techniques for Trout



## Don't Forget: Keep Them Wet!

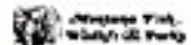
The species of fish, water temperature, and angler behavior affect the success of catch-and-release fishing. Trout species are susceptible to angling mortality. Warm water stresses fish more than cold water. How an angler fishes, choice of gear, and how the angler handles the fish affect survival of released fish. Here is what anglers can do to maximize fish survival:

- 1. Land the fish quickly and do not play it to exhaustion.**
- 2. Wet your hands before handling the fish.**
- 3. Keep the fish in the water as much as possible.**  
Minimize the time out of water for photos.
- 4. Remove the hook gently.** Use of artificial lures, single and barbless hooks makes hook removal faster and easier.
- 5. Let the fish recover before release.** If the fish is hooked deeply or bleeding, you may have to snip the line at the fish's mouth, or consider keeping it if regulations allow.

Consider limiting your catch. Even with catch-and-release, fish are stressed and some will die. To best avoid harming the fish, keep it underwater where it can breathe.

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## Beautiful Places





# Catch of the Month



## Next Dinner Meeting

**Tuesday Sept 21**

Monterey At Encino  
16821 Burbank Blvd  
Encino, CA 91436

## No Dinner Menu This Month

**Come to the Picnic!**

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

[MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com](mailto:MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com)

**Reserve by Monday, Sept 18**

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

## SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

The Board of Directors and membership of the Sierra Pacific Flyfishers wish to express their appreciation to the retailers. Their promotion of our club and its activities throughout the year, and their contributions of products and services help us to continue the various public services that we offer.

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