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## Dinner Meeting for Thursday, October 19

### Streamer Fishing with George Daniel

Many fly fishers consider using streamer flies only as a last ditch effort, i.e., when no other tactic works. These anglers will swim a wooly bugger across the stream or even straight downstream and then pull it back. They believe this is the principle of streamer fishing, and while this approach might, at times, work, there's a whole other level of fishing that the angler can move up to. Just as minor adjustments are often needed to vary weight, tippet size and leader lengths when fishing with dry flies or nymphs -- the same is true with streamer fishing. And understanding your environment and how to adjust your streamer rig to match specific conditions can bring you amazing success. This principle is the heart of our October presentation: *Streamer Fishing* with George Daniel. George will cover such topics as the effectiveness of certain streamer patterns, how to fish them, how to retrieve them, and, of course, lines, casting and line control.

George Daniel is definitely the person who is qualified to guide us on this new journey. After his newest book, *Strip-Set*, had all the reviewers and readers praising George's enormous research, thoughtful analysis, clear conclusions and great pho-

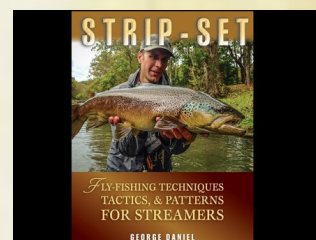


tos, the fly fishing world realized it had a new star. George first made a big splash with the earlier publication (2012) of his very successful book, *Dynamic Nymphing*, with the book's forward being written by our very good friend (and expert British angler), Charles Jardine.

George began fly fishing at age six in Potter County, Pennsylvania. Growing up along a native brook trout fishery designated as a "kids only section" and, being the only kid in the village who fished, George was able to fly fish and

practice a lot,

so he developed a true passion for it. Through his early teens, much of his fly fishing knowledge was self-taught. However, when George was 14, his family relocated to central Pennsylvania, where, at a local fly shop, he found himself talking to his fly fishing idol, Joe Humphreys. Joe kindly took George



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#### RAFFLE ITEMS FOR OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

**First Prize** — TF0 Lefty Kregg 9ft 4wt 4pc fly rod

**Second Prize** — Remington 5/6wt reel

**Third Prize** — Choice of a Clear Creek Sing Pack or a Net

#### Big Barrel

1 fox flies and box, DVD on casting, Hat, Revivex water proofing for waders and jackets



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I make no apologies for my failure to give you a President's message last month. I boldly hung out the GONE FISHING sign and encourage you to do the same whenever possible. The best answer to the frequently asked question "When is the best time to visit..." (insert name of city, river etc) is "Whenever you can." In case you think my time was wasted, check out the article on Lonesome Duck. Back to business.

We have a couple of vacant spots on the SPFF board and I need your help to fill them. The first, and most critical is that of Vice President. I am nearing the end of my third year as President and I need to train a future President. The first step is for that person to become a Board Member at large and learn the job from myself and other Past Presidents now sitting on the Board. Trust me, it's more fun than hard work and I will personally mentor anyone along the way. We also need a newsletter editor. Glen Atkinson will be stepping down at the end of the year after doing a great job on this newsletter. Again, Glen is willing to spend as much time as necessary training his successor. We can also use help in the Fundraising / Raffles / Auctions areas. Steve Esgate does a great job but could use help as we approach the March 2018 Fundraiser. Please see me at the dinner meeting if you have any spare time and a desire to help the Club – it's your Club! The Board meetings are on the first Thursday of every month – the food is good and the jokes can be even better.

This year, for the first time, we will be launching a fund-raising campaign to supplement revenue from the annual auction. Attendance at the March fundraiser and auction has been down in recent years because we believe that most of you have equipment burn-out and gear overload. That does not mean you will lose the chance to help the Club fund its educational and conservation efforts. In early November you will receive a letter explaining our goals and how you can keep us financially healthy.

This month we welcome back George Daniel, the author of *Dynamic Nymphing* and *Strip-Set*. He is, without exaggeration, one of the world's premier fly fishermen, a past USA team member and coach. You will be able to buy copies of his books and I highly recommend them both – they are well informed, essential reading. See you at the dinner meeting!

*Marshall*

## PROGRAMS FOR 2019 YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME

We are currently planning our roster of Club presenters for 2019. If you have fished with a guide, read an interesting article or know of potential speakers, please let me know as soon as possible. We welcome speakers from all regions, fresh or saltwater, fly tiers, equipment manufacturers, lodge owners and writers. We are always looking for novel and unusual topics and we especially welcome female presenters. The speaker circuit covers 7 Clubs from Santa Barbara to San Diego and we pay all travel, hotel and incidental costs and a negotiated speaking fee. Speakers are expected to provide a one-hour informative program with about 400 images (video is welcome) and be available to tie flies and answer questions after the meeting. We do not have speakers in the months of March, August, September and December.

Please contact me on [president@spff.org](mailto:president@spff.org) if you have suggestions or need me to contact potential speakers.

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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!**



Robin Mitchel





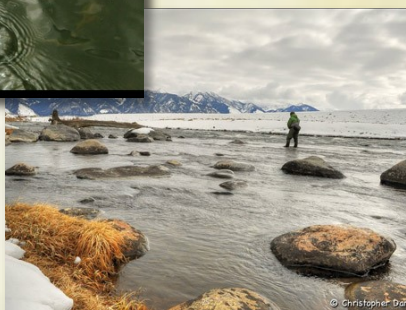
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under his wing and began providing him with his first, formalized fly fishing instruction. When George was just 16-years-old, Joe began to provide instruction on all levels, e.g., the basic cast to advanced nymphing casts. George credits Joe for the bulk of his knowledge, but also graciously acknowledges many national and international fly fishing professionals who have worked with him during the past.

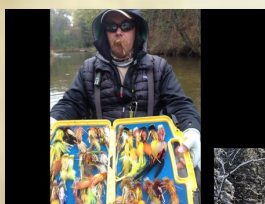


When George went off to a university, he didn't stray very far from the lovely



streams of Pennsylvania. He attended Lock Haven University, where he earned a degree in natural resource management.

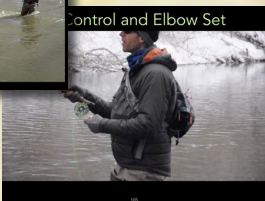
Later, George had an opportunity to try out for Fly Fishing Team USA in Bend, Oregon. After qualifying for the team, George had the opportunity to compete in six World Fly Fishing Championships, coach both the US Youth Team and Fly Fishing Team USA in four World Championships. During this time, George has had an opportunity to travel the globe and learn from many of the best anglers in the world. George is a two-time US National Fly Fishing Champion and was ranked as high as 5<sup>th</sup> in the world. Currently, George is head coach for Fly Fishing Team USA. George also spent two years coaching Fly Fishing Team USA.



Streamers 365



Control and Elbow Set



tion. He appears at clubs and fly fishing shows around the country, where he conducts lectures and seminars. He also logs more than 280 days a year on trout waters near and far. George and his wife Amidea bought and restored an old home along his favorite trout stream, and it is here where they spend many hours with their two children walking along the banks, throwing stones and sometimes even catching a fish.

George is not only the author of two highly regarded and best selling books, he has also published articles in *Fly Fisherman*, *American Angler* and *Fly Tyer* magazines.

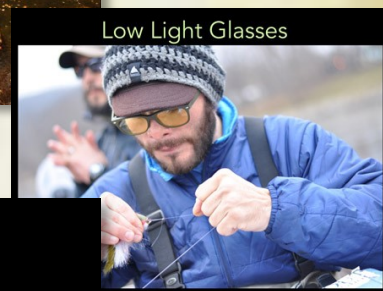
George is a pro-staffer for a number of fly fishing companies including Orvis, Tacky Fly Boxes, Flycraft Boats, Regal Vices, Competitive Angler Tying Supplies, Golden Trout Landyards, and Loon. George is a fly designer and brand ambassador for Holly Flies.

For many, this presentation will be an illuminating and fascinating examination of a very effective technique. Also, George will have books with him to sell and autograph for whomever wants one, as well as packets containing four of his favorite streamers.

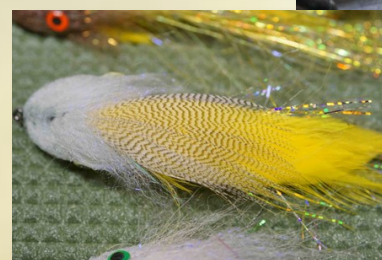
To check out more about this young, dynamic fly fisher, go to [www.livinonthe-fly.com](http://www.livinonthe-fly.com)



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## SPFF PICNIC – FUN CAN BE PROFITABLE

By Marshall Bissett

The annual SPFF picnic was a great success. Fifty Club members escaped the 100-degree Valley temperatures for the cool ocean breeze of Rincon Beach, also known to fly fishers as Bates Road. Bill Woods kicked off a surf fishing clinic with a primer on rods, rigging and fly selection. Thanks to an excess of seaweed, the outing was more about education than catching fish. The Danish Casting Games again attracted keen competitors, drawn by the huge prizes to be presented at the September dinner meeting. Janne Bissett was again responsible for all things edible – sausages on gourmet buns (a Smart and Final term), potato salad (from Fish King in Glendale for those who asked), broccolislaw salad, chips and baked beans. Capped off with ice cream treats, no one left hungry. The garage sale, brainchild of Kevin Radanovich and Richard Plunkett, produced amazing deals and generated nearly \$1000 for the Club. Thanks are due to everyone who cleaned out their garage and took a step closer to a clutter-free life. Thanks also go to special events planner and beverage buyer Glenn Short, Michael Peratis, Steve Esgate and the many volunteers who made it all possible. Let us know if you have any suggestions for next year – we aim to please.

OOPS!

*The picnic photos in the September newsletter were provided by Eleanor Brittain. Many apologies to Ellie from me, your editor, for the oversight.*

*Glen*

## NYMPHING CLINIC

By Gary Pintar

A nymphing clinic is coming soon to a stream near you. SPFF will be conducting a nymphing clinic on October 27 and 28 on the Owens River. Dry fly fishing is great when fish are rising, but most of the time fish feed subsurface. If you want to catch fish, you have to put the fly where the fish are feeding. Nymphs are the early stages of an insect's life before they emerge out of the water and become adult insects like mayflies or caddis flies. It is these immature stages that fish key on for the majority of their diet. Nymph fishing is a specialized form of fly fishing so techniques, gear, and flies will be demonstrated to help you catch that big one. You will be taught how to read the water so you can fish only productive water.

We will offer a pre-clinic seminar on Sunday October 22 from 09:30 to 11:00 at the Clubhouse for Michael Peratis' home, at 21500 Lassen Street in Chatsworth. You will be shown the kind of equipment needed and how to set up your gear. We encourage anyone interested in nymphing to attend the seminar, especially all new members, even if you cannot make it to the clinic. The nymphing clinic is free, but everyone is on their own for accommodations. Guides are club members who are donating their time to help you learn how to nymph fish. We will meet Friday and Saturday morning at the parking lot behind BBQ Bills at 08:30 AM to learn who your guide will be and where you will be fishing. A Saturday dinner is planned, but a location has not yet been determined.

Registration for the clinic is required, on the website. Make sure you check off the days of instruction that you would like as well as the dinner on Saturday evening. For any further details on the clinic, you can contact Steve Ebersold at yukai340@gmail.com, Gary Pintar at gary.spff@gmail.com, James Fleisher at jfleishermd@earthlink.net.

## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!!!

By Marshall Bissett

Glen Atkinson has done a magnificent job but, due to pressure of life outside SPFF, will be stepping down at the end of the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to fill this important job. Even if you failed 7th grade English (we have a spell/fact checker on the Board), you can still qualify. The software is in place and the front page story and pictures are supplied by the Programs Chair. Glen will train you over the next three months and you will be able to add "editor" to your resume. If you are interested, please contact me at [president@spff.org](mailto:president@spff.org)



THIS COULD BE YOU!  
(HAT NOT INCLUDED)



# BIG FISH, BIG RIVER, TINY FLIES

By Marshall Bissett

Jump at any chance to fish the Williamson River in Southern Oregon. When a friend asked me to fill a last-minute vacancy at the Lonesome Duck Lodge, images of the huge trout in Marlon



Rampy's club presentations jumped into my mind. From the Valley, it's an 11-hour slog up I5, brightened by an overnigher in Redding and a chance to browse the excellent Fly Shop. Stopping only to be photographed by the sign for Weed, CA, it was on to the Walmart in Klamath Falls, a building larger than many small towns where they sell more guns and fishing licenses than Lean Cuisine and organic vegetables. Somehow six hungry guys agreed on a grocery list – the lodge is self-catering and choice of local restaurants is limited. With official lodge check-in at 3pm, there is time for tourist diversions to Mount Shasta and Crater Lake. The lodge, set in 200 acres of wildlife habitat, is a log cabin large enough to sleep 8, with hammocks, an outdoor patio, canoes and a horseshoe pit. Its name is an homage to the owner's favorite novel, *Lonesome Dove*.

## THE FISHING – DAY ONE



It's rarely worth fishing the water in front of a lodge but a short paddle downstream produced three fish on the first evening – all rainbow trout caught on size #12 streamers. The lodge provides

"prams" that resemble a bathtub with an anchor and a set of oars. The next day we hit the Wood River with guide Jeff Cox. He rigged the "go to" fly line, a clear intermediate with a 12' fluorocarbon leader on 6 weight rods. It's a lot like steelhead fishing – cast to the bulrushes, feed line into the cast, swing, retrieve, rinse and repeat until your arms ache. The Wood is a narrow canal of a river (originally created by the Army Corps) and, on this day, gave up more scenery than rainbows.

## DAY TWO

Crystal Creek is a public waterway with private access, fed by three spring creeks that give the term "gin clear" new meaning. Our guide called it "bonefishing for rainbows" – 80-90' casts to cruising pods of large, skittish trout. We started early afternoon and fished till dark. Again, we used the clear intermediate lines, this time with 15 foot leaders and tiny leach patterns. It was streamer fishing for trout

(mostly over 20") that had not learned they are supposed to smash a fly with the power of a runaway train. Instead they sip daintily and take off for the nearest sunken tree. We landed rainbows in the 22-26" range and saw cruising fish well over 30".

## DAY THREE

Head Guide Marlon Rampy has spoken at the Club many times and has grown tired of my promises to fish with him on his home water, the Williamson. Finally, we are dumping his boat down a steep, scary bank into the Upper section of the river. Another guide is above us, but Marlon is confident he is not fishing the run correctly. We are soon able to take their place and anchor up with extreme precision on the deeper runs and riffles. We caught fish on huge dries, tiny streamers, soft hackles and tiny nymphs. I learned a technique that I am anxious to try on the Upper Owens – casting a #16 beadhead nymph to the head of a pool and swinging through it on a tight intermediate line sans indicator. My boat mate who, by his own admission, fishes every five years hooked up in a deep run. His indicator barely twitched before Marlon yelled to set the hook. His rod bent double beginning a thirty-minute fight. He brought the fish as close as 5x tippet would allow, finally breaking off as the net touched the tail of this monster. With an estimated size of 32" length and 12 pounds weight, the fish took a #18 zebra midge on a run that we had already fished for 20 minutes. The loss of this fish trumped all other "ones that got away" stories that evening. My newly adopted fishing all swore their intention to take casting lessons before their next trip to this challenging and rewarding river. Promises, promises.







## 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!

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
4:00 PM to 5:45 PM  
Sepulveda Vet Center  
9739 Haskell Avenue  
Sepulveda / Mission  
Hills, CA 91343

Send an email to David Hoffberg, Project Healing Waters Program

Lead: [dhoffberg@spff.org](mailto:dhoffberg@spff.org)



## 90 Day Renewal Notice

Members - Do not forget to renew your membership for 2018. You won't want to miss out on all the fun we have planned for next year!

Plans include:

Club outings such as Super Bowl, ITFF, GSO, plus clinics, tournaments, and more!

Maybe you would like to take advantage of opportunities to serve on the Board. Become the next Newsletter Editor!

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### September 2017

Labor Day.....	4
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PHW Vets .....	16
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**WHAT** : A FREE for-fun surf fly fishing "tournament"

**WHEN** : October 21, 2017

**WHERE** : Rincon Beach Park, Carpinteria

Riptide Rendezvous is a non-profit fundraising event for the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International.

*No entry fee All Catch-and-Release BBQ & Raffle "Early-bird" casting clinic*

More info at: <http://riptide rendezvous.com>

**Register at:**  
<https://ianglertournament.com/riptide-rendezvous-2017>

## SIERRA PACIFIC



## Beautiful Places



# Catch of the Month



## Next Dinner Meeting

**Thursday Oct 19**

Monterey At Encino  
16821 Burbank Blvd  
Encino, CA 91436

## Menu

### Entrée:

Chicken brochettes  
Or  
Pasta Primavera

Rice Pilaf  
And  
Grilled Vegetables

### 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)

**Reserve by Monday, Oct 15**

\$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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