



Dinner Meeting for Thursday, November 16 What Do Trout Eat? With Ernie Gulley



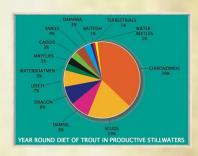
one of the most important questions that anglers ask themselves and try to answer every time he or she ventures onto the water is, "What are the trout eating this very minute?" This can be a tough question because trout often have many different food items from which to choose. In fertile waters, the choices are almost limitless.

Chironomids, scuds, fry, leeches, damsels, snails and mayflies are just a few of the tasty morsels trout love to eat. And each food item has different stages in its life cycle that it can be going through, e.g., egg, larva, pupa, adult or fry. How and when do we first observe and then conduct quick and reliable research in order to choose the correct fly or flies that imi-



tate what the trout are eating at that moment?

Our November presentation will focus on this important subject. And we will see how each of these individual trout food items can be broken down, and why trout choose them. We will become familiar with many of these life cycles, the time of year they are most prominent and which



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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

First Prize — Redington Classic Trout 5wt 9ft 6 piece travel rod

Second Prize — Orvis Battenkill Disc Reel II 4wt

<u>Third Prize</u> — Choice of One - Plastic Mesh Net or Clear Creek Gear Bag

Big Barrel

One dozen flies and box, Pack of 5X leaders, Book, Line cleaner

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I was horrified to learn that Americans now waste 9 billion dollars on the barbaric and pointless celebration of Halloween. Call me a grinch, but foisting cavity-inducing corn starch impregnated "treats" on kids too young to know better should be a crime, not a national custom. Don't get me started on the ridiculous Chinese imported grave stones and inflatables. Unless your kid can recite the whole of Hamlet on my doorstep, don't bother approaching my darkened house looking for a sug-

ary handout. Lucky for you I can only unleash this rant once a year, but I do enjoy it. Think how much better spent these dollars would be on fly fishing education and conservation. As it happens the Club is offering you the chance to forsake the aisles of Toys R US and the Halloween store by supporting our 2017 fund raising appeal. You will all receive a letter (yes, a real paper thing in an envelope) in the first week of November. The letter will explain our goals and allow those who no longer need gear in the March fundraiser the chance to help the Club. Please give according to your means – the donations are anonymous and tax deductible. Remember the giving spirits of Bob Kazahaya, Don Lee and Bill Harry as you write your check or hit the fund me button on the website. As I will be in Scotland for the next two weeks, I will be pledging at the "salmon" level (\$100) for every fish I catch. I would like to thank the Board members and especially Michael Peratis for the splendid work backstage on this project.

Thanks also to everyone who turned out for George Daniel's excellent show on streamer fishing. George gave us top marks for energy and atmosphere. If you are on the nymphing clinic, please get his book *Dynamic Nymphing* – it is essential reading.

Fall brings beauty and good fishing to the Sierra. Last week, I selflessly tested the local hot spots for you. Hot Creek (small fish), Upper Owens (slightly bigger) and the East Walker (bigger still) all offered good fishing on dries and nymphs. Oddly enough, even though Mr Daniel was in my group, no streamers were thrown.

We still need a NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Honestly it is not a hard job – it requires no writing skills, the template is in place and most of the copy is supplied to you. Please call me or you will have NOTHING to read in 2018. NOTHING. No more will you receive these uplifting and informative missives from your President – your lives will spiral downward and Halloween will be another year away...

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 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!



Steve Cameron



food items trout in our waters love to key on most of the time. And we'll learn the importance of understanding how these food items actually move in the water. Most individual food items move in different ways through the water column and this is often



a key when trying to mimic how to fish your fly and make it look just like the real food the trout are seeking. We will even see short videos of many of the food items that will show how they move.

Our guide for these very informative and valuable facets of our sport is one of our favorite presenters, SoCal's own Ernie Gulley. Ernie has been at our club a number of times and always is popular and appreciated for his knowledge and being able to present topics in a way that invariably help us become better fly fishers. Ernie will improve our fishing by showing what foods are in large abundance during which months of the season and what are the actual choices trout have and, most important, how and why they choose to eat what, when.

Ernie was actually born in southern California, and started fishing with his Dad as soon as he could walk. However, at age seven, Ernie and his family moved to New Orleans where he learned how to fish Lake Pontchartrain for speckled trout and other saltwater species. Later he moved back to SoCal and began fishing Lake Crowley, Bridgeport Reservoir and many lakes in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. (Ernie currently resides in Riverside with his wife Shannon and their two chil-

dren, Logan, age 13 and Aidan, age 10.)

In 1997, Ernie's curiosity about fly fishing began and a true

born. This love affair blossomed and he never looked

back. Ernie was mentored by Bob Slamal, one of Ernie's legends in the fly fishing industry, and he also joined many local fly fishing clubs to



learn as much as he could about fly fishing. In 2007, Ernie won the "Double Haul in the Fall" tournament at Lake Crowley, now his home waters for guiding; this is where he has

won both individual and team division titles.

Ernie is currently a professional fly fishing guide





in southern California and the eastern Sierra and is known as one of the Sierra's premier stillwater guides. Even when he

is finished guiding for the day, you will find him back out on the water until sunset, always exploring, testing, observing, analyzing and putting in the extra time and effort to master his craft. His philosophy is simple: you can always learn something new every time you are on the water.

Ernie is a "Pro Ambassador" for the Hardy Fly Fishing Company and the Cortland Line Company, among others. He takes great pride in sharing his knowledge of fly fishing and his great passion is teaching stillwater fly fishing tactics. You can learn more about Ernie and his guiding by going to:

www.erniegulley.com Facebook (Ernie Gulley) (Ernie Gulley Fly Fishing Guide Service) and Instagram (Ernie Gulley Fly Fishing)



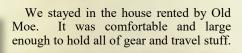


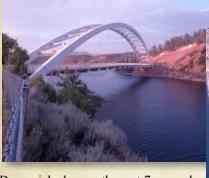


Fish'in the Green By Rosemary Ecker

hank you SPFF for offering a variety of fishing trips at the annual silent auction. This year Bernie and I used our silent auction win with Old Moe Guide Service, on the Green River in Utah. This destination was the impetus to plan a 2,500 mile trip all over Utah. It was a fantastic opportunity. Doug and Shelly Roberts own the Old Moe Guide Service. Shelly runs the arrangements and Doug and other guides provide the float trips. Shelly suggested the end of August would be good due to the water levels in the Spring from the rains. We weren't sure but took the chance.

Before arriving at the Green River we followed a route suggested by Shelly and took in the sights of Kayenta Art colony, Price, 9-Mile Canyon, the town of Green River, and At Flaming Gorge Reservoir we arrived in time to catch the last dam tour of the day. That included feeding the fish at the bottom of the dam and the beginning of the river we were to float the next day. Old Moe is headquartered in





Dutch John.

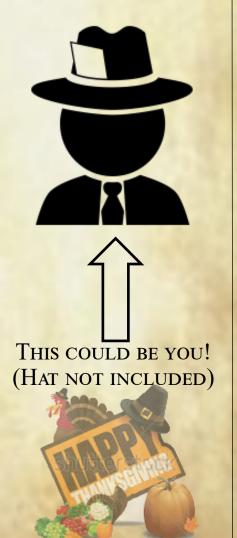
Doug picked us up there at 7 am and our adventure started on the B section. There were a few boats out and anglers were using dry flies. Doug

rigged us up with a two nympth and dropper system. He said the water was somewhat low and we hadn't seen fish rising. We noted that we didn't see insects flying around either. It didn't take long to start hooking big browns and a rainbow or two. The average size was 19" and full of fight, bending our 5 weight rods to our delight. Doug made sure our drift boat was away from others. We didn't see any other anglers hooking fish on the dry flies. At this time of year and situation nyphthing was the way to go. We finally rested our rods and arms at lunch at a comfortable lunch spot along the river.

Along the way we needed to portage around the rapids because water was low, making the area dangerous. Following the river edge we found poison ivy and quickly went around that area to catch up with our guide and boat downstream. We had a great day and the weather was warm but enjoyable. The scenery included Canada geese and a tail flapping beaver, angry at our intrusion near its den.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!!! By Marshall Bissett

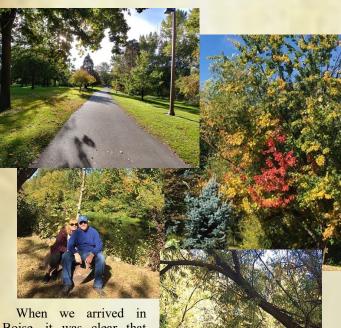
len Atkinson has done a mag-Inificent job but, due to pressure of life outside SPFF, will be stepping down at the end of the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to fill this important job. Even if you failed 7th grade English (we have a spell/fact checker on the Board), you can still qualify. 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 two months and you will be able to add "editor" to your resume. If you are interested, please contact at president@spff.org



GOOD TIMES ON THE OYHEE

By Glen Atkinson

In May of this year, my lovely wife Lisa was making plans to travel to Boise, Idaho to have a reunion of sorts with some friends. When she asked me whether I would like to come along, I immediately started thinking about fishing opportunities. "When are you going?" I asked. "October". Hmmm. I knew Idaho has some great fisheries, so after a Google search, I called The Idaho Angler to get the scoop on the local waters in October. After being reassured that indeed there was good fly fishing to be had, I made arrangements for a guided trip.



When we arrived in Boise, it was clear that autumn had set in. Morning temperatures were in the high 30's to low 40's and warmed up to the high 60's during the day. The trees were all turning their brilliant fall colors. We were staying at the Riverside Hotel, and as the name suggests, it is right on the Boise River about 2

miles from downtown. There is a beautiful walking/biking path along the river that goes for miles in both directions.

My guided trip was on Saturday with a meet time of 9:30am at the fly shop. After fitting me with waders and boots, and filling out the necessary paperwork, my guide Danny Olson and I were off. We were headed to the Owyhee River. The Owyhee feeds the Snake River which flows near the border of Idaho and Oregon.

After driving through many miles of farmland, we got to the river around





11am. We are in a pretty gorge about a mile below the Owyhee dam. The river is about 60 feet wide, flowing smoothly with a few riffles. We are nymphing today, and so I started drifting a 2 nymph rig through the water in front of us and working outward. Nothing. Move down a few feet. Cast some more. Watch the indicator. Nothing. Move down. All the while, Danny is feeding me casting and mending tips as I fish, and teaches me the Duncan Loop, a knot that will be a regular part of my repertoire from now on.



It is now 1pm and my mind is numb. My fingers are starting to cramp from all the casting. We have covered about 60 yards of water in 2 hours. Danny is perpetually upbeat, tossing out pointers as I fish, and occasionally grabbing my line and cleaning moss off of my flies. To keep my spirits up, Danny says that the last time he was here, he started getting into a bite around 1:30pm. I'm not buying it. I cast again, and as the indicator passes me, it pauses. I stare at it dumfounded. Somewhere in the back of my mind I hear the word "set!". What? Oh crap! I raise my rod, but it is too late. I was not ready. The cobwebs are fading now, and the synapses begin to fire again. I am fully alert. Cast again. Nothing. Once more. The indicator pauses again, and this time I'm ready. I raise my rod at the same time I hear Danny say "Set!" The line goes tight. The water boils and I get a glimpse of a brown trout in the mid to high teens. Nice fish! But alas, he was there for 15 seconds and then the line goes slack. Rats! But hey, that was a nice fish! Ok, now we are cooking!

Two casts later, I am hooked again, for just a precious few seconds. In the next hour, I hooked maybe 6 or 7 browns, but they all get off the line within 10 seconds or so. Then the bite slows way down. We move downstream another 10- 20 feet, and we find a pod of rainbows. Not as big, but just as hungry.

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My first cast is a winner, and it brings a nice 'bow to the net, "That counts!" but not in. shouts Danny. I bring in 3 more in the next half hour.

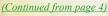
After stopping for a wonderful streamside lunch (a late lunch; it is about 3pm), Danny

wants to change locations. He drives us up to just below the dam. We have to walk a bit, to get to the spot he likes. Light is beginning to fade, and the water is covered in shadows. We only have a half hour or so left in our day. The water gets deep quickly here, so we are only about 4 feet from shore standing on some submerged

boulders. I'm casting 8 or 10 feet in front of me in a deep seam. The first 15 casts are unproductive. Then the indicator wiggles, and I set the hook. One last rainbow to end the day.











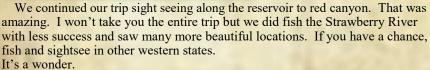




Day two found us on a rising river. The dam released water and few boats were out at 7. We didn't stay long near the launch site and moved along, casting as we went. At first

the fish weren't interested in our flies. After about 10 minutes they were back on and bigger. It is amazing how the river rises, flushing up the bottom to a dark look rather that a very clear water the day before. Fishing was more challenging but we did just as well and Doug commented that he was surprised at the quantity of fish we caught. On this day we didn't need to portage and had a bumpy ride over the rapids. A lot of fun! There are a lot of vultures

roosting in the trees and power structures there. That was kind of creepy and fit for Halloween.









Fish Reports

Fish Reports are provided courtesy of The TroutFitter. For more fishing information, go to http://www.thetroutfly.com/fishreport.html

Hot Creek - Local Weather and Flows

Water Conditions: Good

Flows at 29CFS as of 10/26

Water is running clear and cold.

(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)

Fishing conditions and Hatches:Good

The creek is fishing well, mostly smaller fish, with a few bigger ones thrown in the mix. Depending on the time of day you're fishing, they'll be eating different bugs. If you're here before 11, you'll want to be runnig mostly small midges. After 11, you run small baetis patterns, and if you're really late to the party, ie after 2, you should probably be running some Caddis.

Recommended Flies:

DRIES:Elk Hair Caddis #18. Brook's Hot Creek Caddis #18, Parachute Caddis #18

NYMPHS: Drifting Little Weedy #18, Nitro Caddis #14, Zebra Midge #20-22, Nori's Caddis Pupa Olive #16, Fox's Caddis Poopah Olive#16-18

STREAMERS: Flows are down to the point where it's not worth swinging streamers, besides there are too many weeds anyway.

Guides Hint: Use a smaller indicator to see the grab, or ditch it all together and tight line.

UPPER OWENS RIVER- Local Weather and Flows

Water Conditions:Fair

Closed to all fishing between Benton Crossina and the Fishing Monument downstream

Flows are at 78cfs as of 10/26 Above the Confluence.

Water is clear above the confluence and stained below.

Fishing Conditions and Hatches: Fair

The fishing here is definitely starting to get better. Lots of stockers and small resident fish. There is the occasional crowley fish in the mix, but they're few and far between. Caddis still hatching around 1, but it's not what it was a few weeks ago. If you go up high above the NYMPHS: #12-16 Bead Head Prince confluence, be aware that the fish are very spooky. So be mindful of where your shadow is and try to move slow and be light on your feet. If you can see the fish, chances are he already saw vou.

Recommended Flies:

DRIES: Little elk hair caddis, Mercer's missing link caddis #16, EC Caddis #16, stimulator #16

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

STREAMERS: Double Bunny, Ruby Eye Leech, Goat Leech, Maribou Leech.

Guides Hint: Ditch the bright colored shirt and avoid getting into the water unless you're crossing.

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Water Conditions:Fair
Flows are up to 551cfs as of 10/26

Fishing Conditions and Hatches:

Flows are back up again so any fishing done down here should be done with care.

Fishing Conditions and Hatches:

DRIES:Nope
NYMPH:
STREAMERS:

Guides Hint:

East Walker River - Local Weather and Flows

Water Conditions: Fair	Fishing Conditions and Hatches:	RECOMMENDED FLIES:
upper 50's and the water is dirty. Lots of algae	there too. Things get better the closer to the NV border you get. You could	DRIES: Not seeing much surface activity.

Miscellaneous



Volunteer **Opportunity!**

ecome an SPFF Project Healing Waters Volunteer.

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

e teach fly casting, fly tying, show a fishing video from time to time, share fishing trip stories, go fishing occasionally, and alwavs have a FUN TIME!

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.

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

Send an email to David Hoffberg, Project Healing Waters Program Lead dhoff-

berg@aol.com



60 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



FLY FISHING VD 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 "ipegs" at the unedited, original size and other newsletter items to Glen Atkinson at:

news@spff.org

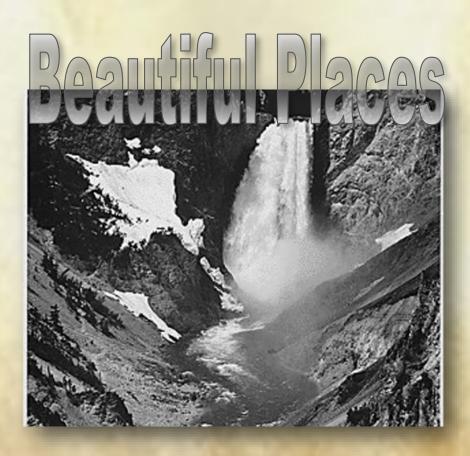
DEADLINE: 3rd Thursday each month by 5 PM (Dinner Meeting)





Nymphing Clinic Success Story! Richard Plunkett

20"+ Rainbow on the Upper Owens. This monster took a hand tied size 18 red Copper John flashback. Richard also used a 10 ft 5 wt rod that he built in the last SPFF Rod Building Class!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

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Magnificent brown trout caught by Smoother Smyth on the South Toe River in North Carolina (3 weight, 6x and a size 14 Stimulator)



HERE IT IS!

It's time to get rid your old sun faded club decal. Just scrape it off of your car and replace it with our brand new SPFF decal It even has UV protection to keep it bright & shiny for up to 8 years Here's how to get one: Show up at any dinner meeting and ask for yours at the sign-up table. If that doesn't work for you, send an email request to members@spff.org. If even that doesn't work, all you have to do is wait for the next edition of the SPFF Membership Roster and you'll find a decal enclosed with it.



Charles Brittain Montana Rainbow

Next Dinner Meeting

Thursday Nov 16

Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank Blvd Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Entrée:

Grilled Salmon

Or

Chicken Piccatta

Mashed potato

And Green Beans

Dessert

Ice Cream Sundae

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

email
MontereyatEncino@Gmail.com
Reserve by Monday, Nov 13

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

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