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MEETING INFORMATION:

This is a dinner/meeting venue attached to the Sepulveda Golf Complex at 16821 Burbank Blvd., Encino CA 91436. We are in the smaller room next to the bar by the golf course.

There is a no-host bar starting at 6:30. Dinner is optional and may be ordered any time. Some social business is conducted before live auction, which will begin at 7:30 PM.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 21 6:30 PM: Cocktail Hour 7:30 PM: Live Auction

March 21 meeting is our Annual Fundraiser



Live Auction Begins at 7:30 PM

The complete auction catalog is available on pdf

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER MEETING (CONT.)



SIERRA PACIFIC FLYFISHERS Our Annual Fundraiser THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 Live Auction Begins at 7:30 PM Cindy Wilson - Auctioneer



SUMMARY OF AUCTION ITEMS

*A downloadable file with COMPLETE ITEM DESCRIPTIONS will be emailed to all SPFF members.
Printed copies will also be available at the fundraiser.*

- # 1 1849 Condo in Mammoth Lakes
- # 2 Cabin at June Lake
- # 3 The Fly Shop – Guide Trip
- # 4 Fly Fish Oregon
- # 5 Lonesome Duck Ranch – Oregon
- # 6 Travel Rod Roll Size Small/Medium
- # 7 Travel Rod Roll Size Large/X-Large
- # 8 Bottle of Wine
- # 9 Bottle of Wine
- # 10 Private Casting Lesson
- # 11 Complete Tenkara Set
- # 12 Orvis Spey Rod
- # 13 Abel Reel, T2
- # 14 Abel Reel, Super 2
- # 15 Tibor 8/9 Gulf Stream Reel
- # 16 Bakers Dozen Hand Tied Flies by Steven Fernandez
- # 17 Autographed Net by Charles Jardine
- # 18 Patagonia Men's Arbor Linked Pack
- # 19 SPFF Vintage Belt Buckle
- # 20 Framed Photo Print by Thomas Kinkade
- # 21 Framed Photo by Graham Owen, "Trout"
- # 22 Framed Photo by Graham Owen, "Steelhead & Bamboo"
- # 23 Framed Image "Coastal Rainbow Trout"
- # 24 Framed Image "North Umpqua Summer Steelhead" & 8 Hand Tied Steelhead Flies
- # 25 Framed Poster titled "California Native Trout"
- # 26 Framed Oil on Canvas
- # 27 Framed Oil on Canvas
- # 28 Shadow Box "Fly Fishing Theme"
- # 29 Rainbow Trout Image on Wood
- # 30 Oil on Canvas, "Trout Lake Cutthroat"
- # 31 Metal Coin Saving Bank
- # 32 Metal Coin Saving Bank
- # 33 Charcuterie Basket

Monterey At Encino (the small room next to the bar)
16821 Burbank Blvd.. Encino. CA 91436
6:30pm: Social Hour, Drinks, Order Dinner, Club Announcements

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bernie Ecker

Last month I boasted about our great Introduction to Fly Fishing annual program. This year's event was even better than expected in terms of event execution by our fine educational



team and by student attendance. I was particularly impressed by the student and instructors attendance at the LA River. This was our biggest event in recent history. Thank you to everyone that helped make the ITFF a success. Stay tuned for highlights on the Graduation outing probably in the April newsletter.

Over the years SPFF has instructed hundreds of individuals about fly fishing. This year's ITFF students are potentially the future members and leaders of our club. I am asking everyone to make a special effort at our club events to go out of their way to engage in conversation – fishing topics preferred – with these new people. Another way you can help new members and guests is by wearing your club badge.

March is traditionally our fund raising month. Instead of a speaker we will be holding a live auction of several items you just can't live without, and fishing gear. Look for details in this newsletter, email blasts and our website. You should also be getting notification of an online auction that will be running the entire week of the March dinner meeting. Be sure to check out the catalog and please bid and out bid your club members to make this fund raiser a success.

I have been hearing about our timing for the dinner meetings. Some are fine with it the way it is, 6:30 to 7:00 PM cocktails, dinner at 7:00 PM, Raffle (as applicable) before the speaker presentation at 8:00 PM. Some want to start the speaker earlier and others would rather we start as stated at 8 PM. I have been trying to stay true to our printed schedule, however it seems like the majority favor earlier. So, I ask everyone responsible for publishing our monthly dinner times to update as follows: 6:30 to 7:30 PM cocktails & dinner, 7:15 PM Club Business & Raffle (as applicable), 7:30 PM Speaker Presentation. We will follow this new time schedule to see how it works.

There are several noteworthy events in the coming months. On March 24th our local fly shop, the Fisherman's Spot, is sponsoring CASTAWAY at the Pasadena Casting Club. Cast the newest rods from top manufacturers along with the latest fly lines. You will have the opportunity to meet representatives from Fishermen's Spot and from several noteworthy brands. A free BBQ lunch will be available; voluntary donations appreciated. For directions to the PCC pond follow this link:

https://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=727848&module_id=93358&mc_cid=4833afeeb9&mc_eid=ed00f99659

Also, in March the Santa Barbara Fly Fishers is hosting a Fly Fishing Film Tour and April 6th is the FLY BUY at the Long Beach Casting Club. Remember, event details are always available by viewing the calendar at www.spff.org

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SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

MARCH

ITFF Graduation Outing (Bishop, CA)	1-3
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	6
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	13
Board Meeting	14
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	16
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	20
Dinner Meeting & Live Angler Auction	21
CASTAWAY - FLY ROD AND FLY LINE	
DEMO DAY (SAVE THE DATE)	24
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	27

APRIL

Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	3
Board Meeting	4
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	6
FLY BUY 2024 @Long Beach Casting Club ..	6
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	10
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	17
Dinner Meeting and Program ("Idaho -	
Henry's Fork and Beyond" with Steph	
Albano)	18
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	20
Spring 2024 Southwest Council Quarterly	
Meeting	20
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	24

MAY

Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	1
Board Meeting	2
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	8
Riptide Rendezvous - Pre-gathering and	
Info	11
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	15
Dinner Meeting & Program ("Iceland - Trip	
of a Lifetime" with Matt Harkonarson	16
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	22
Riptide Rendezvous - Ongoing 5/25 to	
6/21 (AVE THE DATE).....	25
Fly Tying (In Person and Zoom)	29

RESCHEDULED: ITFF GRADUATION OUTING

**MARCH
8-9**



**INTRO TO FLY FISHING
GRADUATION OUTING**



The ITFF Graduation in Bishop has been rescheduled for March 8th and 9th.

GRADUATION OF BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS

by Michael Peratis

Here are the happy (see the smiles) graduates of our 2024 Beginning Fly Tying Class which concluded February 14th. When we began seven weeks ago they didn't know a bodkin from a bobbin and now they're whip finishing wizzards! I hope they'll continue their fly tying journey by joining us at our regular Wednesday sessions.

A special thank you goes to all our instructors and assistants who patiently shared their knowledge and expertise with the students.

The fly tying group is back on our normal Wednesday night schedule and all are invited to join in to tie or just drop in to see what we're all about.

SPFF 2024 BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS



Bob Davidson

Randall Rausch

Connie Bullock

Vince Tang

Brian Mrachek

James Kramer

Bob Ruder

MEMBERSHIP

by Jay Bushore

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.

New membership signup is at [spff.org/New Member Signup](https://spff.org/NewMemberSignup).

Please welcome our new members:

Rausch, Randall
McHugh, Joseph
Slobod, Paul
Purcell, Niki
Lee, George
Karlov, Aleksey
Chen, Annie
Cha, Michael
Ahuja, Arun
Lalicker, Shirley
Riser, Kathy
Riedling, Pete
Salmas, Alexander
Salmas, George
Salmas, Patrick
Tang, Vince
Walker, Tim
Yeager, Robert
Woods, Daniel
Khorshid, Anoiel
Conley, Michael
Walker, Mora
Tang, Sarah
Tang, Zachary
Tang, Vincent

“LEAVE NO TRACE”: BIO-DEGRADABLE SOAP

by Richard Plunkett

There's a myth surrounding bio-degradable soap, and that is that it magically disappears.

There has been a lot of new, or renewed interest in the great outdoors recently. Even before Covid changed the way we travelled and spent our free time. Whether you're fishing streamside or a high mountain lake, just camping, or living in a van collecting content for your social media presence. Everywhere I look I see this mistake being made.

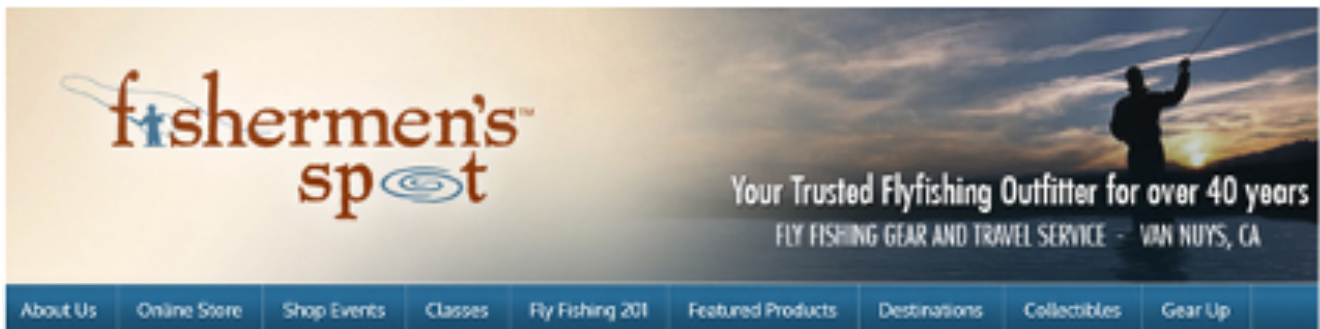
While Bio-degradable soap is a great choice, it's still soap, and should never be introduced directly into a water source. A quick google search can give you all the science. It requires contact with soil and time to biodegrade before it can safely enter our waterways. It needs to go into a hole away from any water source or delicate plant life.

Most of this new generation of outdoors people are very environmentally conscious. Especially concerning plastics, but this message doesn't seem to be getting enough airtime. In the backcountry it's more important than ever. Many small streams and high lakes are such fragile environments in this regard. With more and more people spending time there this ranks right up there with "toilet paper blooms" and we simply need to do better.

My hope is that we can educate as many people as possible. Even if it's one person at a time.

I was raised with "Leave No Trace" and it was always instilled into me to leave a place better than I found it. I can't remember who said it, but I heard someone say, "let's start with not losing any more" and save as much as we can. Our privilege of wild places comes with the responsibility of being good stewards, may it always be so.

CASTAWAY POSTPONED



Castaway

Fly Rod and Fly Line Demo Day

PCC Casting Pool - 415 S Arroyo Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91105

Sunday, 3/24/24 @ 8am - 3pm

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SAVE SOUTHERN STEELHEAD FROM EXTINCTION

by California Trout and reprinted from ActionNetwork.org



Photo: Mark H. Capelli

Now is the time to raise your voice to protect an iconic native species from extinction! Sign your name by April 4 to help save Southern steelhead from extinction!

The evidence is undeniable: Southern California steelhead teeter on the brink of extinction. Southern steelhead serve as crucial indicators of watershed health and river ecosystem integrity. These fish play a role within the ecosystem that you, your family, neighbors, and friends are also a part of. If one piece of the ecosystem changes or disappears this ripples throughout the rest of the ecosystem affecting every other species - plant, animal, and human. Historically, Southern steelhead thrived, with tens of thousands of them swimming through Southern California rivers and streams. Today, it's rare to see them in double digits. Their dwindling numbers stem from habitat loss, fragmentation, and the encroachment of urbanization. We must act urgently to prevent the irreversible loss of this species.

In 2021, conservation nonprofit CalTrout submitted a petition to the California Fish and Game Commission to fully protect Southern steelhead as endangered under California's Endangered Species Act. Listing these fish as endangered would promote actions to protect them including removing obsolete dams, improving habitat, securing instream flow, and restoring watersheds. All of these actions would also benefit human communities. For example, improving aging infrastructure would reduce the risk of flooding and increase public safety and holistic watershed restoration would enforce and build strong relationships throughout the community.

In January 2024, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife submitted a peer-reviewed species status report to the Fish and Game Commission. Their extensive review came to the same conclusion as CalTrout's initial petition – the Commission found the petitioned action to list Southern steelhead as an endangered species under California's ESA to be warranted.

We need your help! The Fish and Game Commission needs to hear that allowing this species to disappear is not acceptable. Sign our letter below to tell the Commission that you fully support listing Southern steelhead as endangered under California's ESA - by April 4, 2024.

Sign here:

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/save-southern-steelhead-from-extinction?source=direct_link&

2024 FLYBUY: APRIL 6



SATURDAY - APRIL 6

**Location: Long Beach Casting Club
9:00am to 3:00pm**

**\$20 includes lunch and soft drinks
Free: Kids under 16**



**Raffles and silent auctions
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