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DINNER MEETING: THURS, NOV 15



UNDERSTANDING EMERGERS: RICK HAFELE

by Marshall Bissett

In November we are delighted to welcome back Oregon author, fly tier and entomologist Rick Hafele with a brand-new program on the tricky topic of emergers. When they won't take a dry fly, nymph or streamer, you can bet that an emerger will do the trick. It sounds easy enough, but it is probably the least understood of the standard techniques we use. Rick's program will cover fly choice, presentation and hooking techniques.

Rick Hafele has been called many things, among them "the bug man." He caught his first trout on a fly at the age of 12 on a spring creek in Missouri, which is when he got hooked – and not just figuratively. Trout streams were

few and far between, however, near the small farm town in Illinois he called home, so bluegills and bass provided his early fly-fishing education. In 1969 Rick left Illinois and flew west to attend college in Bellingham, Washington, to see for himself what all the hoopla was over salmon and trout and, oh yes, attend college as well. Since then he has traveled throughout the West and beyond fishing for wild native trout, and collecting and studying the insects upon which they feed.

Rick's love of bugs led to a Master of Science degree in aquatic entomology from Oregon State University in 1979, and he worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 30 years, specializing in water quality assessment and the study aquatic insects. In the course of both his professional work and his fly fishing, Rick has spent more than 40 years observing aquatic insects and fish communities in creeks, streams, rivers, and lakes.

Rick has written articles for scientific journals, and penned the *Aquatic Entomology* column for American Angler magazine for over 30 years. Books to his credit include *An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations* (with Scott Roederer, Johnson Books, 1995), *The Complete Book of Western Hatches* (with Dave Hughes, Amato Pub., 1981), *Western Mayfly Hatches* (with Dave Hughes,

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DINNER MEETING

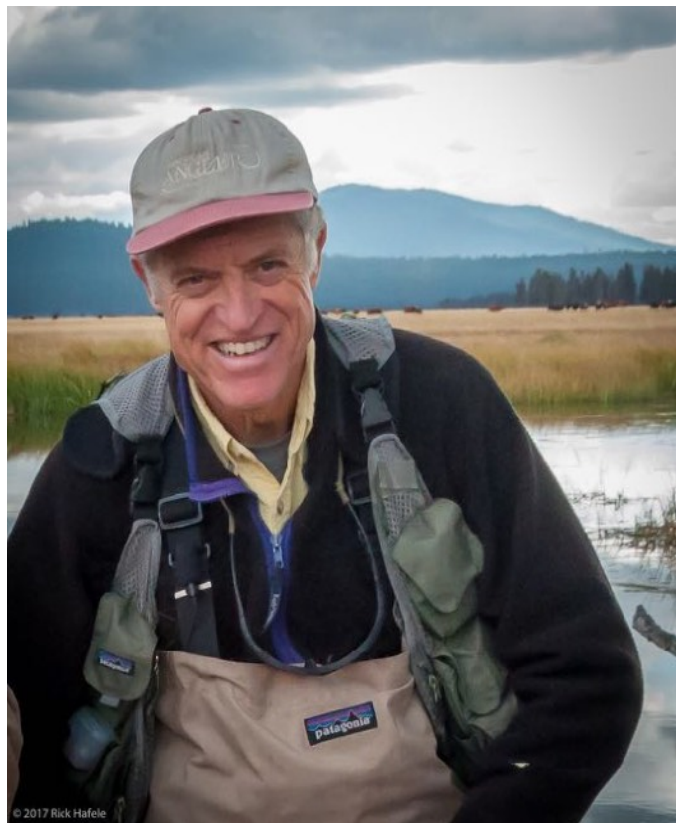
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Amato Pub. 2005), *Nymph Fishing Rivers and Streams* (Stackpole Books, 2006), and most recently *Tactics for Trout* and *Seasons for Trout* (with Dave Hughes and Skip Morris, Stackpole Books, 2014).

Rick also has instructed in eight fly fishing DVDs starting with the 1983 Scientific Angler release of *Anatomy of a Trout Stream*. His most recent DVD, *Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries*, was released by Laughing River Productions in October, 2011. Other DVDs include *Nymph Fishing Basics* and *Advanced Nymph Fishing*, and the four-volume set titled *Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers*.

Rick is currently a member of the Freshwater Trust, the Native Fish Society of Oregon, the Xerces Society, the Western River Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, and Water Watch. He has also been awarded life membership to the Federation of Fly Fishers and the Flyfisher's Club of Oregon for his contributions to fly fishing literature. He lives in Wilsonville, Oregon with his wife Carol.

For more information checkout Rick's website at: www.rickhafele.com.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Marshall Bissett



I was horrified to learn that Americans now waste 11 billion dollars on the barbaric and pointless celebration of Halloween. Call me a grinch, but foisting cavity-inducing “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. 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. Based on the successful fund drive in 2017, the Club is again offering you the chance to forsake the aisles of the Halloween store by supporting our 2018 appeal. You will all receive a letter (yes, a real paper thing in an envelope) in the first week of November. It 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 and we are now set up to accept Paypal. 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. I would like to thank the Board members and especially Michael Peratis, Richard Ress and Jay Bushore for their splendid work behind the scenes on this project.

December is the month for handing out awards for excellence. These are the J Stanley Lloyd Order of the Mayfly, the Order of the Jassid and the Robert T Kazahaya Service Awards. Look in your brand- new Club roster to see previous winners. Please email me with your suggestions and we will discuss this at the December Board meeting.

A big thanks to all who manned (and womanned) the SPFF booth at the FFI SWC FAIRE in Glendale. We handed out a ton of brochures and may even have signed a couple of new members. The booth, designed by Ellie Brittain, was welcoming and gave visitors the chance to tie their first fly.

See you on the water - Marshall

SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

PHW Vets	1
Board Meeting	1
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	3
PHW Vets	15
Dinner Meeting	
(Rick Hafele, “Understanding Emergers”).....	15
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	17
Thanksgiving	22

DECEMBER

Casting Clinic at Lake Balboa	1
PHW Vets	6
Board Meeting	6
Fly Tiers Orgy	12
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	15
Dinner Meeting (Holiday Party & Awards).....	20
Christmas.....	25

JANUARY

PHW Vets	3
Board Meeting	3
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	5
PHW Vets	17
Dinner Meeting	
(Landon Mayer, “How To Catch Quality Trout	
Year Round”)	17
Nymphing Clinic.....	19

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WEB MASTER

By Ren Colantoni

The PayPal service is now available on the SPFF web site spff.org) This can be used to pay dues, register for charged calendar events, make donations, or anything else that requires a payment. It works the same as the regular credit card service and is offered when you reach the payment window during a transaction.

PROJECT HEALING WATERS

By David Hoffberg

Volunteers meet at Sepulveda Vet Center twice a month to teach Veterans fly tying and fly casting.

Visit [spff.org/Project Healing Waters](http://spff.org/Project_Healing_Waters) for more information.

EDUCATION

By Steve Ebersold

We offer *Casting Clinics* at Balboa Lake/Beilenson Park in Encino, the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, from 9-11 AM; *Fly Tying Class* in January; "ITFF" *Introduction to Fly Casting* in March; Continue *Fly Tying* on Wednesday evenings for fun; *Fly Rod Building* in May and the *Nymphing Clinic* in October.

Please visit spff.org/Education for more information.

Thank you for submitting your Newsletter Items to news@spff.org by the 3rd Thursday, each month. Look for the Newsletter on spff.org on the 1st of each month.



SIERRA PACIFIC FLY FISHERS

CONSERVATION REPORT

By Debbie Sharpton

The Lahontan Cutthroat trout interpretive panel is close to being installed. The final graphic is done, and a copy is included in this newsletter on page 5 for all of you to see. I'm hoping to still install by the end of the year. We installed the sign posts at Silver and Wolf creeks, before the ground freezes.

I'm in discussions with CalTrout on a Piru Creek project. Piru Creek is home to some genetically pure steelhead trout, according to a genetic study CalTrout performed several years back. Habitat conditions have worsened for the resident trout, so I'm hoping to help CDFW monitor and come up with some management methods. There will be volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in getting involved.

Posters of the panel will be created and made available to anyone that wants one. However, please be aware that the cutthroat illustration in the panel is by noted fish illustrator Joseph Tomelleri, and should not be reprinted or otherwise used without prior permission.

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. SPFF always welcomes new members. New membership signup is at [spff.org/New Member Signup](http://spff.org/New_Member_Signup).

SPFF always welcomes new members. Please welcome and introduce yourselves to our latest member:

DANIEL IRVIN



Wow!

Adults can grow UP TO 4 FEET LONG (122cm) and weigh up to 45 pounds (18 x kg). (That's twice the weight of this size!) They are the largest species of cutthroat trout.

HABITAT

Lahontan cutthroat trout inhabit a wide range of habitats from cold, high-elevation mountain streams in California to lower-elevation and highly alkaline desert lakes in Nevada. Like all true trout, they're cold-blooded, clean water.

Get to Know Your Native LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT



ILLUSTRATION BY JOSEPH A. FORTINER

DIET

Lahontan cutthroat trout primarily feed on insects, crustaceans and small fish.

Oncorhynchus clarkii henshawi

It's a California Treasure!

NATURAL HISTORY

Historically, Lahontan cutthroat trout left Walker Lake in the spring to spawn in the river and its tributaries, often traveling over 100 miles to reach riffles (fast flowing shallow water with clear gravel). Some would spend their lives in the streams and rivers; others would migrate back to the lake, where they would attain large sizes (up to 4 feet long) by feeding upon its fish.

The real urgency is for all anglers to unite, regardless of the native vs. non-native issue, and focus on preservation of habitat, improved water quality and overall health of the entire ecosystem.

—Mike Stimpert, USFWS

Once Abundant, Now Threatened

SPRINKLING HABITAT

Named for Lake Lahontan, an ancient lake that formed from glacial melt after the last ice age, Lahontan cutthroat trout were once the top predator in streams and lakes throughout the region. But with big changes in the landscape, including mining, logging, road building, water diversions, grazing, and canal construction, their population thrives.

COMPETITION FROM NON-NATIVE FISH

Due to regulations that reduce the risk to non-native trout, the biggest threat to Lahontan cutthroat trout now comes from introduced fish — non-native rainbow trout and brown trout. These fish have been stocked regularly for over a century. They prey upon, hybridize with, and outcompete Lahontan cutthroat trout.

THREATENED STATUS

Lahontan cutthroat trout were listed as Endangered in 1976 under the Endangered Species Act, and reclassified as Threatened in 1979 to facilitate management. But because they had actually increased in numbers, the Threatened designation allows for recreational fishing of Lahontan cutthroat trout.



Silver Creek Habitat Restoration

Silver Creek is home to one of seven remaining viable stream populations of the Lahontan cutthroat trout subspecies native to this basin. While it is not feasible to repopulate the entire basin, we can promote local genetic diversity and habitat for these fish in places like Silver Creek.

CEFW was planning to open Silver Creek to fishing, where they discovered an illegal introduction of non-native eastern U.S. brook trout during a field survey. Since then, conservationists and scientists have been working to eradicate the non-native trout from Silver Creek, while maintaining non-native sport fishing in other areas of the Walker basin.

The goal is to open Silver Creek to angling once the brook trout are eradicated.



Several field crews eradicate non-native brook trout using a backpack electrofischer and long-waded nets, and construct modified Alaskan weirs to inhibit fish migration upstream or downstream until proper completion.

Why Native Trout Habitat Recovery Matters

The Right Fish in the Right Place

With adaptations that have evolved over tens of thousands of years, Lahontan cutthroat trout have the ability to survive adverse climatic conditions. Yet they can't survive without places where they can live and spawn without undue pressure from non-native fish.

For anglers and nature enthusiasts from all walks of life, native trout habitat recovery produces a cascade of benefits — improved water quality, more abundant and diverse wildlife, and unparalleled fishing opportunities.

With our help, Lahontan cutthroat trout can recover.

How You Can Help

To join a volunteer restoration crew, please contact:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
760.872.1171
787 North Main St. Ste 220
Richmond, CA 94804

Please report activities that disrupt the restoration of Silver Creek, such as poaching, destruction to the stream or moving silver fish.

To support this project, please consider making a donation to the Hy Fishers International Southwest Chapter at www.wfh.org.

People Playing a Part

The Silver Creek recovery project is made possible by a robust public-private partnership:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Walker Recovery Implementation Team members (WRIIT)



The Mission of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.



Fishing Tips LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT

SILVER CREEK AND WOLF CREEKS ARE OPEN TO ANGLING. ALWAYS CHECK CURRENT REGULATIONS.

CATCH AND RELEASE — Catch and release fishing is recommended and may be expanded in many areas. Keep the fish in the water as often as possible, handle fish only with wet hands and as little as possible, and use barbless hooks and rubberized nets. Good angling practices like these conserve the resource and ensure angler access in the future.

IN 3 STEPS —

1. Typical fly fishing drifting terrestrial or aquatic insects.
2. Use sport-specific leaders — will eat whatever is most abundant on a seasonal basis.
3. Avoid variety of dry flies and standard nymph patterns are effective (or combinations thereof), such as the "hopper-dropper" technique.

The most popular baits including beetles, crickets, and grasshoppers are often quite effective.

They prefer slow water; target areas shaded with good cover.

OUTINGS

by Jim Fleisher

We mainly fly fish the Eastern Sierras and the Pacific coast. The *Surf Clinic & Outing* is in January; the *Super Bowl Outing* in Bishop; our *Graduation Outing* is in April, in Bishop; *Hot Creek Ranch* weekend in June and we especially look forward to the *Getting Started Outing* in the Mammoth Lakes area in July and the *Nymphing Clinic* in October. We also fish our local streams during the "Thursday Thrillers." Visit spff.org/Outings for more details.

LIBRARY

by Tom Wright

Learn more about fly fishing. Please visit our vast Fly Fishing Library online at spff.org/Library Catalog.

MONTHLY DINNER PROGRAM MEETINGS

THIRD THURSDAY

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd., Encino, CA 91436

6:00 Cocktails / 7:00 Dinner / Program follows

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

Reserve Dinner by Monday Prior

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DINNER MENU:

Entree

Grilled Salmon or
Turkey Dinner

Dessert

Ice Cream

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FFFI

Some photos from the Fly Fishing Faire last month compliments of Mira and Richard Ress (first two) and Bill Luddy (showing Saturday's raffle winner, Mark Casey).



MEMBER'S FISH STORIES

DRAG FREE DRIFTS IN THE DRIFTLESS REGION

By Marshall Bissett

The town of Viroqua, Wisconsin lies in the heart of the Driftless Area, the portion of southwest Wisconsin, southeast Minnesota and northeastern Iowa that glaciers skipped — and trout love. In the surrounding seven-county area, there are 650 miles of trout streams, many of which have marked public fishing easements.



In States best known for bass and other warm water species, the spring fed streams provide perfect habitat for an especially beautiful strain of brown trout

that proudly display their red spots. The town has a timeless, post hippy feel with wooden facades, funky bookstores, farm to table cafes and an excellent fly shop. Here I meet with SPFF April presenter Jason Randall who regularly makes the three hour drive from Northern Illinois to fish these waters.

We head South to the village of Viola (population 701), along County Road G to our first stream. Jason points out a deep run. “There’s a nice fish in there – Ed Engle (our June presenter) caught it last month.” Sure enough a perfectly formed 18” brown took one of a pair of pheasant tail nymphs on my Tenkara rod – the best fish of the day in streams no bigger than the San Gabriel River.



Euro nymph techniques were the order of the day – two nymphs with the heavier on the dropper for the fastest descent into the short runs. For dry fly purists there is an early morning trico hatch and some late afternoon black caddis. We bushwhacked through head high local grasses, some of them noted for inflicting skin burns, to sheltered pools. With air temperatures in the high 70’s, wet wading kept us cool.

It’s impossible to overstate the beauty of this region so memorably described in David Rhodes book *Driftless*. If you find yourself in Southern Wisconsin, give Scott a call at the Viroqua fly shop, fish the Driftless and find a local fish fry - you won’t regret it.



THE PERILS OF HOT CREEK RANCH WEATHER

By Bennett Mintz

Fishing at Hot Creek Ranch on October 6, some SPFF club members were caught in a mini-blizzard with snow, sleet and hail mixed with rain. Cabins were covered with the stuff and it lasted on the windows for a half hour or longer.



FUNDRAISING

By Steven Esgate

Help Our Fundraising and Education Programs!

Do You have any unused gift cards to fishing, sporting good stores such as Fishermans Spot, Bob Marriotts, Cabelas, Bass Pro Shop, Orvis, Patagonia?

Steve Esgate, our Raffle Fundraiser, will put all donated like cards together and order items for the fundraiser, raffles, and education programs.

Patagonia has a trade in program where they will accept used clothing (no personal items) and gear. They will give a credit (gift card).

Please bring to a meeting or send to Steve Esgate.

PATAGONIA TRADE-IN VALUES



TRADE-IN PRICE	PRODUCT
\$10	Kids/Baby Sportswear Men's/Women's Sportswear Tops Women's Dresses and Skirts Pants-Sportswear and Technical (Non-Alpine/Snow) Stand Up Shorts* Men's/Women's Sweatshirts and Hoodies Patahaha* Collection Boardshorts Black Hole* Cubes Packs and Slings (under 22L) Lightweight Travel Bags and Small Duffels (under 30L)
\$20	Kids/Baby Alpine and Snow Sweaters (Non-Cashmere) Fish Technical Tops and Bottoms Certain Sportswear Fleece: Micro D*, Classic Synchilla, Synchilla* Snap-T™, Pants, Better Sweater* Fleece (Vest & 1/4-Zip), Los Gatos (Vest & 1/4-Zip)
\$30	Technical Fleece Houdini*/Ultralightweight Weather Protection Certain Fleece: Re-Tool Snap-T* (Pullover & Vest) Los Gatos (Jacket, Hoody, & Hooded Vest) Better Sweater* Jackets Performance Better Sweaters (Vest & 1/4-Zip) Daypacks Technical Trail Packs Duffels (up to 60L)
\$40	Cashmere Sweaters Technical Insulation Jackets, Vests and Pants Alpine Soft Shells Sportswear Outerwear and Workwear 2- and 2.5-Layer Shells/Snow Shells Technical Alpine/Snow Packs Certain Fleece: Retro Pile, Retro-X*, Re-Tool (Jackets) Performance Better Sweater (Jackets & Hoody) Lightweight Synchilla* Poncho MLC* Luggage and Large Duffels
\$60	Heavy Alpine Insulation Sportswear Insulation-Vests, Jackets and Parkas Insulated Alpine Shells 3-Layer/GORE-TEX* Shells Stormfront* Luggage Wheeled Luggage
\$100	3-Layer Snow Shells 3-in-1 Jackets and Parkas (must include all pieces) Insulated 3-Layer/GORE-TEX* Snow Shells Special Collections



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WHAT DO AND DON'T WE ACCEPT?

We are currently accepting most Patagonia garments and luggage. Sorry, no next-to-skin garments (bras, underwear, Baggies™, T-shirts, swimwear, baselayers, trail and yoga wear), accessories (hats, scarves, beanies, gloves, socks), footwear, wetsuits, waders, sleeping bags, or any items that are damaged, missing pieces, or with tags cut out. Call your local Patagonia store for details.

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

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

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(818) 509-0722

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Kernville, CA 93238
760.376.2040

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Pasadena, CA 91101
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