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DINNER PROGRAM: OCT. 17

THE MAGIC OF YOSEMITE with DAVID GREGORY

by Marshall Bissett

Yosemite is a crown jewel of America's National Parks. Its iconic waterfalls and rock



landscapes captivate millions of visitors a year. The majority of these tourists barely scratch the surface. Astute anglers will find some 250 fish bearing lakes and countless miles of rivers and creeks to explore. Approximately 95% of the park's 1200 square miles are pristine wilderness and a must-fish for any California angler.

The area gets less attention, and less fishing pressure than the better known Eastern Sierra.

Our October presenter, **David Gregory** has for the past decade formed a deep connection to Yosemite and the cool crystal waters of the Merced River. A classic trout stream of extreme beauty that will leave you feeling hooked. His program will take you on an aquatic adventure on the Gold Country Rivers – the Merced, Tuolumne and the Stanislaus. The West Slope of the Sierra Nevada offers solitude, scenery,



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DINNER MEETING (CONTINUED)

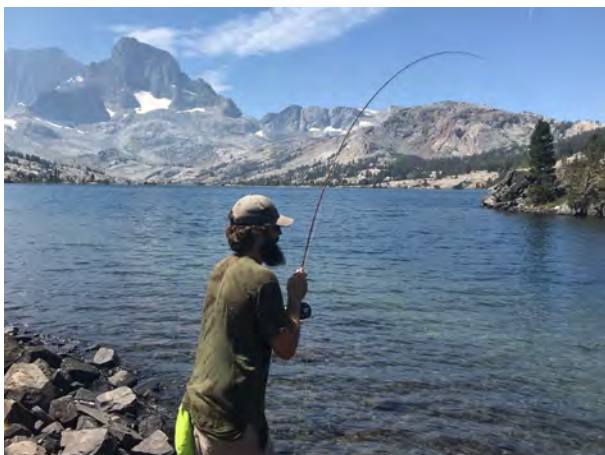
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and year-round fishing. A five hour drive from Los Angeles will take you to the banks of the mighty Merced River.

There is a reverence and irrevocable history in this section of the Merced River. John Muir once wrote of the area: "The place seemed holy, where one might hope to see God." When needing to escape, contemplate, or feel a deep connection to the natural world, head to the cool crystal waters of the Merced River. For the non-angler, the area includes the John Muir Trail, often called "America's most famous trail." It meanders through the second largest roadless

area in the lower 48 and provides some of the best Alpine scenery this country has to offer. Not to mention, daily opportunities to catch wild trout. The trail's jaw dropping views and colossal mountains will leave you with a newfound appreciation for the Sierra Nevada.

David has a B.S. in Parks and Recreation Management and is a graduate of Clearwater Guide School. He is enthusiastically devoted to sharing his love of fly fishing and works as a full-time guide with Yosemite Fly Fishers.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

By the time you read this, we will have had our September dinner meeting with the annual Show and Tell presentations. They were outstanding, ranging from multimedia extravaganzas with commentary and music to slide shows of great places and trips we've



taken over the past few years, both individually and as a club.

Marshall, Bill Woods, Bernie, Glenn, Ellie, Smoother on AV duty, the screen crew and whoever I'm leaving out, all put in a lot of work on this and it is appreciated.

Attendance was somewhat lower than it has been for recent meetings, and that's a shame. It was great to see the breadth of experiences we've shared, reminding us of why we come to SPFF in the first place.

As promised in last month's comments, I've been taking my duties seriously and went fishing. At the last fundraiser my brother Ron bought a 2-for-1 trip to the Big Horn with Beau McFadyean of Montana Adventures and Angling. As you will see in my report in this newsletter, it turned out somewhat differently than expected, in a very good way. These 2-fers are a great bargain. I've been on trips to Utah, Oregon, Washington and Montana with them. They are a great way to see new places, try out new guides and expand your fishing horizons. Consider this at next year's fundraiser.

We've done some rearranging of the calendar, moving ITFF to January and ending with the Graduation Outing combined with the Super Bowl trip. This should prevent last year's issue with running into unfishable runoff in March and delaying the Graduation outing until the students are off doing something else. I remember that trip as cementing what I learned in the classes and getting me involved with the club. We may also save some money by moving the classroom sessions to a room at the park rather than at One Generation Center. Details will be sent in plenty of time.

I hope to see all of you at the Glendale Faire coming up on October 5-6. Thanks to all who volunteered to staff our booth and the SWCFFI booth as well. I'll see you there!

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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 members:

NEAL MURPHY

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. 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](http://spff.org/Library_Catalog)

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.

SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Project Healing Waters Vets.....	3
SWC FFI Fly Fishing Faire	5-6
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	5
Board Meeting	10
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	17
Dinner Meeting (David Gregory, "The Magic of Yosemite")	17
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	19
Nymphing Clinic Orientation Meeting	19
Nymphing Clinic	25-27

NOVEMBER

Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	2
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	7
Board Meeting	7
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	16
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	21
Dinner Meeting (Norm Baiocchi, "Northern California Opportunity")	21
Healing Saturday at Fisherman's Spot	28

DECEMBER

Project Healing Waters Vets.....	5
Board Meeting	5
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	7
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	19
Dinner Meeting (Annual Awards Presentation)	19
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	21

EDUCATION

by Michael Peratis

2020 BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS

Our next Beginning Fly Tying Class is scheduled for February 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and March 4th and 11th. In the past this class has been held in January, but has been moved later so as not to overburden our instructors, who will also be involved with teaching at ITFF in January.



The six week course schedule will be placed on the event calendar and registration will open this month. As usual, the course will be limited to 10 students. Loaner vises, tools, and lamps will be provided. Student's cost for the course is \$75 which is partial payment for the materials, course manual and accompanying DVD. SPFF pays the rest of the materials cost.

2020 INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING

We've made some changes to our annual INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING class.

- The ITFF starting date has been changed to begin on January 11th and end with the graduation outing in Bishop coinciding with our Super Bowl Outing. WHY? In years past the graduation outing has been plagued with high, fast water on the Lower Owens River. Changing the graduation outing to Super Bowl weekend should put the students on the river before runoff and create better fishing opportunities.
- The classes have been moved from One Generation to the Recreation Room at Reseda Park. It's a smaller facility but should be adequate given the size of our student body over the past few years. Additionally, we'll realize a significant cost saving for facility rental. The casting portion of the classes will still take place at the Reseda Park Pond.

We'll be passing out 2020 ITFF Flyers at the Fly Fishing Faire and at our semi-monthly casting clinics at Lake Balboa. You can pickup flyers at our dinner meetings to pass out to everyone you know. I



CONSERVATION REPORT

by Debbie Sharpton

SILVER CREEK LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT RECOVERY PROJECT:

BROOK TROUT REMOVAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

CDFW just let us know that they are working Oct 1-3 and tentatively Oct 8-10 on Silver Creek.

Ideally they could use 2-3 people to assist with netting, handling the live car, and working up fish.

Brett tells me the lows will be around 20 degrees next week, so they are staying in Bridgeport. If you are interested in helping the Lahontan cutthroat trout on a beautiful high Sierra stream, give Brett Anderson a ring.

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DINNER MENU:

Starter:

Green Salad

Entree:

Fettuccine Alfredo with Grilled Chicken
or Roast Beef
either comes with Steamed Vegetables and
Mashed Potatoes

Dessert:

Ice Cream Sundae

FISHING REPORT: MONTANA ODYSSEY

by Rich Ress

At the last fund raiser my brother Ron won the silent auction for a 2 for 1 trip to the Big Horn with guide Beau McFadyean of Montana Adventures and Angling. These are the best deals going; I've fished in MT, WA, OR, UT and NM with twofers as a way to try different places and guides without breaking the bank. We



scheduled it for last week, to stay at the Big Horn Angler which hosts the annual spring trip started by Jack Jonathan. The day before the trip Beau called to say that the Big Horn was almost unfishable because of heavy rains and releases from the dam. He suggested that we try the Yellowstone instead. I was delighted, because I have fished the Big Horn but never the Yellowstone and not in September. He took care of arranging alternate

accommodations in Billings at the Big Horn Resort, a very nice hotel with a water park, a great steak house and a casino. We had our first Montana steaks that night and Beau picked us up on schedule the next morning. He had learned that the lower part of the Yellowstone nearer to our hotel had high winds, but the upper part closer to Livingstone was better. We took him up on his generous offer to drive an extra hour to reach the better section.



We put into the river without incident and immediately started casting. We put Ron in the front of the ClackaCraft drift boat since he has done only a couple of floats. We rigged up hopper-droppers, with a nicely visible foam hopper with an added post that Beau had tied, and tried a variety of droppers including nymphs either weighted and unweighted. On my second or third cast I hooked into what turned out to be the biggest brown trout of the trip, on a bead head nymph tied for me by my friend Ariel Levin. For the rest of the morning it was hit or miss, picking off a few smaller rainbows and browns and some in the 12-14" range. The weather was beautiful, the river is magnificent and we saw soaring eagles (not the lodge in NM) and a couple of nests. After a terrific lunch made by Beau's wife, a big improvement over the usual supermarket sandwiches, the fishing

picked up and we netted some nice fish on both the hoppers and the droppers.

After drinks and another great steak dinner we fell asleep early and never made it to the casino; our wallets undoubtedly were better off.

The second day we put in on the lower section when the wind shifted to the upper section. Kudos to Beau for keeping track of this; calls from his fellow guides showed the wisdom of his choices. Fishing was again hit and miss in the morning, with Ron still in the front of the boat. In the afternoon I got my chance in front, the fishing turned on and it was epic. Fish took the hopper in every expected spot that I was able to get my cast into, including at the head of riffles, tight to the banks, bouncing off a rock wall and in little pockets surrounded by vegetation that took an accurate and timely cast to reach. I think Beau knows every Yellowstone fish by name and where they hide. It was about the most fun I've had fishing from a drift boat, easily equal to floats on the Madison and Missouri.

I encourage anyone who wants to fish the Yellowstone or the Big Horn to call Beau. I will certainly be back there myself and I would like to put together a club trip for next fall.





Gary Bulla

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FISHING REPORT: JACKPOT IN BAJA

by Marshall Bissett

Everyone's "fish of a lifetime" is different. For some it's the 30" brown trout, for others the elusive and finicky permit, sight fished on the flats of Florida or Mexico. Others wait for cast number 1001 to catch the monster steelhead in British Columbia and some target that rare trophy Atlantic salmon.

For many of us, that fish will exist only in idle daydreaming moments or as the subject of 'one who got away' bar story. There are a lucky few who hit that big fish on their first trip to a new location.

Club members Bill Woods and "Smoother" Smyth were inspired by last year's 'show and tell' meeting, featuring the great opportunities to fish for tuna, dorado and roosterfish in the Sea of Cortez. They got serious right away; Bill hand crafted a colorful (turquoise) 12 weight fiber glass rod and Smoother got set up with heavier

lines and reels. Both got busy at the tying bench creating sardina patterns, crease flies and Gary Bulla's popular papagallo pattern. Thirty and forty pound leaders were tied and saltwater knots perfected.

Our group of 10 paired up in pangas with the very experienced Lucero Brothers (actually all cousins) who are able to find feeding fish without the aid of GPS or other technology. We tested our gear in the first few days on small to medium dorado (mahi-mahi) and roosterfish, known locally as pez gallo. On the day three, the "gallo grande" showed up. Excitement built as we saw these giant fish chasing bait around our boats. The roosterfish can attain speeds of 50 miles per hour with an uncanny ability to turn on a dime and, even in apparent feeding frenzy, still distinguish a perfectly tied fly from a live sardine. On a day when Smoother was fishing solo with Captain Juan Carlos, his panga was observed

being dragged into open water and his rod was bent past double. The fight of a lifetime was on – two hours later a very exhausted and excited Englishman was ready for a cup of tea after boating a roosterfish estimated at 60 pounds – a trophy by any standards. A day later fortune struck again when a huge roosterfish attacked Bill Wood's deeply fished sardine pattern. After another epic battle Bill and his fiber glass rod, which many had doubted was up to the task, put another big fish on to the score board. A few other big fish were landed in the ensuing days but no story could match that of the "two new guys" landing the big fish. If there has to be a moral to this tale, it would fall between "carpe diem" and "fortune favors the prepared." Either way, Bill and Smoother have some daydreaming material for at least another year.



NYMPHING CLINIC: OCTOBER 25-27

by Steve Ebersold

Registration is now available on the website to sign up for our Nymphing Clinic. Trout feed on many types of insects below the surface, and this is very informative outing geared to fishing for trout that most of the time you can't see.

The clinic will be held the weekend of October 25-27, most likely on the Lower Owens right outside of Bishop. There is no fee for the clinic except for your motel and food expenses.

When you sign up for the outing, please check off which days you would like instruction. Also, there will be a group dinner on Saturday evening.

Also, as an added feature, we will be having Rick Russo and Marshall Bissett instruct students on Euro Nymphing. All of the other details are on the website when you sign up.

If you have any further questions you can always contact Steve Ebersold at yukai340@gmail.com, or James Fleisher at jfleishermd@earthlink.net.

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