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DINNER PROGRAM: NOV 21

MASTERING THE DRY FLY

with JON BAIOCCHI

by Marshall Bissett

For many of us, dry fly fishing is the pinnacle of the sport. Who can resist the slow seductive



rise of a hungry brown trout or the explosive surface action of feeding rainbows? However, in

the heat of the moment when the hatch is on, wild casting and poor technique can send those feeding fish back to the depths of the stream.

The dry fly game has its own rules – careful observation, accuracy and fly selection all play their part. It's a tantalizing blend of frustration and elation. Luckily expert help is close at hand. Welcome back our November presenter, Jon Baiocchi, owner and head guide of Baiocchi's Guide Service and an expert in the fine art of the dry fly.

Master fly angler Jon Baiocchi has been fly fishing and tying flies since 1972, and is a California licensed fly fishing guide (#2847), published author, educator, innovative tier, and an award winning public speaker giving fly fishing presentations to clubs and expos across the state of California, and the west coast. Born in San Jose, Ca in

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DINNER MEETING (CONTINUED)

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1965, his Dad moved the entire family to Paradise, Ca in 1967 to be closer to prime fly fishing venues, and to raise his family in the spectacular conifer forests of Northern California. After finishing high school, Jon opted out of college to pursue a career as a professional snowboarder, competing at a national level, starring in feature movies, and working with manufacturers in their research and development programs. After his career ended in 1993, Jon focused entirely on fly fishing, and honing the intricate details of his home waters.

Jon now owns and operates Baiocchi's Troutfitters guide service in Northern California where he has been guiding for the last 21 years. He has a reputation as a very hard working guide that's been trained by some of fly fishing's

best known anglers, both past and present. His enthusiasm for the sport is contagious, and combined with his simple approach to teaching gives students the skills needed to be successful on all types of water. Moved by all things flora and fauna his passion for such is never ending. Sharing the knowledge with others is of the greatest importance to him now, and to watch others progress with their skills, and reach the next level in fly fishing fulfills his life. It's the legacy his father left him, and a cherished tradition that Jon will continue in his honor.

Jon will be tying flies before the presentation. More information on Jon and his Guide Service can be found at:

<http://baiocchistroutfitters.com/>



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

I'm writing this from Hot Creek Ranch where I've spent the weekend with SPFF members David and Neal Hoffberg, Jim Fleisher and friend Jeff Work. We've had all the expected fall weather here, including high winds (of course), some cloud cover, bright sun, cold nights and warm days. The place remains mostly unchanged except for a few



upgrades in the years I've been going there and it's like visiting an old friend.

In this case, it's a friend who will humble you and remind you why technique and local knowledge are so important. The fish are definitely bigger than in recent years when they were hit hard

by the drought and the numbers are greater, but they retain their reputation for being difficult to catch. They humbled me, reminding me that sloppy habits developed while fishing at easier places won't cut it here. Only a precise cast with a delicate presentation in just the right spot will entice a HCR trout to take your fly, and it had better be small.

Neal brought a collection of #22 and 24 flies of various types that he had tied, including tricos, spinners and emergers that he generously shared and, along with a tuneup session for my casting, got me a couple of beautiful rainbows. With 30 years of HCR experience the Hoffberg brothers caught a lot of fish, and Jim had his best day ever at the Ranch on Saturday. I learned of a couple of spots that I hadn't fished before and will definitely return to them. Of course, all the rules are to be broken at times because these are fish, not computer games, and sometimes the good old Adams parachute brought up a trout. I missed more takes than I caught but just getting the take is an accomplishment when the wind is howling and you struggle to make a decent cast. Then, of

course, there's Mas Okui's technique that relies on a 20 foot leader and knowing every place where fish are to be found.

Why, then, do we continue to struggle when there are places to fish that aren't so hard? In part because if you catch fish here, you're a decent dry fly fisher and those skills will help you wherever you go. Besides, the view from Cabin 1 at sunrise is worth the price of admission and the sunsets and the night sky are wonderful. This is the first place I saw the Milky Way from horizon to horizon on a cold late fall night.

I hope my description doesn't make it ever harder to get a reservation at the Ranch, best done a year in advance. Good things are hard to keep secret.

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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 new member:

DOUG ROGERS

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* and our *ITFF Graduation* are in Bishop on the weekend of the Super Bowl; *Hot Creek Ranch* weekend is 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)

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
OUR HOLIDAY DINNER:
DECEMBER 19**

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

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 (Jon Baiocchi, "Mastering The Dry Fly")	21

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

JANUARY

Project Healing Waters Vets.....	2
Board Meeting	2
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	4
Intermediate Casting Clinic at PCC (Session 1 of 2).....	11
Introduction to Fly Fishing Classes.....	11
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	16
Dinner Meeting	16
Intermediate Casting Clinic at PCC (Session 2 of 2)	25
Introduction to Fly Fishing Classes.....	25
Superbowl Weekend Outing and ITFF Graduation Outing	Jan 31-Feb 2

EDUCATION

2020 BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS

by Michael Peratis

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

by Steve Ebersold

Introduction to Fly Fishing classes for 2020 will be starting earlier this year than normal. Don't forget to share this with all of your friends and family. Mark it on your calendars and come and join us for this great informative class. The 1st class will start on January 11, 2020, and it has been moved from the One Generation Center to the Recreation Room at Reseda Park. Registration is now available on our club website, spff.org, to get all the details and register. Also, another change will be in the Graduation Outing, which will take place during the same weekend of our Superbowl Outing, Jan. 31-Feb 2, 2020. If you have any questions, feel free to email Steve Ebersold at yukai340@gmail.com, or Michael Peratis at mperatis@aol.com.

SWC FFI REPORT

by Tom Wright, SWC Representative

The Southwest Council FFI held its Fall quarterly meeting at Pasadena Casting Club on October 19. Among the items discussed were the results of the Fly Fishing Faire, forthcoming changes to inland fishing regulations and the potential ban on fur sales. Details on these and other subjects are available in the minutes of the general meeting which are posted in the Documents section of our website along with reports from the Board of Directors and activity reports from several SWC clubs.

Upcoming SWC events are as follows:

January 11 & 25 – Intermediate Casting Clinic @ PCC pond

January 18 – Club Management Day @ Deep Creek Flyfishers

February 1 – Fly Buy @ Long Beach Casting Club

April 25 - Riptide Rendezvous @ Rincon Beach Park

FLY FISHING FAIRE WINNERS

AND THE WINNER IS.....

At this year's Fly Fishing Faire we held drawings for a couple of starter fly fishing outfits – one each day. Here are the lucky winners.



Saturday's Winner

Daryl Slawnikowski got his new outfit from club member Michael Twomey at the SPFF booth.



Sunday's Winner

Daphne Chartrand was the winner but at her request the outfit was presented to her boyfriend, Alex Mayorga. President Rich Ress did the honors at October's dinner meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

by Jay Bushore

The 2020 membership renewal has started. We hope to see everyone back next year. The easiest way to renew is to go on the spff.org website. You can renew and pay by credit card and your membership is updated instantly. The other way is to mail a check made out to SPFF. Mail it to:

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Thanks for renewing. See you next year.

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Entree:

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Grilled Vegetables

OR Gyro Plate with Pita Bread,
Tzatziki and Rice Pilaf

Dessert:

Hot Fudge Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae

FISHING REPORT: UTAH FLOAT TUBING

by Chris Taylor

A small cadre of SCCC and SPFF members joined together for a Utah fly fishing excursion, the week of Memorial Day. I was designated guide for our small company, as I've fished Utah for several years. The focus was on a variety of lakes in Southwestern Utah, which has a healthy population of rainbows, cutthroats, tigers, brookies and some brown trout.

Tiger Trout are sterile and planted by the Utah Department of Water Resources, for the purpose of controlling chub populations in local lakes. The chubs were introduced in the past by bait fishermen and are considered an invasive species.

Late Spring is generally float tubing, as the streams and rivers are blown out due to winter run off. 2018-2019 winter snow pack year was exceptional, thereby causing some of the smaller streams to inundate the back roads leading to several lakes.

Rainbows up to 18" were landed, as well as a record 26" Tiger Trout landed at a local lake on a Rainbow Warrior pattern. The best patterns that are consistent producers are olive, black or orange sparkle buggers, Taylorbergs (my version of a Hornberg, named by Michael Peratis), a fly deemed a "Utah Psycho" designed by Jon Simle of SCCC, Hairs Ears and Cal Byrd's Bird's Nest and midge patterns. Also refer to Circle Valley Anglers for advice and guide services. The hardest part of the trip is deciding where to fish. Streams and lakes are abundant and you will never be disappointed, although you may miss the California crowds at times...not!

Utah is a great place to fish. Traveling along Highway 15 north, stop in Beaver and fish the Beaver River or Minersville Reservoir, then up to the Provo River, float tube Strawberry Reservoir and points north to the Green River. Other areas to explore are around Loa and Lyman in Eastern Utah, which have several lakes that have large tiger trout to 30" (but watch out for bears) and the Capitol Reef wild trout waters. Get a book fly fishing Utah along with a Utah atlas map and explore! Tight Lines!



CONSERVATION REPORT FROM SOUTHWEST COUNCIL

New Bill in House of Representatives & Senate to protect the Endangered Species Act | Paw and Fin Conservation Act

Many already know the Federal fish and wildlife agencies - NOAA Fisheries & Fish & Wildlife Service - have agreed to a weakening of regulations they use to implement the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The ESA has served our interests well here in California and around the country by protecting the survival of many of our special fish & wildlife, with salmon and steelhead at the top of that list. Without the ESA we likely would have no salmon or steelhead in the rivers we frequent, and, because salmon are so important to the survival of more than 50 other species who feed on them, the impacts of no salmon have far reaching impacts. An example is the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales of Puget Sound who feed almost exclusively on Chinook salmon.

In response to the actions of the federal agencies, and the administration which controls them, a new legislative effort is now on the floor of both the House of Representatives & Senate that would block the implementation of these new regulations.

Please read the attached [PDF summary](#) of the intent of the bill and the descriptions of what the new federal rules would do to weaken the ESA. Simply, we need this bill to pass the Congress and be sent to the President for signature. The future of our fisheries and other inhabitants of our natural world are at stake today. We, as citizens, must act to protect that which we cherish. Call or contact today. See below for contact information

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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These contacts will connect you with the Capitol and you can simply ask for your representatives. Ask for their phone numbers and call and tell them you support [H.R. 4348](#) // [S. 2491](#) the "[Paw and Fin Conservation Act](#)".

Believe me when I say - Your voice does matter. Your representative does track your comments and calls. They do want to hear from you.

Thanks for being part of our effort to protect our fisheries and watersheds.

Debbie Sharpton | [SWCFFI Conservation](#)

Steve Schalla | [SWCFFI President](#)

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CONSERVATION REPORT

Chinook Salmon Flocking to Revitalized San Joaquin River*

by Nick Cahill*

FRESNO, Calif. (CN) – A staggering number of Chinook salmon are returning to a California river that hasn't sustained salmon for decades due to agricultural and urban demands, giving biologists hope that threatened fish are finally spawning in their native grounds without human help.

Officials working on a restoration program announced Tuesday that they have counted a record number of spring-run Chinook salmon fish nests (redds) so far this fall on a stretch of the San Joaquin River near Fresno. Program staff has discovered over 160 redds with several weeks to go, toppling the total of 40 recorded in 2018.

Not only have the number of redds increased, biologists say many of them appear to have been fashioned by fish that weren't hatchery raised or part of the billion-dollar program – meaning salmon were able to swim from the Pacific Ocean and through dams on their own. “The volume of returns is a complete surprise,” said Pat Ferguson in a statement, a program fish biologist with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Biologists say the quadrupled number of redds is exciting considering they have only released 37 adult female salmon this year to breed in the river below Friant Dam. There are other signs that natural or “volitionally passed” salmon have returned to the river: Biologists have found untagged spring-run carcasses in recent weeks.

“The majority of the fish that we’re seeing in the river spawning right now don’t appear to have tags,” said Lori Smith, a program fish biologist with the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

Smith said it is possible that the salmon lost their tags during their 370-mile journey back to the river, but genetic testing will ultimately confirm if they were hatchery bred or not.

Tuesday’s announcement is the second major milestone for the restoration program this year, as in April spring-run Chinook adults returned to the river for the first time in 65 years. The hatchery salmon returned from the ocean on their own in the spring but had to be transported by researchers to bypass a series of dams and diversion canals. Biologists believe an abnormally wet rainy season may have helped some of the fish return to their ancient spawning grounds on their own.

“We appear to be seeing spring-run Chinook able to make it up into the restoration area on their own to spawn,” said Donald Portz, program manager. “It’s likely springtime high flows provided an opportunity for fish to get over obstacles that would normally limit their ability to migrate,” he said.

Salmon and other species disappeared from California’s second largest river in the 1940s following the opening of Friant Dam. Today, parts of the river often go dry during certain times of the year and other sections have manmade barriers that prevent salmon from reaching their spawning beds.

Because of a nearly two-decade-long lawsuit fought by the Natural Resources Defense Council, things are changing on the heavily altered San Joaquin. A settlement with the federal government reached in 2006 set goals of restoring native fish populations to “good condition” without overtly damaging water suppliers’ take of the river. The state and federal government plan to spend over \$1 billion to restore flows, wetlands and fish to the river. Doug Obegi, lawyer with the council, said the increased redds are encouraging and a “sign that the river is ready for fish” in high-water years like 2018-19.

“It’s great to see salmon returning after so many decades, and it’s a reminder that when we add water to our rivers, they will return,” Obegi said in a phone interview. “It’s a little bit like the ‘Field of Dreams;’ if you build it, they will come.”

Obegi added the next major steps for the program are finishing a bypass that will allow salmon to swim upstream in low water years and improved fish screens near smaller dams and water intakes.

“We were starting from probably one of the most degraded states and yet it’s showing that in just a few years of work, we are seeing the river come back to life,” Obegi said.

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FUNDRAISING

by Michael Peratis

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