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[Pat Jaegar](#), fly fishing guide and FFI member, Matt Rubin on the Upper Owens 2017

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SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

STEVE SCHALLA | president@swcffi.org

DECEMBER MESSAGE

SWCFFI ELECTIONS

During the month of December, members of the Southwest Council who are also members of Fly Fishers

International will receive an electronic ballot via Survey Monkey from FFI. Members who do not have email, will receive ballots via the USPS. The ballot will contain the Southwest Council slate for the 2021 Board of Directors. Due to Board members resigning before their two year term had ended, we are using this election to get everyone back on track so that all terms will begin at the same time. All members of the Board of Directors will serve a term of two years from January 2021-2023.

The ballot will contain pictures of those nominated. A short bio of each candidate will be placed on the Southwest Council's website at: <https://www.swcffi.org>. Rather than approve each candidate individually, you will provide a, "Yes" or "No" vote for the entire slate.

The current Board of Directors decided to have the General Membership Meeting at our Winter Quarterly Meeting in which elections can take place with an "In person vote". However due to the use of Zoom meeting format, we have asked Fly Fishers International for assistance in the voting process. As such, our 2021 Board of Directors will be introduced at our Winter Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, January 16th, 2021.

A FEW MENTIONS

As President for the past two years, I have had the opportunity to work with FFI on the national level. Our Southwest Council is highly respected and is involved in many of the FFI programs on a national level.

Leigh Ann Swanson, our VP/Education, has been working with Dutch Baughman on developing the FFI Learning Center. One of their projects is putting together a leadership workshop that is presented at the Expo and Regional Expos. This year, Dutch has asked the Southwest Council to present our Club Management Day within the workshop.

Club Management Day, which we have in January, was a suggestion from **Carol Katz (Healing Waters)** made to **Michael Schweit (President Emeritus)** and we have been incorporating this into our Winter Quarterly meeting for the last ten years.

Karen Hall has been a force for us with the Women's Program and she has also been recognized on a national level to help other councils in developing a similar women's program. She will be speaking to the President's Council Meeting in December.

Debbie Sharpton is our Conservation Director and has been involved in contacts with National as well as Northern California Council. A monumental agreement to remove four of the Klamath River dams was signed last week by both Governor Newsom of California, Governor Kate Brown of Oregon, Tribal leaders of the Kurok and Yurok nations, and owner of the dams PacifiCorp and Berkshire Hathaway. This will go a long way to restore Steelhead and Salmon to this important fishery as well as develop a suitable habitat for trout.

THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE FFI

The strength of FFI comes from the base of our clubs, both affiliate and charter. FFI started out as a federation of clubs, those being affiliate clubs. Affiliate clubs usually only have a small portion of their members subscribed as FFI members.

Within the Southwest Council, most clubs have only 20% of their members belonging to FFI, and over 80% of the clubs within Southwest Council are affiliate clubs. The same is true across the country.

The low FFI membership rate within affiliate clubs brings a sense of disconnect unless the Council shows why being affiliated with FFI is a positive thing. It's a constant effort. I believe that the Southwest Council has been doing a good job of promoting our clubs throughout the region.

We get involved on a national level, a regional level, and a local level. We are the only international organization devoted to fly fishing.

We bring many clubs together to share events, workshops, and learning opportunities. There is a synergy when clubs work together and share experiences, it enhances the positive aspects of fly fishing that all members get to relish and enjoy. And, that group involvement is what SWC FFI brings to the table. All the other stuff, insurance, learning center, expos, is the side dishes. It's what we do together that is the main Turkey.

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving Day!

Regards, Steve Schalla

PRESIDENT | Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International

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SECRETARY'S DESK

SUSI WRIGHT | secretary@swcfffi.org

From the Secretary's Desk

VOTE FOR THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL'S 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you are a member of Fly Fishers International, you will have the opportunity to cast your vote for the slate of the Council's 2021 Board of Directors.

Electronic ballots will be sent out via Survey Monkey by Fly Fishers International in December.

Once you've voted, mark your calendar and attend the Winter Quarterly Meeting via Zoom on Saturday, January 16th and meet the 2021 Southwest Council Board of Directors.

Susi Wright

Southwest Council Secretary

secretary@swcfffi.org

Laugh often, be safe and be well!

SECRETARY | Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International

TROUT RODEO 2021 | BISHOP, CALIFORNIA!



Saddle up and sign up now for the perfect reason to come out of hibernation early.

On Feb 20, 2021 The Southwest Council, [Driftwood Caravan Outdoors](#) and the [Bishop Chamber of Commerce](#) will be hosting the first ever Trout Rodeo.

Held rain or shine, this catch and release competition invites all anglers to put their skills to the test to see who's best. We have worked closely with Bishop, the local health department and [iAngler](#) to ensure a fun, safe, and socially distanced event. Fish the fly or spin for the win!

[Click here](#) for more details or to sign up today.

Michael Schweit

SPECIAL PROJECTS | Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International

INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE EMAIL ANNETTE AT: volunteers@swcffi.org
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CONSERVATION

DEBBIE SHARPTON | conservation@swcffi.org

LAS VIRGENES CREEK PROJECT

Over the last 10 years SWCFFI Conservation efforts included restoration work on Malibu Creek, a local historic southern steelhead trout water ranging from Rindge Dam public awareness, steelhead monitoring, and non-native invasive species removal.

Malibu Creek is a Core 1 stream system for the federally endangered Southern California steelhead trout.

Recently, SWCFFI received a grant from Los Angeles County Third District Supervisor Kuehl to continue public education and physical removal of nonnative aquatic species in Las Virgenes Creek, a tributary of Malibu Creek.

Las Virgenes Creek contains suitable steelhead spawning habitat and also supports another threatened species, the California Red-Legged Frog.

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CONSERVATION | Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International



GAVIN NEWSOM

GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

MEDIA ADVISORY:
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Contact: Governor's Press Office
(916) 445-4571

Today: Governor Newsom, Oregon Governor Kate Brown, Tribal Leaders and Owner of Klamath River Dams to Announce Historic Agreement in Virtual Event

Parties to announce key development in ambitious salmon restoration project

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom, Oregon Governor Kate Brown, leaders of the Karuk and Yurok Tribes, Berkshire Hathaway Energy and PacifiCorp today will discuss efforts to advance the removal of four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River to address declines in fish populations, improve river health and renew Tribal communities and cultures.

The parties will meet during a virtual event that will be streamed at the California Governor's YouTube channel [here](#).

WHEN: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. PST
WHO: Leaders of parties to the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement, which sets the terms for removal of the four Klamath River dams.
LIVESTREAM: California Governor [YouTube channel](#).

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Governor Gavin Newsom
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

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BILL O'KELLY FUNDRAISER

Ebay Auction Fundraser / Sunday, November 29, 2020 - 4:00pm

All net proceeds will be going to the O'Kelly family

Bill O'Kelly was an avid angler and like so many of us, he had planned on doing different types of fishing throughout his life. His equipment ranges from light fresh to salt, single handed to Spey and everything in between.

On November 29, 2020, starting at 4 p.m. and going active every 5 minutes and continuing for one week, you can bid on as many of these items as you like and eBay will let us list.

THE AUCTION SITE ON EBAY: [LINK](#)

- #3 - Sage 9', 7 weight, 2 piece. With case
- #12 - Douglas fly rod DXF 9904 9'0" 9 weight. With original tube.
- #13 - Abel - FF 908-4 9'0", 8 weight, 4 piece. With original tube.
- #23 - Echo - Edge 378-4X 7'8", 3 weight. With original tube.
- #26 - Rod holder for traveling or storage. 4'Length, 3" Diameter
- #37 - Orvis - Battenkill large arbor III with spare spool and reel
- #38 - Orvis - Battenkill large arbor 5/6 or III spare spool
- #39 - Orvis - Battenkill fly reel mid arbor III with spare spool
- #40 - G. Loomis fly reel - Venture 7
- #41 - Fiblink Crazy 9/10
- #42 - Cabellas Deschutes II
- #43 - Galvan fly reel - Brookie BO1
- #44 - custom Winston fly rod by Terry Henson, 5 weight, 8 1/2', 3 piece
- #45 - 5 drawer, 20.5 depth, 15.5 width, 29.5 height
- #46 - J.W. Outfitters Renegade Pontoon boat, never used,
- #48 - Dave Scadden Boats - Northwest Express, two seater, oars
- #49 - Oak fly tying materials box, 22" width, 5.25" deep, 9.5

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- Local (SWC area) purchasers preferred and we will work with you on delivery to save us the hassle and you the money.
 - We also have loads of books from Bill's massive collection still available for sale. The list is here and if you see something you like, send an email to specialprojects@swcffi.org and list the item numbers and titles. We will get back to you with pricing. Many first editions and signed copies.

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FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL | FLY TYING

THE DUSTY MILLER: A CLASSIC ATLANTIC SALMON PATTERN

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 pm EST | 7:00 CST | 6:00 MST | 5:00 PST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82356245463>



LEGENDS OF FLY TYING

HAIRWING CONVERSION TECHNIQUES WITH JIM FERGUSON

The Dusty Miller is a classic Atlantic Salmon pattern that uses feathers for the wing of the fly. The Hairwing Conversion technique replaces the feathers used in the wings, sides, and cheeks with hair. Many of the classic Atlantic Salmon patterns can be converted to a hairwing style that fishes well for steelhead.

FFI Buz Buszek Award recipient, Jim Ferguson, teaches and demonstrates the Hairwing Conversion technique and how to select, prepare, and mount the hair used to replace feathers in these classic fly patterns. Jim has been tying flies for over 60 years. He lives in Oregon and is heavily involved in local fishing and conservation organizations, tying flies at fishing shows, and teaching fly tying.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Currently most events are on hold, but are hopeful for the SWC Management Day and Fly Buy to take place in January as well as the Trout Rodeo the end of February. At this point, it is a 'wait and see,' but do not take off your Volunteer Hats just yet, as we will need your help in the near future.

Connie Bullock | Outgoing Volunteer Chair

volunteers@swcffi.org | Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International



TROUT UNLIMITED | On the Southern California Coast - restoring access to precious habitat for endangered southern steelhead—our most resilient native species—on the Santa Margarita River in Orange County. This project will realize one of the few opportunities to restore access to an entire watershed for Southern steelhead.

In the northern Central Valley - on the North Fork of Battle creek we are removing a major migration barrier for endangered Sacramento winter-run Chinook salmon. Battle Creek, with its cold spring waters flow from Lassen Peak, provide much-needed habitat for one our most at-risk salmon runs.

On the North Coast - in the backyard of the communities of McKinleyville and Arcata we are providing refuge and nursing habitat for native steelhead, coho and Chinook salmon through off-channel habitat recovery and public access improvements on the Mad River Estuary.

Will you consider making a year-end gift to keep these projects moving forward? [CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you for your support,

Curtis Knight
Executive Director
TROUT UNLIMITED

Congratulations to the Winners of CalTrout's 2020 Photo Contest!
To view winning images, [click here](#).

FEBRUARY 20. 2021
BISHOP, CALIFORNIA



FLY OR SPIN FOR THE WIN



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL
Southwest Council

A CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING COMPETITION
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WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

CATRINA WHITE | womensprograms@swcffi.org

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WOMEN
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DEC 4 & 5, 2020



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BIG LOVE: OUTCAST ANGLING

We're excited to be teaming up with Serene Cusack @fattyonthefly to bring fly fishing to new anglers with a big feeling of belonging: buy a sticker to support fundraising efforts for a gear locker to



UNITED WOMEN ON THE FLY

Virtual Monthly Meeting

11/30/20 - 8:00pm EST/5:00pm PST

Zoom Meeting ID - 880 3330 3080

Password - 659128



Host - Heather Hodson and Serene @fattyonthefly

[FACEBOOK EVENT](#)

UNITED WOMEN ON THE FLY UPCOMING EVENTS!

- [11/30/20 - Wine Down with Andi Greene and Abbie Schuster](#)
- [11/30/20 - Monthly Virtual UWOTF Meeting with @fattyonthefly](#)
- [11/30/20 - Elk Hair Caddis Fly Tying with Missoula Fly Gals](#)
- [12/1/20 - Into the Current Monthly Anti-Racism Conversation](#)
- [12/1/20 - Pale Morning Dun Fly Tying with FFI Women Connect](#)
- [12/3/20 - Explore Responsibly with @gabaccia](#)
- [12/4/20 - Celebrating Women in Fly Fishing Happy Hour](#)
- [12/5/20 - Celebrating Women in Fly Fishing Expo](#)
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WOMEN'S PROGRAMS | Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International



<http://castingforrecovery.org/>

WOMEN CONNECT

Fly Fishers International

KAREN HALL | FFIWC Liaison Chair

Join us Tuesday Night for the FFI Women Connect Fly Tying Series - always fun!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 | FLY TYING ONLINE

This week's tying presenter is Susan Parsons

5:00 PM PT | 6:00 PM MT | 7:00 PM CT | 8:00 PM ET

MATERIALS LIST: [PDF](#) Join Zoom Meeting: [click here](#)

**FFI WOMEN
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PRESENTS**



SUSAN PARSONS
Tuesday, Dec 1
5pm PT/6pm MT
7pm CT/8pm ET

SIMPLIFIED PALE MORNING DUN
THREAD: 8-0 or 70 denier, light cahill
HOOK: TMC 101, sz 18 to 24 (or equivalent; straight eye dry fly hook)
TAIL: 3 light tan pheasant wing feather fibers, (or mallard flank fibers or pheasant rump fibers, or synthetic mayfly tails, or other straight fibers of the appropriate color and size)
WING: White CDC Puff
HACKLE: Cream dry fly midge saddle hackle, sized to hook

CDC CADDIS PUPA
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HOOK: TMC 101, sz 18 to 24 (or equivalent; straight eye dry fly hook)
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WING: White CDC Puff
HACKLE: Cream dry fly midge saddle hackle, sized to hook

Learn to tie:
**Simplified Pale Morning Dun
+ CDC Caddis Pupa (if time allows)**



Sp Adobe Spark

Karen Hall

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NOTE: Fly Fishers International, FFI, is the organization that oversees our regional Southwest Council, and most local fly fishing clubs are affiliated with FFI. Although membership to a club, and to FFI are separate, we are all connected! FFI sets the standards for Casting and Fly Tying and they sponsor the Bronze, Silver and Gold Challenges and Awards, which are a great way to improve your fishing skills. Especially now, while getting out to fish is a bit of a challenge.

WOMEN CONNECT | Fly Fishers International



<https://projecthealingwaters.org/>

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SWCFFI & CLUB EVENTS FOR 2020



* Due to the Corona Virus pandemic and social restrictions, events listed below are not 100% confirmed unless they are listed as "online". Please check below listings with event leaders.

- **Tuesday December 1st, 2020**

FFI Women Connect Fly Tying Series | [LINK](#)

-5:00 PM PT | 6:00 PM MT | 7:00 PM CT | 8:00 PM ET

This week's tying presenter is Susan Parsons

Materials List | [PDE](#)

- **Wednesday - December 2, 2020**

FLY FISHER'S INTERNATIONAL - FLY TYING

"DUSTY MILLER" - CLASSIC ATLANTIC SALMON PATTERN

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 pm EST | 7:00 CST | 6:00 MST | 5:00 PST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82356245463>

- **Friday, December 4, 2020**

- **Saturday - December 5, 2020**

WOMEN In Fly Fishing A Virtual Expo!

MORE INFO | [click here](#)

- **Saturday - December 5, 2020**

SIERRA PACIFIC FLY FISHERS

Fly Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa

MORE INFO | [click here](#)

- **PROJECT HEALING WATERS SOCIAL MEDIA / EVENTS LISTINGS**

FACEBOOK LINK: <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectHealingWaters/>

- **MISSED A FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR?**

[HERE](#) are the recorded sessions of FFI Live Online

**If you have a club event that you would like to share with the general public through the SWCFFI newsletter? Email your info to: communications@swcffi.org*

VIDEO OF THE MONTH | LOCAL FLY FISHER LINO JUBLIADO

"Eating Sewer Salmon From the LA River"



SENIOR FISHING LICENSE PETITION

The information and link to the petition is now located on the Pasadena Casting Club's website. On the opening home page you will see a tab second from the top entitled "Senior Fishing License". A simple [CLICK](#) on the tab will take you to the page that details our story AND AS WELL allows access to sign the [PETITION](#).

Let me know if you have any questions. Kind regards,

Ron Escue, PCC Secretary



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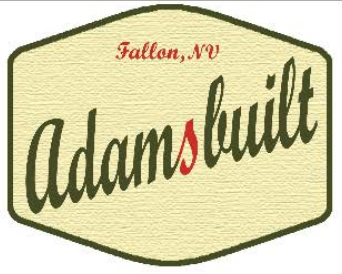
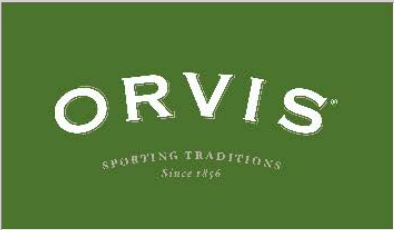
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Fly Fishers International (FFI) is dedicated, through education and conservation, to preserving

the fly fishing experience. Conservation of our public waters and connected upland's is essential to our enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of fishes and their habitats and also the health of natural systems.

"When you teach a person to fly fish you have just created a conservationist"

- Lee Wulff

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