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REMINDER:

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THANK YOU CHARLES AND ELLIE

SPFF's Annual Picnic gave us the opportunity to thank Charles and Ellie Brittain and see them off to Arizona. Thanks to Charles for hosting the fly tying group most every week for fourteen years and Ellie for many years of creating SPFF's brochures & displays and hauling everything to our events. If that wasn't enough she was also our club's historian. We'll miss them.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

I'm writing from Stockbridge, MA at the tail end of a three state trip including CT and NJ, to visit family we haven't seen since the start of the pandemic. We arrived just in time for not quite hurricane



Henri, which veered away from the CT coast. The day before the storm was hot and humid so we went to the coast for a lobster lunch. I don't care what the LA restaurants say, it's better here by far, and much cheaper. A couple of days later we

drove through a cell of the heaviest rain I've seen in decades; at 40 MPH I could barely make out the car in front if he had lights on, and some didn't. For the next few days it was oppressively humid, reminding me why I moved to the West coast. On past trips here I've fished the Farmington River, wide and slow except during runoff, with some good sized browns though not nearly as many as in western rivers. I had hoped to fish that and the Housatonic in MA but the storm and an injured knee cancelled that plan.

Now I'm looking forward to a short trip to MT to use a 2-for-1 certificate from our recent auction. I expect to fish the Madison, my favorite, which has just cancelled hoot owl restrictions as the summer heat has abated, and possibly the Missouri. In October we will have our nymphing clinic in Bishop, so my dance card is filling up nicely. It's a bit

surreal to be making plans and doing things we haven't done in a year, even though the Covid variants are rearing their ugly head. Vaccinations and masks on planes make it feasible but it's scary just the same.

So, we tiptoe back into normal life, tying flies on Wednesdays with masks and separate tables, hoping to have our regular dinner meeting next month if the viruses allow. The new normal.

At this moment I'm at my brother-in-law's 100 year old farm house on 17 acres of land, with chickens, geese, dogs who must feel they've died and gone to heaven as they chase the geese, rabbits and whatever other creatures come around without ever catching them, bathing in a natural pond and rolling in the newly mown grass. It's a world away from LA and a wonderful chance for some perspective. I'll be home in a few days, back to 100 degrees and no humidity, just fires and drought. The other new normal.

Tight lines!

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.

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

Meredith McKenzie

2021 ANNUAL SPFF PICNIC REPORT

by Glenn Short

On August 15th we enjoyed our first in person meeting in over a year at our Annual SPFF Picnic at Rincon Beach Park. As usual, the weather was typical California beach weather. A few members came early for surf fishing, including Jody Martin who reported there was not much catching.

Kevin Radanovich organized another fly fishing gear sale to raise funds for the club, and David Hoffberg bought a large quantity of fly tying materials to benefit Project Healing Waters. Janne and Marshall Bissett brought the food again, Mike Hembree and Jay Bushore cooked up delicious sausages, and I brought water, sodas and ice cream.

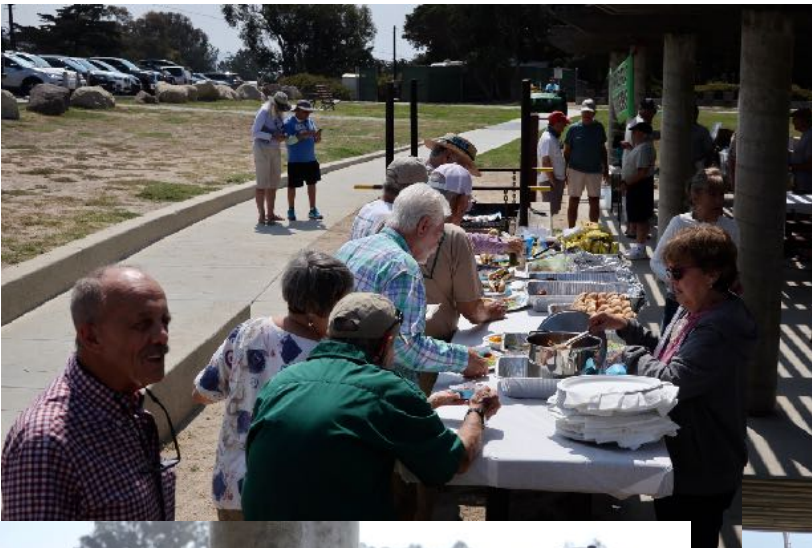
After lunch, Rich Ress presented Charles and Ellie Brittain with gifts and cards from SPFF to thank them for their extensive work benefitting SPFF over many years. If you were there, thank you for coming. If you couldn't come, we hope to see you at next year's picnic.



2021 ANNUAL SPFF PICNIC REPORT (CONT.)



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OUTINGS

by Jim Fleisher

NYMPHING CLINIC OCTOBER 29-30, 2021

The annual Nymphing Clinic will take place the weekend of October 29-31. We will be based in the town of Bishop, CA. It will consist of two mornings of instruction, on Friday and Saturday. The clinic will be geared to teaching you how to fish with nymphs. We have a group of skilled instructors available. The plan is for a short didactic meeting Friday morning and then on-the-water instruction Friday and Saturday until about 1:00PM. Free time for fishing on your own the rest of the day.

We plan on instruction taking place on the Lower Owens River but this may change to alternate locations depending on water flow rates. Your expenses will be only the cost of your food and lodging...there is no charge for the clinic. Saturday evening we will enjoy a no-host group dinner at Astorga's Restaurant.

Nymph fishing is a very successful way to catch fish, especially since about 90% of their feeding is done under water. Various techniques will be taught including indicator nymphing, dry dropper, and the now very popular Euro or tight line nymphing. Plan to join our excellent instructors or just come up for a weekend of fishing with fellow club members and a nice dinner.

You must be an SPFF member to be a student in the clinic. Check on the event calendar on the SPFF website for further information and to register. There is a limit to the number of students, so early registration is advised.

SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	1
Board Meeting	2
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	4
California FREE Fishing Day - no license required	4
Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	8
Double Haul Clinic	12
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Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	22
Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	29

OCTOBER

Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	2
Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	6
Board Meeting	7
Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	13
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	16
SWC-FFI Fall Quarterly Meeting	16
Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	20
General Meeting	21
Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	27
Nymphing Clinic	29-31

NOVEMBER

Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	3
Board Meeting	4
FFI Virtual Expo 2021	5-7
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	6
Fly Tying (in person & via Zoom)	10
Fall FLY-BUY (Long Beach)	13
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FLY TYING UPDATE

by Michael Peratis

The Fly Tying Group continues to evolve. We're four weeks into our In-Person meetings with Zoom simulcasts to our Out-Of-Town tiers. We hit a few bumps along the way with the simulcasting but most of the difficulties appear to be behind us. Fingers crossed!

Although there are technical limitations that now prevent the tiers on Zoom from being able to demonstrate and teach, the In-Person tiers are picking up the slack. We've also been able to attract a few guest tiers of world renown (really) to teach us. John Van Derhoof and Steven Fernandez are going to join us this month...this is a pretty big deal.

Here's another thing we do...are a few of us are keeping up the long standing tradition of meeting for dinner before our tying sessions to tell tall tales about our fishing adventures. Good food & fun stuff.

Are you a fly tier? If yes, I encourage you to join our happy group. If not, keep watching for information in the newsletter and on our website announcing the sign-ups for the 2022 Beginning Fly Tying Class. If you have questions or would like more information please contact me at education2@spff.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

by Catrina White

Please join us on our social media sites:

Facebook - SPFF Foundation

Instagram - SPFF Foundation

We have many groups under the umbrella heading of SPFF Foundation to suit your needs from making new fishing friends, Women's programs, participate in programming live on Facebook, and other great groups such as rod building, fly tying, and trade/barter/sell your fishing equipment. We look forward to seeing you virtually!

For questions, comments, and suggestions, please contact: Socialmedia@SPFF.org

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CASTING CORNER

by Jody Martin

Answer to last month's question: Rod choice is always a personal decision and a personal preference. But in general, the graphite and boron rods of today are considered "faster" rods, meaning they bend less along the length of the rod and primarily just at the tip (and so they are sometimes called "tip flex" rods). The advantages are in less weight (they weigh less than a comparable bamboo rod), greater power, and in casting distance. Bamboo rods are usually heavier and softer, flexing all the way along the length of the rod. Advantages are usually in more delicate presentations and shorter casts. Fiberglass rods are variable but tend to be closer to bamboo than to graphite. Many fly fishers prefer bamboo and fiberglass for small stream and dry fly fishing, where delicate presentations are more important. See also the answers in this year's February issue of the Fly Paper.

This month's question: There are many different fly lines available today. RIO alone makes (at my last count) 57 different freshwater fly lines and 33 different saltwater lines, not counting their spey lines. And then there are Orvis, AirFlo, Scientific Anglers, Cortland, Snowbee, etc. Can you describe three different types of "line tapers" and how they affect your fly casting?

Feel free to email me with your answers, questions, or suggestions for future topics! jmartin.nhm@gmail.com

MORE CASTING NEWS

by Jody Martin (casting@swcffi.org)

SWC ACTIVITIES and GENERAL INFORMATION: We had a great FFI Casting Skills day on Saturday, August 21, on the grass field by the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center, and I want to thank Eric Callow, Chris Capune, and John Roberts for helping to oversee the event. Two SPFF casters, Cece Rubin and Tom Wright, achieved their Bronze casting levels, and it seemed like everyone had a good time and learned something helpful.

COMING UP: Mark your calendars now for the **FFI Virtual Expo** (November 5-7) and the **SWC Fly Buy** with the **Long Beach Casting Club** (November 13), both of which will include casting events and opportunities. There are many casting presentations planned for the Expo, and you will want to check out all of the titles in advance to plan your days. For the Fly Buy in Long Beach, in addition to incredible fly tying, great food, vendor booths, raffles, auctions, and more (see elsewhere), the casting activities (live, not virtual!) will include:

- Casting Lessons (on a pay-to-play basis, for \$1 / minute with 20-minute minimum)
- FFI Casting Skills Development course set up
- CI Certification casting course set up (not testing for certification, just for demo and information)
- Casting Games: Tic-Tac-Toe, Hit The Fish, Casting through Hoops, and more
- Demonstration of Two-Handed Casting
- Demonstration of the Double Haul

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

by Catrina White

Hello everyone!

I hope this finds you well and healthy! We certainly have had quite the year, haven't we? Although COVID-19 is still rearing its ugly head, I know many of us were able to escape our properties in search of rushing water, and the lure of the tug.

I found myself in Idaho and Wyoming, narrowly escaping the floods in Utah. While it was wonderful finally seeing our families again, the main focus of our vacation was to meet a guide in Henry's Fork. We had a wonderful day fishing, and the next day was equally as wonderful fishing on my own. Who knew that working with a guide would be so helpful?

The guide, Karlie Roland, is part of a large network of women anglers who have been so helpful to me on this journey. Karlie not only helped me to hook a fish or two, but helped in hooking me up into the wonderful network of women in United Women on the Fly.

Not only are they internationally recognized, but the Women's Program of SouthWest Council and Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers are also recognized in the international community.

We have Women anglers who join our programs from 11 countries so far (!!!!) and 37 states in our union.



This brings me to this: we are only as strong as our membership.

You may have seen an email sent to our members which included a survey which asked about what YOU want to see in Women's Programs.

None of us can do our jobs properly in representing women in fly fishing if we don't have input from the community at large.

I have been working hard to be representative of our community, but feel like I have come to a standstill. This is where the collective you come in.

I need your assistance. Do you have a female angler who isn't in a club but wants to fish with other women?

Do you have a speaker you would like to present to our group?

We need new blood in our clubs, and without new members, our clubs are in danger of shuttering their doors for good.

Could you please help and spread the word and the message of SWC and Sierra Pacific, and/or your club?

Also, I am in need of another woman or two to assist me with our programs and fundraising so that our programs will continue long after my tenure at the helm.

I would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Speaking of new blood, our speaker for September is a young lady, fresh from UCLA who is the only female known to have their own bamboo rod building business. Olivia Elia has made quite an impression on the community, and has made quite the name for herself and her rods. She will be speaking Sept. 24 at 6:00 PM PST. I hope you can join us via zoom for our upcoming programs.

Please feel free to send me an email or a text, or via social media, and let's get more of us involved.



What IS Fly Buy?

ANSWER: Part fishing tackle garage sale, part fly-fishing carnival and all fun.

- When: November 13, 2021
- Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Where: Long Beach Casting Club - 5201 E 7th St, Long Beach, CA 90804
- Download & share the PDF flyer | [click here](#)
- MORE INFO on our website | [click here](#)

ALL DAY EVENTS

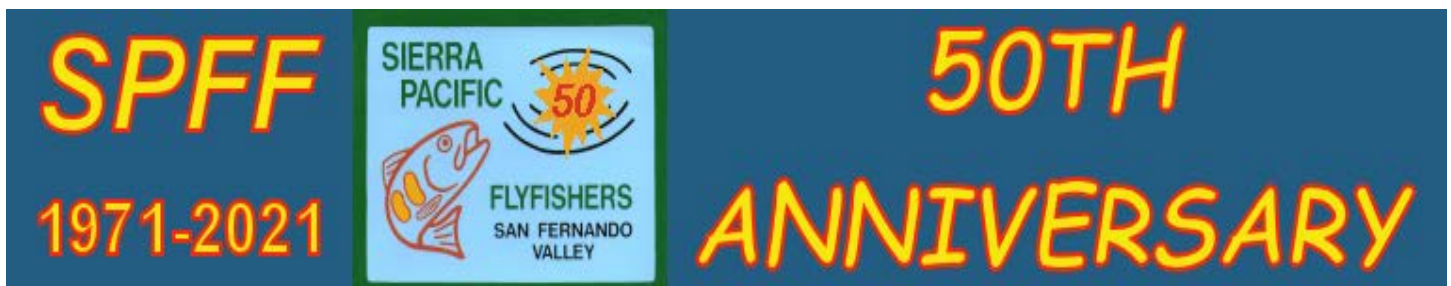
- Fly Tying
- Kids' Fly Tying
- A Garage Sale
- Casting Lessons, Activities, and Games
- Silent Auction and Raffles.

FLY TYING CLASSES

- Twenty of Southern California's best fly tiers – including national and international award-winners – will be on hand to demonstrate their fresh and saltwater fish-catching fly patterns and techniques.
- Fly patterns will range from Eastern Sierra trout, bass bugs to surf fishing, local ocean breakwaters, and offshore big game.

FREE FLY TYING FOR CHILDREN

- We will have tiers available to teach kids to tie their first fly.



MEDIA SPECTACULAR: CALL FOR PROGRAMS

Please consider creating a presentation to share your fly fishing adventures at our dinner meeting on December 16, 2021. We hope to have our meeting at Encino Glen, but if circumstances do not permit an indoor meeting, we will have a Zoom program!

We will show slide shows and videos created by our members illustrating their adventures. You can prepare a digital slide show or short video using a presentation program on your computer, with or without sound.

Programs should be approximately 5 minutes in length.

If you are using a Windows PC you can use PowerPoint or MovieMaker, on a Mac you can use Keynote or iMovie. If you can contribute a slide show, a short video or have questions, please email Glenn Short

[<glenn.short@gmail.com>.](mailto:glenn.short@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to seeing where you've been and what you've been catching, and we hope to share a drink and a meal.

FFI VIRTUAL EXPO REMINDER

A promotional graphic for the Fly Fishers International Virtual Expo 2021. The background is a composite image featuring a fly fisher in a hat and vest casting a line, with a large, detailed image of a fish's head in the foreground. The text 'Save the Date November 5 - 7, 2021' is prominently displayed at the bottom. The FFI logo and event title are in the top left, and the tagline 'ALL FISH, ALL WATERS' is on the right.

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FLY FISHERS ETIQUETTE

by Joe Radocchio

SWCFFI Education Director

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Webster defines etiquette as follows.

the conduct or procedure required by good breeding or prescribed by authority to be observed in social or official life

I underlined the last portion of the definition in order to emphasize the point that etiquette doesn't refer to just social situations. So, it's not just what spoon is utilized for soup or which glass is for water verses wine.

Fishing in general has several of what I consider "unwritten rules" depending on the type of fishing that you enjoy pursuing. For example, if you prefer to take a charter boat out for a number of days looking for tuna, the captain will most likely pass along a number of rules that he feels are necessary for all involved in order to keep people safe and to ensure that all on board have a chance to catch fish and enjoy the experience. If you hire a guide to take a drift boat down the Big Horn, he will probably pass along what he considers essential rules to be followed for everyone's safety and fishing enjoyment while on the water.

The above two scenarios probably seem like common sense since we are talking about multiple people on boats that are either on the ocean or a lake/river. In the case of an individual fishing a stream or lake it becomes down to what this person feels is appropriate with regards to their impact on fellow anglers that they may encounter during their day on the water. If you go back to Webster's definition above, the reference to "good breeding" now comes into play. Some people have it, some people don't, but I would like to think that everyone can learn these unwritten rules, if they are exposed to them through education.

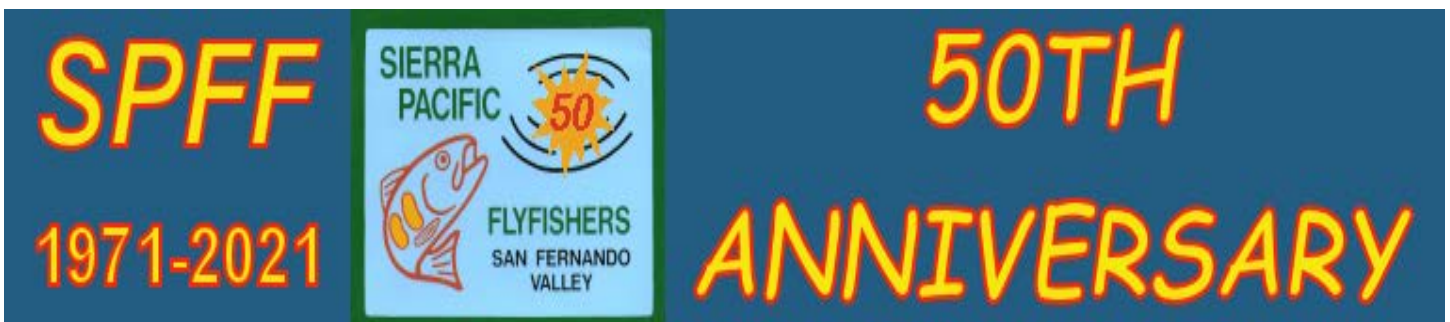
Fly fishing is a little unique from the perspective that our casting of a fly line requires in most cases an area around us that is free of people. In addition to the fact that we have a lot of line in the air, fly fishers normally are either drifting a dry fly or nymph on a river and this too requires a little more area than the spin and bait fishermen normally don't require. The so-called rules that I am about to present really should be followed by all anglers, not just fly fishers and you will probably say to yourself that these rules are just common sense, and they are common sense but unfortunately there still are people that need a little help.

The following list of rules that I have included here is probably not complete, but I have tried to list what I consider the important ones that if not adhered to, will cause the biggest issues among anglers.

FLY FISHERS ETIQUETTE (CONT.)

- Starting with the basic rule of first come first served, the first angler to start fishing a section of water owns that section.
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- If an angler appears to be resting or studying a section of water, it is still his or her water. Don't intrude or jump in without asking for permission.
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- Don't crowd another angler. You wouldn't want someone getting so close to you that it would impact your fishing, so make sure that you respect other anglers' space.
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- If you are moving up or down a river and encounter another angler fishing a section of water, do your best to go around them without potentially spooking any fish.
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- Many fishermen prefer to work a river or stream by moving up stream to not spook the fish since the fish most likely are facing into the current. Therefore, it makes sense that a fisherman working up stream should have the right of way as opposed to one moving down stream.
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- If an angler has a fish on their line, make sure that you give them sufficient room to fight and land the fish.
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- Don't enter the river directly across from another angler.
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- It is always a good idea to try and limit how much wading you do in order to minimize the impact to the aquatic food source.
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- If you want to fish a body of water that flows through private property, make sure that you ask for permission. If permission is granted, make sure that you respect the owner's rules and protect their property. If permission is not granted, thank them and move on without an argument. At some point in the future, you may want to try again and the next time they might say yes assuming you treated them respect in the past.
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- Finally, please don't litter. Make sure that you don't leave behind water bottles, paper wrappers, leader packages, spent tippet spools, etc.

These are just some of the rules that should be on everyone's mind when out fishing. Many people would say that it is simple common sense, but sometimes it helps to have a little refresher course.



SWCFFI | SPECIAL PROJECTS

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See a new part of Southern California? Come join us on a fly-only one day saltwater trip out of Oxnard and fish the Channel Islands. The islands get less angling pressure and the fishing CAN be off the charts. We will be fishing for California Kelp Bass (calico bass), yellowtail, white seabass, barracuda and bonito. We never know what will show up as it is dependent on water temperatures and currents but with two islands to choose from, there is always a place that is biting. Here are the details . . .

- Includes bunk (bring your own pillow)
- bait (for chumming up fish)
- water and a lox/bagels/fixings breakfast.

ONE DATE LEFT: October 30 (Saturday)

COST: 250.00 per person

LIMITED LOAD: Anglers - trip is limited to 6 anglers and the host.

MORE INFO: Download the PDF flyer with all the info [\[click here\]](#).

Questions regarding gear, load-in time or any other detail, please contact Michael Schweit at: 818.601-9702.

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