

FFCOC- Wednesday, July 14th

Presentation begins at 7:30PM



NYMPHING LIKE A EUROPEAN with *Dave Smith*

In the past few seasons, the technique known as “*Euro nymphing*” or “*tight line nymphing*” has gone from being a buzz word in competitive angling to an everyday technique used by anglers throughout the world. Although simple in concept, and not so very different from what we all know as “*high sticking*”, the technique still leaves many fly fishers scratching their head and wondering what all the fuss is about.

Competition rules prohibit the use of split shot and suspension devices (floating strike indicators), giving rise to a new style of nymph fishing that uses longer rods and heavier flies. Every day anglers benefit from the technology advances (e.g. rod design and accessories like packs and clothing) that are passed down from competitions.

George Daniel’s best-selling book *Dynamic Nymphing* along with various videos of *Devin Olsen* (both speakers on our Southern California circuit) is excellent reference material for all nymphing styles. Our July presenter, San Diego angler Dave Smith will focus on this and other tournament techniques that can easily be applied to our local Sierra fly fishing.

You can follow Dave on his websites:

<https://www.facebook.com/dave.smith3>

[Dave Smith \(@sdflyangler\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Dave is a multi-faceted and multi-species fly angler and fly tier who chases everything from alpine trout to Belizean bonefish, carp and mako sharks. He’s been a competition trout angler since 2012, with appearances nationally at two *Team USA National Championships*, *America’s Cup* international competition, and many regional events throughout the western United States. In addition, Dave was on the Professional Fly Angling tour in 2014 and has competed internationally in New Zealand including the *Oceania Fly Fishing Championships* in 2012. Through his competition career, Dave has gathered tips and tricks from fishing a vast variety of waters all over the US and internationally.

Dave is looking to share all the hard-earned information and tricks he has learned in competition fly fishing with you. He is confident that they will equate to more fish hooked, landed and you being more efficient with your fly angling. These tactics can be applied to more than just European nymphing techniques. Dave has given presentations for multiple fly fishing clubs and organizations in the past and has lead on the water clinics and trainings for fly fishing clubs and organizations.

You will often find Dave fishing with his wife, Lesley. Together they love traveling all over the world chasing fish that will eat a fly.

