



## RAFFLE

There will be lots of raffle items at the March fundraiser, including:

- Tankara Santo Fly Rod
- SA 7-8 reel
- 5-6 reel with line
- Fly line 5 wt
- Fly line backing
- Orvis pint beer glass
- Orvis gloves
- Fanny pack
- SPFF logo hat
- LED lamp for fly tyers
- Books
- Fly boxes

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# ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND LIVE AUCTION: THURSDAY, MARCH 21

## GREAT DEALS + DO GOOD!

Please plan to join us for our annual Sierra Pacific Flyfishers' Fund Raising Auction on Thursday, March 21st, at the Monterey at Encino. The Silent Auction tables will open at 5:30 p.m., with a Live Auction following dinner. You will find discounts of 30% to 60% below retail. A catalog will be posted on our club website before the event <[spff.org](http://spff.org)>. The Silent auction will include an impressive lineup of fishing trips, a stay at a Mammoth Lakes condo, fly rods, reels, clothing and more.

All net proceeds will go to Sierra Pacific Flyfishers Foundation's conservation and education programs. Don't forget to make your dinner reservation and bring your cash, credit cards or checkbook.

A very few of the highlights include:



### A GUIDED DAY WITH BRITISH LEGEND CHARLES JARDINE

The winning bidder will enjoy a day on one of the fabled chalk streams of Southern England with guide, artist and author Charles Jardine. Charles will dispense knowledge (and probably a few flies) on some of the UK's best water. (Does not include airfare to the UK, hotel or transportation, or any applicable river fees.)

### BEHIND-THE SCENES TOUR OF THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Your host will be our own Dr. Jody Martin, Curator of Crustacea, Chief of the Division of Invertebrae Studies.



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# ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

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## GUIDED FISHING IN COLORADO WITH LANDON MAYER

Two days of guided fishing for the price of one day in Colorado with Landon Mayer, noted guide, instructor and writer. A recent SPFF speaker, Landon is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* magazines.



## SEE A LIVE TAPING OF “THE VOICE” AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS.

Cheer on your favorite acts in the fabulous VOICE stage at Universal. See how the magic happens on one of TV’s most popular shows.



## 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. You can join on our website at:

[spff.org/New Member Signup](http://spff.org/New Member Signup)

SPFF always welcomes new members.

## 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

### MARCH

Introduction to Fly Fishing - Class #2 .....	2
Fred Hall Show @ Long Beach .....	6-10
PHW Vets .....	7
Board Meeting .....	7
Introduction to Fly Fishing - Class #3 .....	9
Introduction to Fly Fishing - Class #4 .....	16
PHW Vets .....	21
Dinner Meeting ( <b>Annual Auction Fundraiser</b> ) .....	21
ITFF Graduation Outing.....	29-31

### APRIL

PHW Vets .....	4
Board Meeting .....	4
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	6
PHW Vets .....	18
Dinner Meeting (Kirk Johnson, “The Feather Thief”).....	18
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	20
Bamboo Rod Gathering (PCC).....	27
<b>General Trout Season Opens!</b> .....	27

### MAY

PHW Vets .....	2
Board Meeting .....	2
Riptide Rendezvous.....	4
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	4
PHW Vets .....	16
Dinner Meeting (Devin Olsen, “European Nymphing Techniques That Work Everywhere”).....	16
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	18

Thank you for submitting your Newsletter Items to [news@spff.org](mailto:news@spff.org) by the 3rd Thursday of each month. Look for the Newsletter on [spff.org](http://spff.org) at the beginning of each month.



SIERRA PACIFIC FLY FISHERS

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

Last month we held our annual Super Bowl outing in the Bishop area. Though the weather was dicey and the Rams were in the Super Bowl, not exactly an enthralling contest

as it turns out, a hardy group of about 25 intrepid anglers made the trip. It turned out to be an interesting adventure; we had rain, snow and even a bit of sun. Some caught fish on one day but none the next, others vice versa.



As usual, we spread out all over the area. Charles and Ellie Britain even hiked through the snow to Hot Creek on Friday while several of us tried to get there on Saturday but were turned back at Tom's Place

by the whiteout snowfall, only to find a honey hole of rising browns at the Paradise Valley Dam. Each place was dead one day and fishy the next. That's what keeps it interesting!

We had a nice dinner at Whiskey Creek on Saturday night, told lies (sorry, I mean stories) as usual and had a fiercely competitive lottery in which the best prize was a pink SPFF hat, which was appropriately won by Ellie. I was pleased to meet John Stevenson, Past President 1997-99, who now lives in Bishop.

Our February dinner meeting was an especially good one, with an excellent presentation by Jim Cox of Western Rivers Conservatory. I was pleased to see several guests and potential new members at the meeting. We need more of them to keep our club growing and healthy.

In March we are having our annual Fundraiser, pushed back from last fall to allow more time for us to lose or break our stuff so we can buy more. Seriously, we will have some great items, not all fishing related and including some terrific trip discounts. I've gotten several of these in the past and had wonderful trips to places I wouldn't have seen otherwise. We need your support, as this is one of our main sources of income for our activities. Open your hearts and wallets and support your club!

Our dinner meeting attendance has been tailing off somewhat, perhaps in part due to the awful weather this winter. I don't think this is because of the quality of the

speakers, which have been excellent, and the food has been as good or better than in the past. If cost is an issue, or you can't get there on time for dinner, you are always welcome to come without having dinner and no one will mind; we're not that kind of club. For me the best part of the evening is hanging out and catching up with each other. It's a highlight of my month, as is the Wednesday evening fly tying group. I'll never tie like Steve Fernandez or Michael Peratis but I am able to make serviceable flies that look pretty much like they should. If you haven't been lately, I encourage you to do so. We recognize that there is ever increasing demand for our attention with social media, 24 hour news and the like. It's great to get back to in-person contact with no political agenda once in a while.

Speaking of political agendas, I've observed that our members are all over the map, from right to left, Trump to Obama. Despite the vitriol that spews from Twitter and the like, we all get along and treat each other with respect. I wish the rest of the country could act as we do. We'd get a lot more done.

--Rich Ress

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## OUTINGS REPORT

by Jim Fleisher

### GETTING STARTED OUTING (GSO) ALERT

I wish to convey two items of importance for the GSO occurring July 19-21, 2019.

Through the efforts of Michael Schweit, we again have a reservation at the Group Campsite at Shady Rest Campground in Mammoth Lakes. There is a fee, which will be divided amongst the campers. If you are interested in securing a campsite, please contact Michael at [msangler@earthlink.net](mailto:msangler@earthlink.net) or call him at 818-601-9702. This information will also be on the website for the GSO outing in the event calendar.

Secondly, in past years a large group has secured several condominiums in Mammoth Lakes, which are all close by to afford group meals and recreational time. This year a block of condominiums will be available at a reduced rate at the **1849 Condominiums**, which is located near the top of Lakeview Blvd. just before Canyon Ski Lodge. In order to get an idea of how many members are interested, please contact Michael Peratis ([mperatis@aol.com](mailto:mperatis@aol.com) or 818-645-6031) and he will facilitate arrangements. You can get more information at [1849condos.com](http://1849condos.com). This information will also be available on the website once registrations are open.

## MONTHLY DINNER PROGRAM MEETINGS

THIRD THURSDAY

Monterey At Encino

16821 Burbank Blvd., Encino, CA 91436

5:30 Cocktails and Silent Auction

7:00 Dinner / Live Auction follows

\$32.00 Cash or Check, No Cards

Non-dining guests are FREE!

**Reserve Dinner by Monday prior**

818.789.1919

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### MARCH DINNER MENU:

Appetizer

Green Salad

Entree

Seafood Brochettes or Chicken Brochettes

Rice and Green Beans

Dessert

Ice Cream Sundae

## CONSERVATION REPORT: CALTROUT SO CAL INITIATIVE

by John Tobin

[California Trout](#) (CalTrout) is the 48-year-old conservation organization whose mission is “Ensuring resilient wild fish in healthy waters for a better California”. They are probably best known for their science-based projects on behalf of trout, steelhead and salmon in northern California waters, such as Hat Creek, the McCloud, Klamath, Fall and Eel rivers, and trout in Hot Creek and the Owens River in the eastern Sierra. CalTrout also has significant steelhead recovery projects in Los Angeles, Ventura and Orange counties. As the leader of the South Coast Steelhead Coalition CalTrout is doing habitat restoration, fish passage projects and invasive species removal on the Santa Clara River watershed and, farther south, Trabuco Creek. CalTrout also continues to have a leadership role in the long-running Matilija and Rindge dam removal projects, which are projected to see completion in 8 to 12 years. These are just a few of the many projects and initiatives that CalTrout is engaged in.

Of special note for us here in the southland, CalTrout has added a southern California initiative to its 2019 strategic plan. One goal of this initiative is to protect and enhance the wild trout populations of our local streams, several of which harbor resident fish with steelhead ancestry, such as in the tributaries of the San Gabriel River. In the parlance of steelhead restoration science these are called Core 1 streams because they are repositories of potential steelhead genetic stock. This would be in line with the first of CalTrout’s five guiding initiatives, to “Protect the Best”. (The others are “Integrate Wild Fish and Working Landscapes, Reconnect Habitat, Steward Source Water Areas, and Restore Estuaries”). CalTrout is also invested in enlarging its membership in southern California, and in recruiting additional board members from the southland who can represent our interests.

As a first step in this engagement CalTrout has established the Southern California Advisory Council. Headed by southern California board member Mr. Ed De La Rosa, the Council includes representatives from several of our local fly fishing clubs, the Southwest Council of the IFF, and other local CalTrout supporters. Members act as ambassadors to the local fishing clubs and other organizations to garner support and to gather ideas for potential southern California trout conservation projects. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. De La Rosa at [srockfalls@me.com](mailto:srockfalls@me.com).

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# INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING

## INTRODUCTION TO FLY TYING ~ OUR CLASS OF 2019



Alice Hulac-Morentin

Lianca Bowden

Sue Chung

### Introduction to Fly Tying Class Graduation ~ February 20, 2019

Congratulations to our graduates: **Alice Hulac-Morentin, Lianca Bowden, and Sue Chung**; not only for successfully completing the seven week course but for putting up with rain and sometimes almost freezing temperatures...just to get to class. Notice the foul weather outfits!

Thanks to our instructors, **Rich Ress, Dan Liggett, Gene Mahn, Bill Woods, and David Hoffberg**. Without them this class couldn't happen.

Thanks also to **Charles Brittain** who created a special semi-heated area at Mt. Aire for the class to take place, complete with a large screen TV monitor.

Our graduates are now allowed to join us tying flies in the grownup's area....and, *more importantly*, they qualify to attend our fantastic Fly Tier's Pot-Luck Christmas Party & Silly Gift Exchange.



# PHOTOS FROM 2019 SUPER BOWL OUTING



## CONSERVATION REPORT: NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT

By Ed Swanson

On February 26, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Natural Resources Management Act. Previously passed in the Senate by a vote of 92-8, the Act now awaits President Trump's signature.

The NRMA is an amalgam of more than 100 public lands, natural resources, and water protections bills, all combined into one massive bill of more than 650 pages in length.

Perhaps the most important part of the NRMA is the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Since 1965, the Fund had received nearly \$4 billion in oil and gas leasing royalties which it then used for more than 40,000 conservation and land projects across the country, boosting national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas. The Fund's authorization had expired periodically, most recently in late 2018, but now will be permanently authorized.

The NRMA also includes the Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act, which would bar new mining claims on 30,000 acres of public land just outside of Yellowstone National Park in the Paradise Valley.

In addition, approximately 1.3 million acres of land in California, Oregon, Utah and New Mexico would be designated as wilderness, six new National Parks Service units would be created, some existing national parks would be enlarged (with 40,000 acres of land to be added to Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks), and hundreds of miles of rivers, would receive protection from development or damming.

An excellent short article on the NRMA can be found at <https://www.tu.org/blog-posts/big-day-for-public-lands-big-day-for-anglers>.



## EQUIPMENT REPORT: IT AIN'T HEAVY, IT'S MY FLY REEL

by Marshall Bissett

Manufacturers are now striving to create the lightest possible fly reels. However, there are instances where these are not suitable. Those of you who are getting into Euro nymphing may have encountered a fairly common problem. The "Euro" style rods such as the Redington Hydrogen, Cortland Competition and Echo Shadow 2, mostly 10-11 feet in length, tend to be light in the butt and heavy at the tip. The fishing style (a derivative of high sticking) calls for your arm to be held out and up as if you were waving to a neighbor across the street. Unless your rod is balanced, this can be very tiring.

What is "balanced" you might ask? Place your index finger under the joint where the cork meets the blank with the reel attached and the rod should remain more or less horizontal. If it does not, and falls down at the tip end, your reel is not heavy enough. This leaves you two options: get a larger, heavier reel or try this ingenious fix.

Many of us have leadcore (the dark grey sinking line material designated T-9 thru T-14) lying around, or you can buy it at Fishermen's Spot. You will need about 50-75 feet depending on the rod/reel you are balancing. Make a temporary connection – this could even be Scotch tape – to the end of your fly line and slowly wind on as much leadcore as you need to balance your outfit. Remove the leadcore and then, using a line winder, strip off all the fly line and backing from your reel leaving about a 1- foot tag on the arbor.

Do not attempt this in your living room, especially if you have a cat! Attach the leadcore to the tag with a nail knot and wind on to reel. Then attach your backing with a nail knot and evenly wind it and the fly line. Voila! You now have a heavier, balanced system.

If you don't want to use leadcore, you could wrap fly tier's lead wire directly around the arbor. I have not tried this but I am told that it works. It seems like a hassle but you will appreciate it after a long day holding out a very long rod. It's also good exercise for your winding hand!



# CONSERVATION REPORT: OWENS RIVER CLEAN UP

by Chris Leonard

Attendees of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Owens River Clean Up woke up to a dusting of snowfall in Bishop, California on Saturday, February 9. It didn't however stop thirty-five brave, hearty souls from meeting at the Pleasant Valley Campground at 8AM for baked goods and coffee. Event organizer Chris Leonard thanked the volunteers for showing up, and handed them trash bags to divide and conquer the river for the morning. The volunteers were composed of about half local folk and half Southern Californians who traveled north for the event.



As usual, an assortment of various waste was removed from the river. Everything from the usual spent beer cans, worm containers, and fishing line to broken mirrors and rolls of carpet. The good news is that everyone agreed that the river looked cleaner this year. In five years of an estimated 250 total people working 4 hours, that's 1,000 hours of picking up trash since the inaugural clean up in 2015. The volunteers were served lunch and almost everyone walked away with free swag raffled off.

A huge "thank you" goes out to this year's supporters: California Deer Association, California Waterfowl Association, Caltrout, Ducks Unlimited, Eastern Sierra Fish Reports,

Erick Schat's Bakery, Great Basin Bakery, Golden Trout Lanyards, Inyo Recycling and Waste Management, KIBS Radio, Kittredge Sports Guide Service, KMMT-KRHV Radio, Preferred Septic and Disposal, Rio, Redington, and Sage, Sierra Mountain Trout Guide Service, Snowbee, Silver Lake Resort, Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International, Tenkara Tanuki Fishing Rods, Trout Unlimited, and Virginia Lakes Resort.



Next year's event will be Saturday, February 8, 2020 – always the Saturday following the Super Bowl. People interested in making donations for the raffle – or any inquiries - can call Chris Leonard at 818.288.3271.



## SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

The Board of Directors and membership of the Sierra Pacific Flyfishers wish to express their appreciation to the retailers below. Their promotion of our club and its activities throughout the year, and their contributions of products and services help us to continue the various public services that we offer.

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