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- Fly Bos
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**DINNER MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 16**

**TARPON DON'T EAT WOOLY BUGGERS - AN INTRODUCTION TO FLATS FISHING**

with **KESLEY GALLAGHER**

by Marshall Bissett

Newcomers are often intimidated by the very thought of flats fishing. The endless idyllic expanses of crystal clear, warm Caribbean waters are often offset by images of constant wind, spooky fish and long casts. Our July presentation will convince you that it's worth a try. You will soon think of it as streamer fishing in paradise.



Common destinations are Florida, the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and the Bahamas, and for the more adventurous

there is Christmas Island, The Seychelles and Venezuela. Your 6 or 7 weight streamer rod might land your first bonefish. If you're ready to trade a drift boat trip in Montana for a panga in Mexico, don't miss this excellent presentation.



Local fly fishing celebrity Kesley Gallagher will cover flats basics such as gear, what to wear, where to go to get started, and give a basic

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overview of how to fish from a flats boat with a guide. The program will discuss specific fish species such as redfish, bonefish, permit, and tarpon and how to fish for them. It is intended for novice and intermediate anglers but will delve into more advanced techniques such as casting with wind and situational awareness from a technical perspective. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Kesley Gallagher has been fly fishing since she was 10 years old. She has traveled to such places as Labrador for trophy brook trout, the Bahamas and Hawaii for bonefish,



Louisiana for trophy redfish, Belize and the Mexican Yucatan for permit, Costa Rica for trophy tarpon, and throughout the United States. Kesley has 10 IGFA records on fly thus far and enjoys competing in tournaments such as the Ladies Tarpon Fly Tournament in Islamorada, Florida, which she won in 2018. Kesley has frequently presented on introduction to fly fishing for women as well as her fly-fishing journeys. However, in 2019, she will be touring the Southern California fly fishing clubs and presenting on an introduction to flats fishing for redfish, bonefish, permit, and permit. Kesley is currently a Rio Products Ambassador, Cal Trout Ambassador, Simms Pro, and works for Amgen in Thousand Oaks, CA.



## SPFF PICNIC IN AUGUST!

By Glenn Short

We hope to see you at the annual picnic on August 18. There will be free food and non-alcoholic beverages!

Kevin Radanovich will host a fly fishing “garage” sale to benefit the club. You can bring donations, or call Kevin at (818) 421-2044 to arrange to drop-off your donation in Woodland Hills, or discuss the possibility of having it picked up.

Bill Woods will be on the beach at 7:00 a.m. to provide surf fishing expertise, and there are helpful surf fishing articles on the club website.\*

August in the Valley will be HOT—enjoy shade, picnic tables and much cooler temperatures. Mark your calendar !

Sunday, August 18  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

at

Rincon Beach Park in Carpinteria  
(Highway 101 @ Bates Road)



*Low tide: 5:57 a.m.  
High tide: 12:20 p.m.*

*Alcohol is permitted for those over 21 • Smoking is prohibited.  
Dogs must be on a leash at all times.*

*\* Don't forget your 2019 Fishing License with an Ocean Enhancement Validation.*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

Our club has been quite busy lately and we have several upcoming events to look forward to. A couple of weeks ago we had our Hot Creek Ranch outing. Conditions on the creek were challenging, with flows having doubled just before our arrival as warmer weather began the melt of the huge snowpack on Mammoth Mountain. They are still skiing up there



and a recent report said that there was 87 feet of snow remaining at the summit. The water at the Ranch was like chocolate milk when we arrived on Friday afternoon, with the typical howling winds as well. Fortunately, the winds died down for the rest of the weekend, the water cleared somewhat though

it still looked more like a river than a spring creek, and the weather was glorious. Fishing was almost entirely nymphing; despite a prodigious caddis hatch each afternoon there were almost no rises. A few fish were caught on dries but most were subsurface. On Saturday evening, as the sun was setting, I was at the site called the Aquarium, trying my hand at tight line nymphing for the first time when a big fish rose not 12" from my feet. I swear I could hear him laughing. Success was directly related to the nymphing skills of the fishermen; I caught a few and lost a few more using a 2 nymph rig with a yarn indicator. Aron Dokovna's son Daniel did well, as he always does at the Ranch. Rick Russo, on the other hand, caught many fish on his meticulously created and fished tight line setup. I hope he will be able to join the instructors for the nymphing clinic in the fall to help those of us who haven't gotten into this type of fishing to try it. Once again, I am impressed with the depth and breadth of knowledge of our members, and their willingness to teach and share with each other.

For me, the best part of this event is the camaraderie we share on the Ranch. Whether it's fishing together, sharing drinks before (and after) dinner or barbecuing

on the lovely new Weber grills Kevin put out for us, it's one of my favorite places to be. It's not like fishing in Montana or Alaska but there's no other place like it.

Signup for the GSO and the nymphing clinic has been slow. I know that many people sign up late or just show up but it makes it hard for us to plan our instructors' schedules and the Saturday night dinner. If you are able to go, and I encourage you to do so, please go to the website and sign up. If you have any trouble with it, call or email Jim Fleisher, our Outings Chair, for assistance.

At our Board meetings each month we have looked at ways to increase participation. One decision has been to move the 2020 ITFF to January and make the Super Bowl outing our graduation trip as well. This will avoid getting into the runoff that caused the postponement of this year's graduation trip until the GSO. This way our new members will have two chances for real world fishing while the enthusiasm of the course is fresh.

Finally, don't forget our annual picnic at Rincon Beach on August 18. This is a great event, an escape from the summer heat in the Valley and an opportunity for some surf fishing if you care to do so.

I hope to see you on the water soon,

## DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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## EDUCATION

by Michael Peratis

### FLY TYING

This short notice is targeted at those of you who **DON'T** attend our fly tying sessions. As you may or may not know, we meet weekly during most of the year to learn how to tie flies which are later used to tempt trout, bass, and various species that hang out in the surf.

The way we operate is as follows: For a couple of hours each week a member of our group demonstrates & then step-by-step teaches a favorite or a new fly to the rest of us.

Lucky us....every so often we're very fortunate to have outstanding people from the fly tying world come to instruct us. So far this year we've been joined by Dean Endress, John VanDerhoof, Steven Fernandez and Naomi Okamoto.

We would like to have you join us. Think you might be interested? Give me a shout at [education2@spff.org](mailto:education2@spff.org).

## 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 members:

**RON LUBOFF**  
**TIM McELROY**

## 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

### JULY

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Independence Day .....  | 4     |
| Casting Clinic at Lake Balboa .....   | 6     |
| Project Healing Waters Vets .....   | 11    |
| Board Meeting .....   | 11    |
| SWC FFI Quarterly Meeting .....   | 13    |
| Dinner Meeting (Kesley Gallagher,<br>"Introduction to Flats Fishing") ..... | 16    |
| Project Healing Waters Vets .....   | 18    |
| Get Started Outing .....  | 19-21 |
| FFI Fly Fishing Expo (Bozeman, MT) .....                                    | 23-27 |
| Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....  | 27    |
| ACA Casting Championship (PCC) .....  | 31    |

### AUGUST

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| ACA Casting Championship (PCC) ..... | 1-4 |
| Project Healing Waters Vets .....    | 1   |
| Board Meeting .....                  | 1   |
| Casting Clinic at Lake Balboa .....  | 10  |
| Project Healing Waters Vets .....    | 15  |
| <b>Annual Family Picnic</b> .....    | 18  |
| Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....   | 24  |

### SEPTEMBER

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Project Healing Waters Vets .....                        | 5  |
| Board Meeting .....                                      | 5  |
| Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....                       | 7  |
| Project Healing Waters Vets .....                        | 19 |
| Dinner Meeting ("Show and Tell" Members'<br>Night) ..... | 19 |
| Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....                       | 21 |

# OUTINGS REPORT

by Jim Fleisher

The summer is upon us and the water is flowing! Actually flowing a bit too much. The group that visited Hot Creek Ranch had a relatively successful outing considering the high water and the fact that they HAD to nymph fish-a real treat on the Ranch.

Our next outing is the fabulous Getting Started Outing (GSO) occurring the weekend of July 19-21 in Mammoth Lakes. Because of the cancellation of the Graduation Outing in March this will also be the graduation event for the participants in our Introduction to Fly Fishing (ITFF) course.

I am very appreciative of all the volunteer trip leaders who have come forward to help out. We now have a great variety of events ranging from the Owens River, San Joaquin River, Hot Creek, Virginia Lakes, Crowley Lake, Dana Fork, small streams in Yosemite Park and Big Springs.

In addition there are two professionally guided outings: A Tenkara experience with Pat Jaeger on Friday and a big fly terrestrials outing on the Owens River with Joe Contaldi on Saturday. Both of these would be great for our graduating students and for club members who want to hone their skills.

The weekend culminates with our famous barbecue dinner at the Breakfast Club on Saturday night.

Please check the SPFF website event calendar and register for events on Friday and Saturday and of course the Saturday evening dinner. Payment for the dinner and the professionally guided trips must be done at the time of registration via credit card or PayPal.

In addition we have reserved the group campsite at Shady Rest Campground in Mammoth Lakes. You can register for a site when you register for the GSO. We also have a block of condominiums available and these can be reserved by contacting Michael Peratis.



I know that many of you wait until the last minute to register, but it would be very helpful to our trip leaders if you could register sooner rather than later.

Despite the possibility of high water levels we should have a very successful event. We faced this issue two years ago and we still had a terrific outing. Our club member leaders always seem to find the best places to fish no matter what the conditions.

So-----don't be afraid and sign up for the GSO

# CONSERVATION

by Debbie Sharpton

Conservation of our fisheries and the habitat they depend on takes many forms. Recently, proposed regulatory changes aimed to increase the sale of fishing and hunting licenses in turn increases the pressure on the natural resources, creating more dependence on human intervention. As a fly fisher I want to be a part of a system that is healthy for all the living organisms, not just humans.

The proposed regulatory change comments are being reviewed, and as the Conservation co-VP of the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International, together with the Northern Council, intend to reach out to Roger Bloom to voice the concerns of the fly fishing community. If you want to communicate your concerns to me, please email [conservation@spff.org](mailto:conservation@spff.org).

# 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/LibraryCatalog).



# PHOTOS FROM JUNE HOT CREEK OUTING



(Aron Dokovna and Boys)



(Bill Luddy)



(Dan Liggett)



(Rick Russo)



(Ron and Rich Ress)



(The SPFF Group)

# STILL WATER FLY FISHING

by Dave Jolie

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There's a huge difference between Stillwater fly fishing and fishing in streams and rivers. The biggest difference is current. Flows in streams and rivers help to present the fly, move it naturally, and entice a strike....no such luck with Stillwater fishing.

The second biggest difference, with out that flow of water, fish are free to move about with far less effort. Their common behavior of hiding places with softer current to preserve energy are not in play here. These are two big challenges to overcome.

There are three methods commonly used to fish a lake or a pond. We can cast from shore, wade the shallows, on hit it with a boat. Personally, I favor my one person pontoon, but either method is productive.

When fishing still water, I use nothing less than a 9' rod. You want to be able to get distance, from however you're approaching the water. Rod weight depends on species. If I'm targeting panfish, I like my 3wt. For smallies, bass, and pike, I prefer a 6wt. For musky, stripers and catfish, I go no less than an 8wt.

Stillwater fishing requires a lot of blind casting. Fish will lie in underwater drop offs, rock beds, brush etc. that may not be readily visible to the angler. In turn, we tend to go subsurface. I will normally bring two rods with me. One rigged with floating line and a 12-15' leader in most cases, and an intermediate sinking line.

The water depth will determine which set up I use. We are predominantly either stripping streamers....or on top with a popper. In deeper water, I'll obviously go for the sinking line. In shallower water, I'll go with the floating line. If I encounter some visible structure above water or some lily pads, I'll switch things up and go with the popper.

Personally, I can manage a popper on n12'-15' of leader. If you can do it great. If that's tough for you, consider a tippet ring say at about 5' in length on your leader. You can then switch out tippet length and fly according your casting ability and depth you're trying

to hit. If it's surface fishing, you'll only need a couple of feet. If you're swimming a streamer, consider longer.

If you're fishing turbid water for bass or pike, you really don't need to downsize on your leader and tippet diameter. I'll use 0X or 1X fluoro on my sinking line at about a 4' to 5' length. Fishing crystal clear alpine lakes for trout is a completely different story. You're going to be playing with 6x and 7x here. Don't worry about the size here, alpine fish are normally on the smaller size due to shorter growing period and lack of forage.

That's it for now my fishy friends. Remember, we only have this one mother earth full of awe and wonder. Let's take care of her. Pack it in, Pack it out.

Tight lines and screaming drags

## MONTHLY DINNER PROGRAM MEETINGS

THIRD THURSDAY

Monterey At Encino

16821 Burbank Blvd., Encino, CA 91436

6:00 Cocktails / 7:00 Dinner / Program 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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### DINNER MENU:

Appetizer

Green Salad

Entree

Chicken Picatta or Salmon  
with Rice and Vegetables

Dessert

Ice Cream Sundae

# MAY SPFF SCHOLARSHIPS

by Rosemary Ecker, Scholarship Committee

For several months the scholarship members have worked to outreach, review applications and select potential recipients of scholarships offered by Sierra Pacific Flyfishers. Erwin Goldbloom contacted many high school counselors in our area. This is a very busy job that Erwin has completed year after year without much recognition. A little reminder of why these scholarships exist may help you understand why and how SPFF assists high school seniors make their way to college and career fields related to our natural resources, natural sciences and associated fields related to fisheries.

There's a brief paragraph in our club's directory describing how SPFF historically provided scholarship opportunities to high school seniors. In 2008 the scholarship program, which supports our educational goals, named the scholarship program in honor of long time member and supporter William L. Harry. He was a regular financial donor to this cause and was concerned that young people needed support to pursue their education. In 2016 the scholarships were identified as the Donald S. Lee scholarships, for the same reason; he donated to the SPFF scholarship fund toward educational goals of young people seeking higher education in fields related to natural resources. SPFF has a clear purpose for these funds, clear criteria upholding high standards and a process of which the students apply for scholarships. Students complete an application, write an essay describing their career goals, describe why and how our scholarship will assist them, and explain extracurricular activities they have experienced to build their abilities to pursue their chosen career, provide two letters of recommendation and provide official transcripts. Applications are submitted to the committee, reviewed, rated and potential recipients determined. Each year we award scholarships of \$1000 each to students selected. The most rewarding experience is to finally meet these young people. We have never been disappointed. Our committee meets the parents, whom have been supportive during the child's school career. SPFF provides dinner to the students and their parents at the certificate presentation meeting.

This year Marlen DeSilva, graduate of Santa Paula High School, will receive a scholarship for attending UCLA to pursue Environmental Science. At his school he was the publicist for an environmental and social action club, was a volunteer in CAUSE designed to protect the environment and was a volunteer to help restore the Santa Paula River. He was a member of the Key Club, distributed food to the homeless and community members and was on the school Robotics team during competition. Lastly, he handled the rigors of cross country competition and soccer as an outstanding athlete.

Our second recipient, Abigail Austin-Wood is a graduate of Thousand Oaks High School, who will attend Moorpark College in fall. Her major is Environmental Science. She was the manager for the school paper, assisted new students transitioning to TOHS, worked as a study buddy with other students and in the Buddy Break program, assisting siblings of disabled youngsters to play and learn together more effectively. She also is a scout and enjoys the outdoors.

If you would like to continue these opportunities of scholarship by SPFF you may donate, identifying that your donation is to go toward scholarships. In doing so, you are supporting the current standards of selection and practices of this process in order to maintain a high quality program. You can also volunteer to assist the committee in their responsibilities and learn more about what students are doing today, their challenges and their great minds. We thank all who have donated in the past and welcome your assistance.

## 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 thorough the year, and their contributions of products and services help us to continue the various public services that we offer.

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