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- Net
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- Simms Wallet

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SPFF PICNIC: SUNDAY AUGUST 18



(Rincon Beach)

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

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SPFF PICNIC: AUG 18 (CONT.)

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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**

Location:

Rincon Beach Park is 3 miles east of Carpinteria adjacent to the Santa Barbara/Ventura county line. From Highway 101 take the Bates Road turn-off south to the park entrance.



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FISHING REPORT

FLY FISHING IN MONTANA

By: Aran Dokovna

Six nights and five days of fly fishing near Dillon Montana. Our accommodations were at the Five Rivers Lodge. The lodge has 24 rooms and provides all meals and appropriate beverages. Our hosts are Jay Burgin and Mary Jacques. Our group consisted of my son Dan, past president of Sierra Pacific Flyfishers Michael Tansey and his cousin Walter Lipsman. We all had a great experience.

We fished the Beaver Head River the first day. I caught 10 fish: two white fish and 8 trout (a mix of browns and rainbows.) My son, Dan, caught 20 trout (he always seems to catch more than I do.) The remaining four days we fished various sections of the Big Hole River. My fish counts were 6 to 10 per day. Dan always caught at least double that number.

The guides were excellent. They know the rivers extremely well and continuously put us on the best spots. As usual the catching was up to each of us.

My casting skills continually created knots and tangles of my tippet and flies. Second was to be continually reminded to mend (usually upstream, and sometimes downstream.) The guides continually changed flies looking for the magic pattern and colors.

The meals were all excellent. Breakfast was varied each day, lunch was sandwiches with chips and fruit and custom cookies. Dinner was delightful and just right.

The guides use drift boats which were trailered to each put in. Start at 8 am and off the water by 5 pm.

We needed Montana fishing licenses available on line or t local tackle shops. The guides provided all the flies and made leaders for us as needed.

The lodge telephone number is 800.378.5006.
Internet: info@fiveriverslodge.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

Having just returned from our combined Getting Started and Graduation Outing, I am once again impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of our members. Jim Fleisher did a wonderful job of organizing the various venues and leaders, including Steve Ebersold at Big Springs, Kevin Radanovich float tubing at Crowley, David Hoffberg at Yosemite



and the Dana Fork, Tom Wright at Upper Lee Vining and Convict Creeks, Roger Backlar at the San Juan River, Bill Woods exploring various venues, yours truly at Hot Creek, and Erwin Goldbloom at Little Virginia Lake. Pat Jaeger taught the Tenkara Clinic and Michael Schweit arranged c a m p s i t e

reservations. If I neglected anyone, my apologies.

Fishing was generally good, and almost everyone caught fish at the expected places. It was my first time leading a group, so I hope I didn't mess up too badly. I didn't hear of anyone blowing across Crowley lake and needing rescue. Jim impressed Marshall with his off road driving by blasting through deep mud in his Jeep with the off road skid plates and whatnot he seems to need. The heat was definitely on but we all managed to avoid heat stroke and the evenings were, as always at Mammoth, pleasantly cool. Steve Ebersold did his usual fine job of arranging Saturday night dinner at the Breakfast Club (he has an in with the owner, I'm told) and the turnout was good, though not as full as in some past years. We had 5 new student members, and each won a raffle item at the dinner; not too difficult since there were 5 prizes, thanks to Steve Esgate who provided the raffle items.

We had to move the Graduation outing this year because of the high water on the original date. We discussed this at the Board meetings and decided to change the schedule for next year to move the ITFF to the weeks just before the Super Bowl outing, making that the Graduation outing as well. While it

may be cold then, the fishing has been reliable, and everyone seems to enjoy being in the Bishop area when it isn't overly hot and crowded. It's been suggested that we add another outing a month or so later to make up for the separate Graduation trip. I welcome your comments and suggestions about this.

Our next event is the annual Family Picnic on August 18, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Bates Road, US 101, and optional surf fishing at adjacent Rincon Beach, with Bill Woods presiding, beginning at 7:00 AM. This has been a popular and well attended event. There is good food, including the famous brats on the barbecue, drinks and sides. Kevin Radanovich will host our garage sale so you can clean out your unused stuff to make room for more stuff you don't really need, all to benefit the club. I encourage you to come and to enjoy this stress free day and a cool and comfortable respite from the Valley heat.

My continued thanks to our Board members who always show up, volunteer without being asked twice, give me good advice and make my job much easier. Special thanks to Michael Peratis who does more jobs than I can keep track of, never says no and is always there without being asked to keep the club running smoothly.

I'll see you at the Picnic!

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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.

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.

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

FRANCES LANDIN
MIKE SMITH

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

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
Annual Family Picnic	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' Night)	19
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	21

OCTOBER

Project Healing Waters Vets	3
Board Meeting	3
SWC FFI Fly Fishing Faire	5-6
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	5
Project Healing Waters Vets	17
Dinner Meeting (David Gregory, "The Magic of Yosemite")	17
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	19
Nymphing Clinic Orientation Meeting	19
Nymphing Clinic	26-27

After 65 Years, Salmon Are Returning to the San Joaquin*

April 25, 2019

by Nick Cahill*



Spring-run Chinook. (Bureau of Reclamation)

FRESNO, Calif. (CN) – Surviving an exhaustive maze of manmade barriers and hungry predators, a hardy group of salmon have beat the odds and returned to spawn in one of California’s most-heavily dammed rivers.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation says for the first time in over 65 years, threatened spring-run Chinook adult salmon have returned to the San Joaquin River near Fresno to complete their life cycle. The return of the hatchery-reared fish marks a huge milestone for a billion-dollar undertaking to revive an ancient population of salmon that disappeared in the 1940s with the opening of Friant Dam.

Officials announced that at least five adult spring-run Chinook born in fish hatcheries and released into the wild several years ago, have made the 370-mile trek from the Pacific Ocean back to the San Joaquin River. Don Portz, who oversees the fish restoration program for the bureau, says the salmon that have been caught in nets prove that the joint-effort by the feds and state is going in the right direction.

“This is monumental for the program,” Portz said in a statement. “It’s a clear indication of the possibility for

these fish to make it out of the system as juveniles and then return as adults in order to spawn.”

For thousands of years California’s second largest river teemed with salmon, providing food for Native American tribes and then settlers during the 1800s. But as the Gold Rush died down, Californians headed south and found the Central Valley ripe for farming.

In their lust for water, farmers and government agencies ended up damming the river dry in some parts by the 1940s. Water was divvied up and delivered in canals to farmers for crops like almonds and cotton, but the native salmon species and their spawning habitat vanished. Today, parts of the river go dry during certain times of the year and other sections have manmade barriers that prevent salmon from reaching their spawning beds.

Thanks to a nearly two-decade-long lawsuit fought by the National Resources Defense Council, things are changing on the San Joaquin. A settlement reached in 2006 with the federal government set goals of restoring native fish populations to “good condition” without overtly damaging water suppliers’ take of the river; the state and federal government plan to spend over a billion dollars to restore flows, wetlands and fish to the river.

The five Chinook captured this month returned from the ocean on their own, but had to be transported by researchers in a 500 gallon tank to bypass manmade barriers. The biologists confirmed that the fish were from a California hatchery because they were missing a small rear fin.

The five adult salmon and any others that may return will hold in the cool water below Friant Dam for the summer, before hopefully spawning in the fall.

“Now, that’s worth a toast!,” tweeted Kate Poole about the salmon’s return, senior director at the NRDC.

The long-term goal is to update the barriers to allow fish to swim upstream in the future without being transported, Portz said. Restoration efforts are meant to help spring and fall-run Chinook, Pacific lamprey and white sturgeon.

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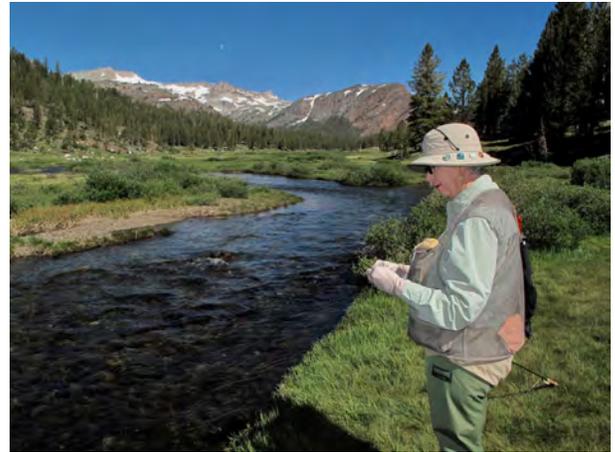
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(Glenn Short)



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California Fish and Game Commission



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Greetings fish and wildlife stakeholder,

A notice of findings regarding the petition to add northern California summer steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*) to the list of endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) has been posted to the Commission's website. The notice and associated documents can be accessed at <https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA#ncss>.

Please refer to the notice for additional information.

Sincerely,

Sheri Tiemann
Fish and Game Commission

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