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## ZOOM GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

### BAY AREA AND BEYOND with MAURY HATCH

by Marshall Bissett

While many of us are still nervous about airline travel, what better time to consider a drive to our neighbors in the North. Fall season caters to all tastes from saltwater to fresh, and few people know the area better than our October presenter, Maury Hatch.

Maurice Richard Hatch was born in Marin County, CA and moved to Sacramento with his family when he was 4 years old. As the third child of four, he was always interested in animals of all kinds. His first love was birds, and then reptiles, before finally focusing on fish at the age of 15. He was fortunate enough to have a grandfather that had a private bass pond in the foothills of Northern



## GENERAL MEETING (CONT.)

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California. He was influenced by his grandfather and uncles who were avid fishermen of bass and trout. As a senior in high school, he was introduced to fly fishing by some close friends. After that, he was hooked and decided to forget conventional fishing and only pursue fish on the fly. He also had careers as a ski instructor/coach and restaurant manager as well as racing road bikes before focusing his full-time attention on guiding. Maury has been fly fishing the western United States and Mexico for 35+ years.

After honing his skills with trout, he hooked his first Striped Bass in 1995, and has been chasing, catching, and releasing strippers ever since. As a Captain, he guides both out of the San Joaquin Delta in a center console bay boat in the fall and spring, and then on a jet sled on the Feather and the American Rivers in the summer for stripers, Small Mouth Bass and shad. All trips include top-of-the-line



equipment as well as custom-tied flies.

Maury is also an ambassador level, pro-staffer for the following products: Costa sunglasses, Simms clothing, Sage rods, RIO lines and Galvan reels. He is the Co-event Manager for the Costa Bass-N-Fly Tournament and annually hosts trips to Baja with Gary Bulla, Tarpon Cay Lodge in the Yucatan and Christmas Island.

Web site:  
[firsthatchguideservice.com](http://firsthatchguideservice.com)





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

I'm writing this on Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement. This is the holiest day in the Hebrew calendar, on which we are supposed to review our



thoughts and actions of the past year and atone for those that have fallen short, not just by expressing regret but by apologizing to those we have wronged and committing to do better in the future. I apologize to any members I have offended or, worse, ignored.

As communication has become harder without being face to face it will take extra effort to stay connected.

At this time in our national life, it appears we are in the midst of biblical plagues: pandemic, fires, floods, riots, political upheaval at home and abroad. Some Christian evangelicals take this as a sign of the End Times, foreshadowing the day of judgement. Whatever your beliefs, religious or none, it is hard not to see this as a time of great change and peril. Other times of upheaval have led to significant changes in our lives. WWII led to reshaping the political world and the Vietnam war changed the attitudes of a generation of young people. The insertion of technology has altered the way we speak to each other, or often at each other

What has this to do with our fly fishing club, you may ask. The Prime Directive, to use a Treckie phrase, of our Foundation is to advance conservation and education. I ask myself if we

have done enough in these areas. They are the hardest part of our efforts, not always fun like getting together (remember?), tying flies, upgrading equipment, learning new techniques, actually going fishing. It requires hard work and commitment of time and resources. We have been without a Conservation Chair since Debbie Sharpton moved to the Southwest Council post. I'm cautiously optimistic that I may have found a willing member for this important position. More to come on this

Regardless, this is not a one person effort. If we are going to fulfill our mission we will need to devote time, effort and resources. When projects are proposed, I ask for your participation and ideas for improvement.

Make it so!

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## 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](http://spff.org/New_Member_Signup). SPFF always welcomes new members. Please welcome and introduce yourselves to our latest new member:

**Cole Harris**

## MEDIA SPECTACULAR NIGHT: WE NEED YOU!

by Glenn Short

Please assemble a presentation to share your fly fishing adventures with your friends at the virtual Dinner Meeting on December 17, 2020. You have nearly 2 1/2 months to create a program, so get started today!

We need your video or slide show illustrating your escapades. It's easy to prepare a digital slide show or short video using a presentation program on your computer, with or without sound. If you aren't out fishing or at work, what better way to spend your time—do you want us to forget what you and your fishing partners look like? Don't you want to show us that your fish was bigger than mine?

If you are using a Windows PC you can use PowerPoint or MovieMaker, on a Mac you can use Keynote, iMovie or Final Cut Pro. We will send more information on submitting your program in the future. Please keep your show to approximately 5 minutes, unless it has beautiful images of exotic or beautiful places that are properly exposed and in focus.

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)> with your topic, format and the approximate length of your program.

We are looking forward to seeing where you've been and what you've been catching. If you can't submit a show, be sure to join the meeting anyway—we miss you! We can still enjoy a drink or two and a meal together—since you won't need to drive home more than two.

## SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

*(subject to status of COVID-19 Pandemic)*

Board Meeting (Remote).....	1
Fly Fishing: The Next Generation, with Deighan Cherry, Fanny Krieger and Leigh Ann Swanson via ZOOM .....	2
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	3
Virtual Fly Tying Session via ZOOM.....	7
FFI Casting Instructor Certification Program: What is it and how can it help me? via ZOOM .....	8
Virtual Fly Tying Session via ZOOM .....	14
General Meeting and Presentation on ZOOM .....	15
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	17
SWC FFI Fall Meeting (Remote).....	17
Virtual Fly Tying Session via ZOOM .....	21
Virtual Fly Tying Session via ZOOM .....	28
“Something Fishy” with Carol and Skip Morris via ZOOM.....	30

### NOVEMBER

*(subject to status of COVID-19 Pandemic)*

Virtual Fly Tying Session via ZOOM.....	4
Board Meeting (Remote) .....	5
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	7
Virtual Fly Tying Session via ZOOM.....	11
Virtual Fly Tying Session via ZOOM .....	18
General Meeting and Presentation on ZOOM .....	19
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	21
Virtual Fly Tying Session via ZOOM .....	25

### DECEMBER

*(subject to status of COVID-19 Pandemic)*

Board Meeting (remote) .....	3
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	5
General Meeting and Presentation on ZOOM .....	17
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa .....	19
Virtual Fly Tying Session on ZOOM .....	9

## WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

by Catrina White

SPFF's Women's Programs offers support and friendship, as well as top notch programming that is not found in other Fly Fishing clubs!

Due to necessary public health concerns, all programming is currently via zoom. Programming can be also be accessed on our Facebook group page, Women of Sierra Pacific (found under the umbrella page of SPFF Foundation).

This group is open to all who identify as female. It is not to exclude the men, but rather to provide a safe, supportive environment for us to learn, have fun, fish, tie flies, and share our stories as women in one great sport.

We look forward to meeting you all in person when it is safe to do so.

For any questions, comments or to be added to the email list for notification of upcoming programs, please send an email to:

[womensprograms@spff.org](mailto:womensprograms@spff.org)

## SPFF 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).



## 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 have over 100 likes and followers to our page with plenty of content to keep you busy!

We look forward to seeing you virtually!

For questions, comments, and suggestions, Please contact:

[Socialmedia@SPFF.org](mailto:Socialmedia@SPFF.org)

## SPFF MOBILE APP

by Renato Colantoni

Perhaps you have forgotten that SPFF has a mobile "App" available to members that allows you to communicate with other members or the CE system using your iPhone or Android phone. It allows you to "talk" to the SPFF web site but in a format suitable for phones. The most useful services this provides are Calendar lookup, where you can check the entries in the SPFF Calendar of Events; a link to the Directory of members so that you can find their email or phone number from anywhere; and a simple messaging setup that lets you post questions or answers to all.

There are two documents in Docs and Downloads that will show you how to set up and use the system. Give it a try.

[Mobile APP Quick Setup Guide](#)

[Mobile App Users Guide](#)

# SPFF NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM: A HIT!

by Catrina White

Dear members,

I am over the moon with the response this evening to our event, Fly Fishing: The Next Generation. We had 30 participants, including our own Cece Rubin, Michael Peratis, Marshall Bissett and Neal Hoffberg.

Our women's program has gone international, as we had on 3 people from New Zealand, and 2 from Australia! What a surprise that was!

If you could see me, you would see a very happy woman jumping up and down with joy! 10 year old Deighan was as cute as can be with her father's coaching. Fanny told us some fascinating stories about how she met her husband, Fly casting instructor, Mel Krieger. Leigh Ann's second program with us rounded off the event with her speaking about bringing in the next generation of fly fishers. She also mentioned several groups which are women or children oriented.: Casting for Recovery, An organization which teaches women with breast cancer the art of fly fishing, and Outward Bound, for children from underserved communities (for which I soon will become a volunteer).

If you would like to watch the program, it may be viewed on Facebook at our page, SPFF Foundation.

I did experience some technological hiccups, which resulted in not recording Deighan's speech. But never fear: I saved it on my hard drive and will add that in a separate post on Facebook.

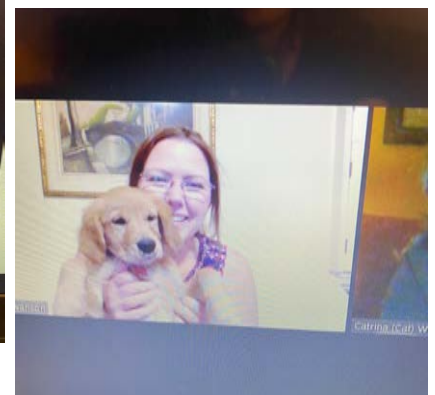
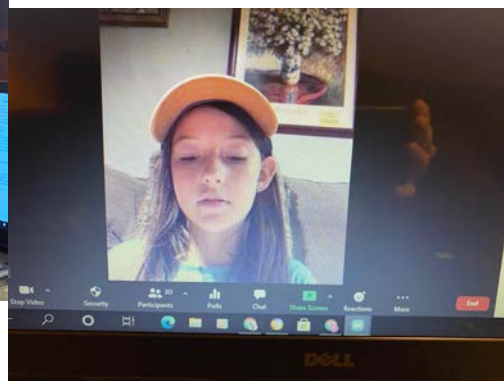
I have already received quite a few messages from our viewers that they enjoyed the program, and wish to see more. Their wish is my command.

If any of our members have a speaker they would like to see, or a topic for a future program, please send me an email to: [womensprograms@spff.org](mailto:womensprograms@spff.org).

We would really appreciate your support with the sustainment of Women's Programs. Please donate via our website, [SPFF.ORG](http://SPFF.ORG), or on PayPal with this email: [paypal9@spff.org](mailto:paypal9@spff.org).

Hère are a few photos from this evening:

First photo is of the selfie I took with the participants. Second photo is of 10 year old Deighan Cherry, and third photo is of Leigh Ann Swanson and her new puppy, Skye.





# SPFF'S FLY TYING CONTINUES IN THE AGE OF CORONAVIRUS

by Michael Peratis

## **March 11, 2020 ~ The Beginning Fly Tying graduates received their diplomas.**

Typically, our graduates would join our regular Wednesday night fly tying sessions to learn additional tying techniques and create more complex flies.

## **March 20, 2020 ~ Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered all Californians to shelter-in-place.**

Now, with the shelter-in-place order, in-person fly tying was out of the question. I was concerned that without having a continuing instruction experience our graduates would soon lose interest in fly tying. So, what to do?

## **April 16, 2020 ~ First attempt using Zoom**

I contacted the grads & told them I'd try starting some tying sessions, teaching simple patterns using the limited materials they were issued in the class. Initially there were some major challenges with the camera, the lighting and the Zoom app. After few weeks of stumbling, everything began to fall into place.

## **The highlights.....**

- The Camera & Lighting issues were resolved.
- The students and I got much better at using Zoom. (Thanks Cat White)
- Some PHW Vets and a few of the regular Wednesday night tiers got wind of what we were doing and joined the group.
- Cece Rubin notified all the SWC Clubs about our meetings, and Cat White put out the word on SPFF's Fly Tying Group Facebook page. Even more folks joined in.
- In May all participants began receiving a schedule of the flies we'd be tying and their material lists. This allowed everyone to choose which flies they wanted to tie, get their materials, and join in for tying on the appropriate dates.

So, what started as an experiment with a small group has now grown to 95 participants, with 20-30 usually attending our meetings. A few of our tiers are in the process of setting up cameras so they too can host meetings and teach some flies. This is wonderful news for me!

It appears that Zoom is how we'll continue to meet for the foreseeable future. Contact me at [education2@spff.org](mailto:education2@spff.org) if you'd like to join the group. We meet from 6:45 to about 9:00 every Wednesday.

Many thanks to all the participants & helpers. I long for the day we can get back to in-person Dinner & Fly Tying sessions.

# UPCOMING WOMEN'S PROGRAM: SOMETHING FISHY

## Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers Women's Programs presents: SOMETHING'S FISHY!

**WHEN:** October 30, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 PM PDT (8:00 Mountain, 9:00 Central, 10:00 Eastern)

**LOCATION:** Zoom (see below)

**\*If we are at capacity, the event can be viewed live on Facebook:SPFF FOUNDATION.**

Please join us for an evening of fun and laughs with the husband and wife duo as they discuss fish identification and the proper care and handling of your fish. We also will be blessed with Skip's wit as he ties a fly or two with us. A fly tying list of materials will be sent before the event.

### CAROL ANN MORRIS

Carol Ann Morris is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, fly-fishing photographer, videographer, and illustrator, and partners with her husband, fly designer and author Skip Morris, on his fly-fishing books, articles, and instructional videos. Her Etsy store, CarolAMorrisFlyFish, features photos, artwork, and custom pieces that reflect her love of fly fishing.

Over the past two decades, Carol's photographs and paintings have not only appeared in many of her husband Skip's books, but also on the covers and interior pages of such magazines and books as Grey's Sporting Journal, Fly Fisherman, Yale Angler's Journal, American Angler, Fly Fishing & Tying Journal, and America's Favorite Flies. Carol also speaks at fly-fishing clubs and shows across the US and Canada.

### SKIP MORRIS

Skip Morris has written 21 books on fly fishing and fly tying over the past 25 years. The most well known are: Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple, Western River Hatches, Trout Flies for Rivers, and Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes. He has also written over 300 magazine articles and has co-hosted a national fly-fishing television show and on several instructional DVDs. The spring 2014 issue of Fly Tyer magazine announced Skip as a winner of the magazine's lifetime achievement award. They currently live with one willful cat named Olive on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.

You can find out more about Carol and Skip at their website, [www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com](http://www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com), and their YouTube channel, Skip Morris Fly Fishing.

To join the Zoom Meeting go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4112941257?pwd=cmxZOFYxcFljQ2xyU3h2T2FWQjllQT09>

Meeting ID: 411 294 1257

Passcode: SPFF2020

If you or your members have any questions about our event, I can be contacted at: [womensprograms@SPFF.ORG](mailto:womensprograms@SPFF.ORG).

Hope you all are well and safe,  
CAT





## BECOMING AN FFI CERTIFIED CASTING INSTRUCTOR

by Jody Martin

Sierra Pacific's Jody Martin, along with Eric Callow (Casting Coordinator for SWC) and Leigh Ann Swanson (VP of Education for SWC), will be presenting an informal talk (via Zoom) about what it takes to become an FFI Certified Casting Instructor on Thursday evening, October 8, at 7:00 pm - Pacific Time.

Jody, Eric, and Leigh Ann are all Certified Casting Instructors who have benefitted from the program and are enthusiastic about teaching others about fly fishing and fly casting.

Together, they will remove some of the mystery and mystique that surround the certification process, go through all of the tasks (both casting and teaching) that you will need to complete in order to become certified, give you their reasons for believing that this is a worthwhile endeavor that more people should take advantage of, and offer some helpful tips and encouragement.

Anyone interested in improving his or her casting or in teaching others about fly fishing is welcome to attend.

We hope to see you there!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the zoom information (PDF with quick links).

## CLEANING FLY LINES

by Bennett J. Mintz

Something I found that you might like. It's a fully desiccated cotton washcloth that is about the size of an Alka Seltzer tablet. Dunk it in water and it instantly becomes approximately 8x8-inches. I'm guessing these were invented for removing peanut butter and jelly from the faces of 3-year olds, but they are fantastic for cleaning lines.

Each "tablet" comes in a wrapper (think a Chinese fortune cookie). Add a spritz or two of 303 and you're in business for cleaning fly lines.

There are a bunch of different brands and quantities available from Amazon (of course!) Search under dry wipes, compressed towels, dry towels, etc. The brand I got is labeled KXCDTECH and comes in a container of 100.

They are also perfect for use in gas station bathrooms, campsites, et cetera. Truly amazing!

Tight lines ...

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