



Sespe Fly Fishers

NEWSLETTER

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Zoom and Live Meeting!
Church of the Foothills
6279 Foothill Rd, Ventura
April 20 at 6:00



Alice Owsley
*"Stalking Trout
in Yellowstone"*



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Southwest Council Newsletter

President's Message 4-2022

Our Annual Auction was a GREAT SUCCESS. With 50 items on the auction block we raised a bit over **five thousand dollars**. We want to thank all the bidders and all the donors for helping keep the club funded for another year. A special thanks to **Bill Blackstone** whose donations brought in over two thousand dollars. I also want to thank Patagonia and Yvon Chouinard. Their continued support has kept our club going through the years. There are a few items left that didn't get bids so check them out and make an offer! Look in the newsletter for details.

Spring is here and that means Spring cleaning! Think about going to Bishop for the annual **Ow-en's River Cleanup!** It's a great event and big gathering. Look for the details inside! Also, we still have an opening for the **Salmon Fly Hatch** on the Rogue River. Check with Ann or Earl for more information

We are making progress on building a casting pond for Ventura County! Thanks to all the efforts of our own newsletter editor and casting pond chairwoman Karen Hall, Colter Chisum, Parks Deputy Director has asked for preliminary plans! We have forwarded the preliminary sketches and location to a local surveyor for him to make a plot plan. Progress!

Our program this month will be in person! And on Zoom, so be there! We are getting together a bit earlier. **Meetings will start at 6 pm with the program starting at 7.** Alice Owsley's presentation, *Stalking Trout in Yellowstone Country* will help you plan your next trip to our nation's first national park. She will present technical fly fishing information and discuss tips that will help the seasoned visitor find new destinations and the first time angler to Yellowstone find success. Alice is a year-round resident of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, so expect an enjoyable presentation of the beauty above and below the water's surface.

Go fishing every chance you get!

Earl



2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE*

April 20th

Alice Owsley

Stalking Trout in Yellowstone

May

Charles Jardine

Beyond the Chalk

June

Michael Schweit

Local Saltwater Opportunities - Channel Islands and Beyond

July

Heather Hodson

DIY Fishing the West—30 days on the Road

August - TBD

September- Annual BBQ - Silent Auction

October

Al Quattrochi

A Saltwater Checklist

November

Becky Clark

Colorado River Fishing

December - Holiday Party!

March Speaker: *Alice Owsley*

STALKING TROUT IN YELLOWSTONE WITH ALICE OWSLEY

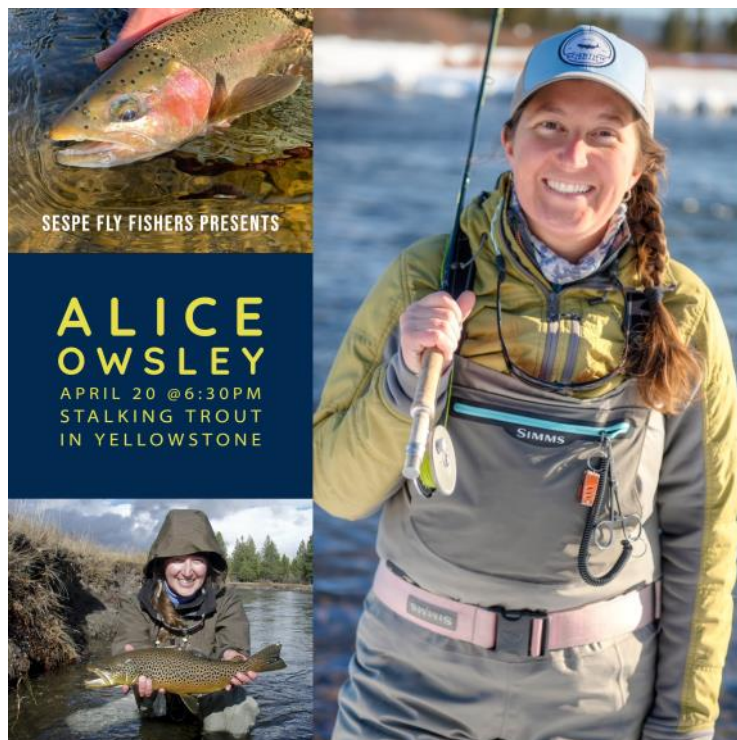
Yellowstone National Park is 3,472 square miles and home to 2,500 miles of running water home to over a dozen distinct species of fish. Alice Owsley's presentation, Stalking Trout in Yellowstone Country will help you plan your next trip to our nation's first national park. She will present technical fly fishing information and discuss tips that will help the seasoned visitor find new destinations and the first time angler to Yellowstone find success. Alice is a year-round resident of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, so expect an enjoyable presentation of the beauty above and below the water's surface.

From battling big tuna in the ocean to tiny trout in mountain streams, there is not much Alice Owsley hasn't done with a fly rod in her hand. She has been a guide in Yellowstone, Montana and Idaho since 2001. Alice Owsley is one of West Yellowstone's most experienced and knowledgeable fly fishing guides. Alice brings her passion for fly fishing to every trip, not only creating memorable experiences for her clients, but also building their angling skills with a sense of fun and adventure.

Alice was born in Salem, Ohio. At the tender age of 8, she picked up her first fly rod and learned to pursue trout on the area's spring creeks. Alice spent much of her youth chasing trout in Ohio and Virginia before moving to Asheville, North Carolina, to study at Warren Wilson College. While still a student, Alice landed her first job in the fly fishing industry at a local fly shop. After graduating, she headed to the Rocky Mountain West in pursuit of any fish that would take a fly. She worked a season in Alaska helping clients catch giant rainbows (while dodging mosquitos and brown bears), then returned to the lower 48 in 2002 to guide on the world-class waters of Greater Yellowstone. Since 2014, Alice has also traveled to fly fishing events around the country to share her knowledge and experience fishing in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Through all her travels, no place or fish held her interest like the many species of trout that inhabit the waters in the Greater Yellowstone region. She loves to explore her backyard, especially during Montana's short summer months. You can often find Alice camping and floating Western rivers, scouting alpine streams and lakes, venturing into the Yellowstone backcountry, or searching for varied species of fish such as grayling, Yellowstone cutthroat, and pike.

Though Greater Yellowstone is her home, Alice is always thinking about her next fishing adventure near or far. She is no stranger to Idaho's Clearwater River steelhead or Montana's Missouri River carp. She has also fished for tarpon, bonefish, permit and other saltwater species throughout the Bahamas, Florida Keys, Belize,



and Mexico. Since 2021, Alice has hosted clients on guided trips to the Louisiana coast—one of the nation's premier destinations for redfish.

Under Alice's instruction, clients can look forward to learning new fly fishing techniques and strengthening their angling skills. Alice is an award-winning caster who enjoys teaching clients tricks with the fly rod like reach casts, tuck casts and how to properly present a fly when Montana's afternoon winds begin to blow.

Alice has spent her winters since 2002 as a snow coach and cross-country ski guide in Yellowstone National Park. Over her years guiding Yellowstone in both summer and winter, she has accumulated a wealth of knowledge about the park's history, unique geology, and animal habits. Although she has yet to see Steamboat Geyser in a rare full eruption, she can tell you the eruption intervals of Great Fountain Geyser and what time of year to look for rare orchids in the park. If you want to know about the birds along the riverbanks, Alice is also an experienced birder with a lengthy list of species. Her naturalist background adds even greater detail to her clients' fishing adventures.

Alice believes in setting a positive example by protecting the resources we all rely on. She is an active member of the Trout Unlimited Business Program, which works to protect wild trout streams in Montana and across the nation. She also guides fishing experiences for combat veterans with Warriors and Quiet Waters, and volunteers as a guide with Casting for Recovery—an organization that provides fly fishing retreats for women with breast can-



Fish, friends, fun...

We do it for our own reasons. For some it's about getting out with friends, family for a little while to places so beautiful it makes your heart ache.

Others like putting up some numbers, fish counts do it for these folks, I get it. Whichever way works for your point of view, it's all fun.

The recent Bishop Trout Rodeo was like that. We fished, sure, even got a few. But getting to know a couple Sespe club members, making some new friends, seeing old ones, and wetting a line while looking out across the lower "O" valley floor to snow-capped mountain peaks. Just doesn't get much better than that.

And a recent trip to the Tuckaseegee River in North Carolina was about all that as well. Tons of fish came to hand over the four-days spent working the big water. Having a guide steer the best path to drift down while spending each

Fish, friends, fun ...

By Bob Semerau, WON Staff Writer, SFF Newsletter Contributing Writer

day alongside Walker or Spitz, guys I missed in recent years. Then, wading out into uncharted waters, finding the holes, clambering over rocks; it's all simply the best of times.

Sure, it rained a couple of days and, yeah, my waders began a slow leak in the soles, which the mountain water let me know was getting serious, but worth it? Absolutely. Every minute.

You come to realize with passing time, it's the minutes that make up the recollections. Little snippets of time strung together like pearls on a line. Yes, the big stuff means a lot too, but deep in the heart is where the little things live, making up the images reflected in our memories.

So, moving forward, moving on, the next outing brings with it much of the last one. What was learned that worked and what did not, the things remembered to be applied at will.

Back to Bishop and the Trout Rodeo... very interesting to see how lead-dogs in the competition (Tenkara Reel, really?) had the right mojo and found gobs of willing biters, some to 18-inches. Others worked every angle and logged only a few small fish or some, very few, showed zip on the scorecard after a day switching tactics and changing flies.

The perfect day on the water, with a really excellent set of raffle prizes up for grabs at the end of the day's efforts, Michael Schweit and the FFI Southwest crew had outdone themselves, again, making it fun.

What more awaits in the future? Where will the lure take us as time pulls like a magnet, moving into a beautiful tomorrow? Fish, friends ...



FISHING REPORT: Pyramid Lake

Pyramid Lake Outing Report, March 10-12th

By Steve Schalla

On March 10-12th, Sespe Fly Fishers held an outing to Pyramid Lake. We had a party of six with Matt and Cece Rubin, Ron DePompa, Tim Turpin, Eric Kramer, and , myself Steve Schalla. The lake is renowned for large Lahontan Cutthroats that were planted back into the lake by a program put together by Nevada Fish and Game and the Paiute Indian Nation. Lahontan is the subspecies of Cutthroat trout that live in the lake. Named for Lake Lahontan which existed up until the end of the ice age and eventually turned into numerous smaller lakes in Nevada, California, Oregon, and Utah, many which have now completely dried up. Pyramid Lake became the new home to this giant lake trout. The historic record is 27 lbs.

Most of the fishing is done from shore using fly rods and barbless hooks. There are areas where you can wade and reach deeper drop-offs or there are beaches where you need ladders to stand on and reach further out. Many fish with a two-fly rig and an indicator. Usually, these flies are balanced leeches and midges. Most of the roll casting is about 40 feet but with the right fly lines, this is not a problem. Some prefer to cast a sink-tip and strip in a streamer, like wooly worms, wooly bugger, and tadpole patterns. The lake is heavily fished during Feb – April and the guides like to utilize ladders to claim their “spot”. This means getting up at the crack of dawn to start fishing.

Matt Rubin caught the largest fish in our group, 11 pounds and will get a trophy thanks to Eric Kramer. We plan make this an annual trip with the trophy going to the person catching the largest fish each year.





Sespe Fly Fishers

2022 Annual Auction

Sespe Flyfishers Would like to thank the following business and individuals who donated items to our annual 2022 auction. Thank You for your support.

Earl Arnold

Ann Bull

Bill and Joyce Blackstone

Tom and Karen Hall

Eric Kramer

Bob Olsen

Brian Smith

Bob and Frances Smith

Jeff Wiese

[Steve Able](#), Steve Able

[Lee Baermann](#)

[Gary Bulla's Fly Fishing Adventures](#), Gary Bulla

[Eastern Sierra Guide Service](#), Pat Jaeger

[Eric's Tackle](#), Eric Huff

[Fisherman's Spot](#)

["On the Fly" guide service](#), Gordon Tharrett

[Patagonia](#)

[Seafresh](#), [Char Man](#), Chris Sutton

[The Fly Shop](#)

[The Fishin' Hole Fly Shop](#)

We can't thank you enough!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION!

Sespe Fly Fishers Annual Auction is closed but A few Items are still available!

Make an Offer!

Item #10 - Patagonia "Foot Tractor"

wading boots | Retail: \$399

New, size 10 | ** Not exchangeable



Item #13 - NEW!! Hodgman felt sole wading boots | Size 12

Hoffman felt sole wading boots, new in the box. Size 12. \$50 value



Item #24 - FLY BOX - CADDIS CYCLE OF LIFE

BY BILL BLACKSTONE

Bill Blackstone did a series of life cycles, this one is the life cycle of the caddis fly. In typical Blackstone art there are 4 life like flies on a pencil drawing of a stream.

Bill isn't making any more of these.



Item #32 - PATAGONIA The Nano-Air® Vest

The Nano-Air® Vest was made to be worn for the entirety of your aerobic, start-stop alpine missions, so you're never slowed down by changing layers.

Warm, stretchy and breathable FullRange® insulation dumps excess heat when you're working hard and keeps you warm when you're not. Fair Trade Certified™ sewn.

SIZE SMALL > EXCHANGEABLE FOR DIFFERENT SIZE



Item #36 - PATAGONIA 'S Women's Capilene®

Cool Daily Graphic Shirt

Our most versatile technical top is built for use on the trail or on the water: It's quick drying, has stretch for mobility and comfort, plus HeiQ® Pure odor control. Made with 50-100% recycled polyester, Capilene® Cool Daily styles keep you comfortable when you're working hard in conditions ranging from cool to hot. Fair Trade Certified™ sewn.



SIZE MEDIUM > EXCHANGEABLE FOR DIFFERENT SIZE

Item #44 - GICLEE CANVAS PRINT " Temerity"

"large canvas giclee art print, 48" x 32" entitled Temerity by Roberta Murray".

Donated by Tom and Karen Hall

RETAIL: \$109 for the Canvas painting. 38" x 42"



Item #49 - Like new Dyna- King fly tying vise. In original box.

Pedestal, gallows tool, tube fly tool, extra material clips, instructional vhs video.

Retailed for \$320

Opening Bid \$200



On Conservation:

Come and Help with the Owens River Clean-up

By Ann Bull

On Conservation April 2022 - A conservation event coming your way! A fun way to do your part.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

LOWER OWENS RIVER CLEAN UP. SATURDAY APRIL 23

MEETING PLACE – Pleasant Valley Owens River Campground

DURATION: 4 hours. Join us on Saturday, APRIL 23, 2021, for the Owens River Annual Clean-Up at the Pleasant Valley Campground, in Bishop, California.

MEETUP TIME:

---8:00AM + Baked goods and coffee.

MEETUP AREA:

---We meet on the northeast side of the metal footbridge at Pleasant Valley Campground.

---Near/at the bridge in the campground - our meeting point.

SAFETY FIRST:

---Wading will most likely not be an option as water levels could be too high.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

--- Bring gloves and a mask. Optional but suggest bringing sunglasses, suntan lotion, hat.

---Trash bags will be provided.

---Volunteers will divide and conquer different parts of the river.



FREE LUNCH:

---Will be provided at 12PM for all volunteers.

RAFFLES & SWAG!

---Several sponsors are donating some great swag to be raffled off to participants.

BONUS EVENT | 8:00am

--- TENKARA CLINIC while area staging is in process.

--- Led & hosted by: Luong Tam, Jarett Coons, and Frank Burr. Rods provided.

---PLEASE RSVP at: <https://www.tenkaratanuki.com/.../owens-river-annual...>

MEET UP LOCATION GOOGLE MAPS URL (red marker)

<https://goo.gl/maps/23RfGcTS4htaK4vu6>

SHARE THE EVENT PDF:

https://mcusercontent.com/.../2021_OWENS_RIVER_ANNUAL...

SHARE THE FB EVENT LINK:

<https://fb.me/e/3MehmYvb6>

EVENT LEADER & CONTACT INFO:

---All questions should be directed to Chris Leonard @ 818.288.3271.

Please join us to give a little love to this blue-ribbon fishery. Also, please be mindful of the pandemic, consider wearing a mask when close to others, and social distancing. You do not need to RSVP. Just show up the morning of the clean-up APRIL 23, 2022.

SESPE FLY FISHERS: Outings Updates

UPCOMING OUTINGS:

Pyramid Outing was great. See details and photos in the Fishing Report. **Matt Rubin gets the trophy for the largest fish (11 lbs)** This will be a club trophy that we will award each year for the largest fish caught that year.

Owens River Cleanup is on **April 23rd**. I will be fishing the Yakima so I need someone else to host or just have members go on your own. Tenkara Tenuki will be hosting a free Tenkara Clinic. Raffles and BBQ for volunteers helping to clean-up the area.

New Outing has been added for Saturday, May 14th. We can have up to ten anglers. This will be a full day **Euro-Nymph Clinic with local guide, Jarett Coons instructing**. We will be fishing the Upper Owens, just about the time that the Crowley Cutthroats like to come up river. It should be plenty of fun. Details Below. **Sign Up Now!**

You can find outings info on our website: sespeflyfishers.org.

To sign-up or ask questions, just contact me, Steve Schalla at: stevenojai@aol.com

EURO-NYMPHING CLINIC ON THE UPPER OWENS WITH JARETT COONS!!



THE DETAILS

SATURDAY MAY 7TH, 2022 | ONE DAY CLINIC
ALL DAY CLINIC

SHOWING HOW TO CREATE A EURO NYMPH RIG, HOW TO FISH IT, AND HOW NOT TO GET IT TANGLED.
GROUP MAX: GROUP OF 8-10.

RSVP TO STEVE SCHALLA AT: stevenojai@aol.com

\$100/person

WE HAVING OPENINGS—Sign up now.

Sespe Outing to the Rogue River

ROGUE RIVER OUTING | JUNE 12-17, 2022

THE DETAILS— Two spots left

- WE ARE BOOKING THREE ROOMS AT THE EDGEWATER MOTEL AT \$145/NIGHT.
- TWO HAVE BEEN TAKEN, 1 IS STILL AVAILABLE WITH TWO QUEENS.
- THIS IS THE TIME OF THE SALMONFLY HATCH.
- WE WILL BE USING DRIFT BOAT GUIDES FROM FISHIN' HOLE FLY SHOP.



- THE COST IS \$550.00/DAY FOR TWO.
 - WE WILL ALSO HAVE THREE DAYS OF DRIFT BOAT GUIDES.
 - OPEN TO MORE MEMBERS WHEN THEY BOOK THEIR OWN LODGING.
 - RESERVE MOTEL ROOMS SOON AS THEY GO FAST.
- SIGN-UP/RSVP BY EMAILING STEVE SCHALLA AT: STEVENOJAI@AOL.COM

The Rogue River in southwestern Oregon in the United States flows about 215 miles in a generally westward direction from the Cascade Range to the Pacific Ocean. Known for its salmon runs, whitewater rafting, and rugged scenery, it was one of the original eight rivers named in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968.





FOURTH ANNUAL BIGHORN RIVER MONTANA - BIG SKY, BIG WATER

JULY 18-22 | THE BIGHORN, MONTANA

• THE DETAILS

1 TO 6 ANGLERS

- STAYING AT THE RIVERBEND CABIN OVERLOOKING THE BIG HORN RIVER
- 3 BEDROOMS WITH 6 DOUBLE BEDS
- ALL LODGING, GUIDES, AND MEALS ARE PROVIDED FOR 4 NIGHTS AND 3 DAYS OF GUIDE TRIPS.
- COST: \$1300 PER PERSON.

SIGN-UP/RSVP BY EMAILING STEVE SCHALLA AT: STEVENOJAI@AOL.COM



MINERAL KING 2022 | DATE TBD

MINERAL KING | NEAR SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK
2022 DATES AND CABIN TO BE DETERMINED

WHAT IS FLYBUY?

Part fishing tackle garage sale, part fly-fishing carnival and all fun.

INFORMATION

SWCFFI.ORG/FLYBUY

When: May 21, 2022

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Where: Long Beach Casting Club –
[5201 E 7th St, Long Beach, CA 90804](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5201+E+7th+St,+Long+Beach,+CA+90804)

ADMISSION:

ADULTS: \$20.00. Includes lunch/drink



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL
Southwest Council

**SATURDAY
MAY 21
9AM-5PM**

ALL THINGS FLY FISHING!

**FLYBUY
2022**

Flyfishing lessons: casting & tying. Vendors & artists.
Welcoming newbies, kids, families & fly fishers of all levels.

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB
5201 E. 7TH ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90808

www.swcffi.org/flybuy

- UNDER 16 and VETS: Free
- NEW TO FLY FISHING: 15.00. Includes lunch and a FREE fly casting lesson to get you started
- BRING/DONATE a new or lightly used item of 40.00 retail value and get in FREE!

ACTIVITIES

- Fly Tying Demonstrations all day
- Raffles
- Silent Auctions
- Flies for Sale
- Used-Equipment Sale
- Casting Lessons and Games
- Vendors
- Women and Youth Activities



THE LARGEST FLY FISHING GARAGE SALE ON THE WEST COAST!

** Thank you to the Long Beach Casting Club for sponsoring this event!*

Upcoming Activities in SWC Clubs

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) CASTING INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION STUDY GROUP STARTING!

Our new CI class now has 5 students and will be starting on April 21. There is still time to sign up! You do not have to be an “expert caster” to join us. This is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the CI process or simply improve their casting. Anyone who might be interested is welcome to contact either Jody Martin (at casting@swcffi.org), Eric Callow (at cecallow@att.net), or Dennis Otsuka (at theotsukas102598@hotmail.com) to learn more. We would love to have you join us!

Carson Fly Fishers: Contact Dave Conklin at davdebkel@aol.com

UPCOMING (from their website): “A Fly Fishing Academy is offered early in the summer, and covers entomology, flies, rods and reels, knots, reading the water, and introductory casting. Class size is limited. Beginning and intermediate fly casting sessions are offered as demand warrants. Basic casts including roll cast, false cast and forward cast and basic mends are offered. In the intermediate sessions, casts include techniques or skills for casting with a wind, or on moving water and maintaining a dead drift are covered.”

Deep Creek Fly Fishers: Contact Gary Applebee at glapplebee@gmail.com Casting Games are being held on Saturday, April 2, from 9:00 am to 12:00! Contact Gary Applebee for more information and see the club calendar.

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County: Contact Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com The FFCOC will be offering another “Mentor Outing” (with some casting instruction included I believe) to the Lower Owens in April. Check with Doug and the club’s newsletter and website for more information as the date gets closer.

Kaweah Fly Fishers: Contact Mark Cave at mdcave@sbcglobal.net Throughout April: Fly Fishing Wednesdays, a casting class with Mark Cave, every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm, Valley Oaks Golf Course, 1800 S. Plaza Street, Visalia. Check with Mark Cave and the club calendar for details.

Long Beach Casting Club: Contact John Van Der-hoof at jvanderhoof1@gmail.com and Mark Flo at res049nn@gte.net

ONGOING: The LBCC clubhouse and casting pool are open.

ONGOING: Tournament Casting Games: resuming Tuesday, May 10th, 7:00 pm

ONGOING: Saturday mornings: Spey Casting at the pond.

UPCOMING: TBD: Teach the Teachers at LBCC. Better casting and casting instruction.

See the LBCC website calendar at: <https://longbeachcastingclub.org/calendar/> for more information.

Pasadena Casting Club: Contact Sam Hagen at shagen1@gmail.com

ONGOING: The PCC Club House remains open every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 until 5:00 pm. The casting pool is in great shape, the toads have been seen mating, and the tadpoles should be showing up soon – Watch where you step!

San Diego Fly Fishers: Contact John Wylie at flycasting@sandiegoflyfishers.com

ONGOING: Weekly Sunday morning free casting lessons at Lake Murray, Kiowa Drive, La Mesa, 9:00-11:00 am

FFI Casting Skills Program: Contact John for more information

Santa Barbara Flyfishers (with Sespe Fly Fishers): Contact Joseph

Narkevitz at joseph.narkevitz@gmail.com

ONGOING: Second Salt Saturdays (second Saturday most months), fishing and casting in the surf, with free instruction, Santa Claus Lane, Carpinteria, 8:00-11:00 am

Santa Clarita Casting Club: Contact Paul Riegert at ranniebee@aol.com or Connie Bullock at membershipsccc@gmail.com

ONGOING: First and Third Sundays, 9:00-11:00 am: Casting Clinic, Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Rd., Valencia, CA (dates some-time vary; check their calendar at: <https://www.scflyfishing.org/>)

Santa Lucia Fly Fishers: Contact Bernard Pieters at bpieters84@gmail.com

UPCOMING: Traditionally the club hosts free casting clinics in the spring. Clinics are usually held on Saturdays at Laguna Park in San Luis Obispo. Keep checking the website <https://www.santaluciaflyfishers.com> to see if lessons will be offered this spring.

Sespe Fly Fishers: Contact Thomas Hall at thomasfoleyhall@gmail.com

ONGOING: First Saturday Casting in the Park (first Saturday of each month, 9-11am, at Chumash Park in Ventura (S. Petit Ave., off Telephone Road)

ONGOING: Second Salt Saturdays (see above under Santa Barbara Flyfishers)

Sierra Pacific Flyfishers: Contact Marshall Bissett at programs@spff.org

ONGOING: First and Third Saturdays: Free Casting Clinic, Lake Balboa, Encino, 9-11am.

Southern Sierra Fly Fishers: Contact Chiaki Harami at haramic@aol.com

UPCOMING: Kid’s Fly Fishing Academy (including casting instruction), ages 8-18, in Kernville. Free, but parents/guardian must be a member of SSFF. Register now or as soon as possible. Starts June 11.

I had a great time visiting and casting with the Deep Creek Fly Fishers just a couple of weekends ago (March 19), thanks to Gary Applebee and other DCFE club members. If you or your club would like to schedule a casting clinic, let me know and we’ll see what we can work out. I cannot get to all of the clubs easily, but it’s sure fun trying. The cost will be \$100 for the entire group (not per person!), and all of the money goes directly to the Southwest Council to support SWC programs. I don’t get anything, but I can eat a lot of donuts. Just sayin’... Here’s what’s new around the Southwest Council in terms of casting. **Keep casting! Thanks and best wishes,**

Jody Martin, SWC Casting Director, Sierra Pacific Flyfishers



2022 Southwest Council News

APRIL MESSAGE

FROM: LEIGH ANN SWANSON | PRESIDENT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL president@swcffi.org

WHY ATTEND CLUB MANAGEMENT DAY?

There are many great reasons to attend CMD on April 9, but here are 10 reasons why we think you'll want to claim your spot.

You'll:

1. Meet Patrick Berry, FFI CEO and President | [BIO](#)
2. Connect With Other Clubs
3. Get Inspiration
4. Learn New Tips and Strategies
5. Gather New Ideas
6. Meet New Friends
7. Find Solutions
8. Learn From Others
9. Attend Amazing Breakout Rooms
10. Have Fun



Save the Date
Club Management Day

Saturday
April 9, 2022
10:00am - 12:30pm
Via Zoom

Everyone is welcome. So, feel free to invite anyone who might like to join us for part or all of the day. When we are together, great ideas bubble up.

Please RSVP to Susi Wright at: secretary@swcffi.org

GET READY TO GET REAL

Get ready for some face time at the FlyBuy on May 21, 2022. Not the kind where you're squinting at a screen or phone. But genuine, face-to-face, in-person contact. Smile, talk and get a chance to see some of the best fly tyers around, get expert casting instruction, and haggle at one of our largest garage sales in Southwest Council history. It's going to be a fun and enjoyable day for all! Mark your calendars for May 21, 2022! We can't wait to see you there!

SHARE THE SWCFFI NEWSLETTER

The Southwest Council invites you to share our newsletter with your friends! It's simple. Just pass on the SWC subscribe link <http://eepurl.com/dEL97L>

Once they subscribe, they will receive the Southwest Council's monthly newsletters with articles about local conservation projects, fly fishing topics, youth activities, and information about our and other clubs' events.

Wishing you a bright and happy spring!

Leigh Ann Swanson | [PRESIDENT](#)

Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International

Salt Saturday

Join Santa Barbara
Fishers!



Second Saturday (most months)

Interested? Contact Club President: **Joseph Narkevitz**

Email: **Joseph.narkevitz@gmail.com**

Next Salt Saturday is on May 14th



**SANTA BARBARA
& SESPE FLY
FISHERS**
SURF FISHING!



OUTING LEADER:
**JOSEPH
NARKEVITZ**
CARPINTERIA, CA

**2ND SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**





FIRST SATURDAY CASTING

CASTING THE FLY ROD |

AN INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING

Next Casting Date: May 7, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

[Click here for website schedule](#)

• Chumash Park, Petit and Waco, in East Ventura

Casting practice is open to everyone interested becoming a better caster or learning how to flyfish. Bring your friends, buddies, family and of course your mother-in-law (she will probably out cast you). Please help spread the word! Contact Thomas Hall, Casting Program Coordinator with any questions: 805-377-5249, thomasfoleyhall@gmail.com (Tom will be out fishing for Redfish May 7 so Earl will be hosting Casting in the Park

If you haven't tried it yet, here is your chance to prepare for the new FFI "**Casting Skills Challenge**". And what's in it for me you ask? Well, it's not only fun but you will become a better caster and fisher as a result of mastering the skills challenges, and you can test at your own pace and get a certificate for each level you pass and recognition from Fly Fishers International. There

Intermediate Fly Tying 2021

Eric's Tackle Shop on Thompson, 6-8 PM

Join us at Eric's Tackle and Dennis McCarty will again wow us with his latest and greatest. Bring your fly-tying vise if you have one.

Regular session dates are on the 4th Thursday of the month from 6:00—8:00 PM

For more info: <https://www.sespeflyfishers.org/>



NOTE: Beginning fly tying lessons are full through July. Intermediate Fly Tying Classes have been cancelled until next Fall.

The Fly Shop

www.theflyshop.com



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