

Sespe Fly Fishers



MEETING

March 19, 2008

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Senior Rec. Center

Santa Clara and Oak, Ventura

Program

AUCTION!

OUR ANNUAL
FUND RAISER!

**Silent Auction
starts at 6PM!**

LIVE AUCTION
STARTS AT 8:30

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Meeting Speakers

**Brian and Judith
O'Keefe**

"Why We Love Trout"

April 16th, 2008

7:00 PM Senior Rec.
Center. Oak and Santa
Clara, Ventura

BOARD MEETING
March 17th, at Carrow's
Restaurant, Seaward
and Harbor, Ventura

Fly Tying

On the 4th Monday of
the month at Brooks

Details inside

President's Message

March 2008

"Who'll give me a dollar for it?"

That phrase, and variations thereof, will be heard again at our Club's meeting night at the Ventura Senior Recreation Center on March 19. The night of our annual Sespe Fly fishers auction will have arrived. As you have been reminded countless times, this is our club's biggest fund-raising event of the year. Our venerable team of auctioneers, Bill and Bill (Blackstone and Ulrich), will hold forth with a display of their skill, knowledge, and humor (intentional and otherwise) at this fun event. As with all endeavors of this magnitude, our auction requires the efforts of a great many people. Center-most to our auction and the "engine" that makes it go is our Auction Committee Chairman, Frances Smith. She and her husband Bob devote countless hours to making our club's auction a success. Coordinating the auction is not a short-term activity. Beginning as early as November, Frances is busy writing letters and calling tackle manufactures and suppliers for auction items. She and Bob then collect all this stuff, store it, organize it, and get it to the Rec. Center for the big night. Not to be forgotten is the donation of items by club members and friends. These donated items make up the bulk of the Silent Auction part of the evening. The Silent Auction is a real treasure hunt. There are dozens and dozens of items of all types of fishing related paraphernalia. Please note, the Silent Auction begins at 6:00 PM and the bids close at various times, so get there early to get the best selection. After the Silent Auction ends at about 8:15 PM, the Live Auction begins. Bring cash, checks or credit cards. (Please note, there is a small surcharge added to credit card purchases to cover the added cost of the billing process.) It's a great time to socialize, enjoy refreshments and get some really good stuff at bargain basement prices.

See you there,

Paul

SESPE FLYFISHERS AUCTION 2008

March 19th 6:00 P.M. Senior Rec. Center, Santa Clara & Oak, Ventura

Please note the starting time for our auction this year. Be there or else you may miss out on purchasing a special item. This year our **SILENT AUCTION** is starting at **6:00 P.M.** and items can close at any time so be early and to make your bids.

Here is an updated list of the many **LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION** items that will be available for you to bid on with more to come. Please plan to attend and support your club by bringing a friend, lots of money (with your spouse's permission of course), and take home several of the excellent products, services, and creative items that will be available to you.

This year we have a nice selection and some of the finest quality items ever. We are counting on, and need, your support so please plan to attend. Here are some of the items that will be available to purchase;

Patagonia Men's Watermaster Waders-King

Renzetti Traveler 2000 Series True Rotary Pedestal Base Vise

Patagonia Great Divider Bag

Framed Original drawing by Jeff Currier

Four complimentary passports and pass to **Disneyland**

TFO Fly rod 8 wt., 9", 4 piece

Cabela's Pocket Water Reel Case/Gear Bag

Used **bamboo rod** 5 wt., 7', 2 piece

Patagonia Pack Vest

Patagonia Men's Watermaster II Waders

Patagonia Deep Wading Jacket

Patagonia River Master Vest

Fly Plate with Atlantic salmon fly titled "Whistling Willie" by Jim Carpenter

Half-day fishing trip for two people

Sage Z axis, 9", 8 wt., 4 piece fly rod

Other **bamboo rod** in silent auction

Portable **fly typing bench**

Binoculars

Echo 6-9 reel

Photograph by Christine Fong wife of David Fong

Many more items in the silent auction – too numerous to list

It's a must to see all the items so please show up early!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Below are the names of companies and individuals who have generously donated items or given us substantial discounts for our auction. In the future when you are thinking about purchasing an item please give them consideration:

Abel Automatics	Chota Outdoor Gear
Jeff Hereford	Paul Wilson
Rajeff Sports	Orvis
David Boyden	Royal Wulff Products
Real Mex Restaurants	Leatherman Tool Group
Bill and Joyce Blackstone	Patagonia
Scott Fly Rods	H & M Landing
Tie-Fast Tools	Springbrook/Temple Fork
Wind River	Feather-Craft
Jim Teeny, Inc.	Cabela's
Girl on the Fly	Fly Fisherman
Danalco, Inc.	Cortland Line Company
Ex Officio	Disney Worldwide Outreach
O. Mustad and Son	Thomas and Thomas
Fly Logic, Inc. /Aqua Design	Dyna King
BT's Fly Fishing Products	The Fly Shop
Fly Rod and Reel	Jeff Currier
Bob Smith	Earl Arnold
Gary Steeno	

SESPE FLYFISHERS – SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION RULES

General Information

These rules apply to both the Silent and Live Auctions. When you check in, be sure to pick up your auction Bidder Number. You will need it for both auctions.

Terms of Sale

General auction rules will prevail.

All items are sold "as is".

All sales are final.

All prices or values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Payment Procedure

All Silent Auction and Live Auction bids must be paid the day of the Event, or that bid is void and the next-highest bidder will be the winner.

Payment may be made by cash, personal check, or if Visa/MasterCard add 3% to total.

Silent Auction Procedure

The Silent Auction will begin at **6:00 PM**.

All Silent Auction items will be displayed and the tables closed at any time.

Each item has a minimum price and a minimum bid increase. Bids for less than the minimum price, or increases for less than the minimum increase, are void.

Please clearly print your Bidder Number on the bid sheets.

You will receive an approximate 10 minute warning, and will announce the close of a certain table, which are marked.

Silent Auction bid amounts are NOT refundable.

Live Auction Procedure

The Live Auction will begin about **8:15 PM**.

After the Auction

Please pay the cashier for your Silent and Live Auction Items and then go to claim your items. Please check with the person releasing the Live Auction items before taking your purchased item.

2008 Speaker Schedule

March	Annual Auction	<i>"Bring your credit card"</i>
April	Brian and Judith O'Keefe	<i>"Why We Love Trout"</i>
May	John Tavenner	<i>"The Spectacular San Juan"</i>
June	Diana Rudolph	<i>"Flyfishing Islamorada: Past and Present"</i>
July	Zane Mirfin	<i>"Flyfishing New Zealand"</i>
August	Open	
September	Open	
October	Rick Hafele	<i>"Debugging Entomology"</i>
November	Rick E. Martin	<i>"How to Improve your Photography"</i>
December	Open	

*Speakers and programs subject to change without notice. Check the news letter each month.

Kid's Day at Lake Casitas

I talked with Ranger Rob about the kids fishing day to be held on the 29th of March. Rob has all the help he needs for the kids. So we can set up for fly tying around 8:30 a.m. There is no charge to enter all you have to do is tell the entrance you are one of Rob's helpers. I will need to know by the 17th if anyone is interested. Please e-mail me jwetsu@aol.com if you are interested.

John Dugan
646 6898

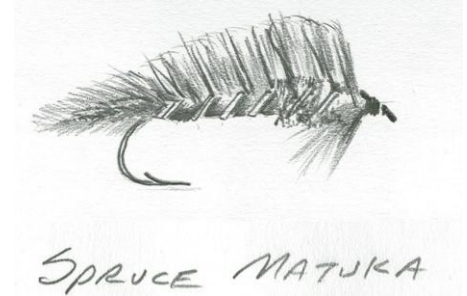
FLY TYING WITH BILL BLACKSTONE

Spruce Matuka (A Blackstone original)

The often overlooked patterns are the streamers. Everyone discounts their value until they fish them. I know that fishing that dry fly on top gives everyone a thrill, and most of us who don't get out very often will start right out with a dry fly. Next time you are on the water and wondering what to tie on next tie on a streamer. You will be glad you did. Last month we wet our whistle on a pattern with a tinsel and ribbed body and just a touch of a wing. This month we are going to move up a bit and dress up our fly with a little more material. Plus we are going to tie in a wing Matuka style. For those who are not familiar with it, the Matuka style wing came to the tying world through New Zealand. Although it seems to defy the traditional double feathered wings, the Matuka technique holds the fly together much better and fishes just as well.

MATERIALS:

Hook- Mustad 79580 Size 4-10
Thread- Black
Ribbing- Small Oval Silver Tinsel
Body- Rear Half Red Floss, Front Half Peacock Herl
Wing- Badger Hackle
Hackle- Badger tied on as a collar with a swept back design



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Wrap the hook from the head space to the bend with an even coat of thread.
2. Tie in oval ribbing. Leave tag end of ribbing long enough to reach from the bend to the head/wing space. This will keep the body even and a uniform thickness.
3. Tie in body floss and advance the thread to the mid point of the hook.
4. Wrap the floss forward to the mid point building a nice tapered "Carrot" shape.
5. Tie in 4-6 strands of peacock herl, wrap the herl clockwise 5 or 6 turns around the tying thread and then wrap thread and herl together to the wing tie in point.
6. Select two full badger hackles, line up the tips back to back (dull side), size the wing to about ½ a body length past the bend. And tie in at the head.
7. Now for the Matuka part, Hold the tips of the wing with your left hand so that it is on top of the body, wet the thumb and fore finger of your right hand and stroke the wing so that the hackles stand up like a Mohawk hair cut.
8. Now palmer the rib up between the hackle fibers to the head, securing the quill to the body. Take care not to trap too many hackles under the rib. (a bodkin really comes in handy here).
9. Secure the rib and tie in a badger hackle wet fly style as a collar.
10. Form a neat head, whip finish, and cement.

From the Fly Tying Chairman, Bob Smith

Our Fly Tying sessions will continue in March with Bill teaching us more about tying the good, tried and true basics, so bring your tools, breadboard and such and we'll see you there.

Our next session will be on Monday March 24th (4th Monday), 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and as usual, at the Brooks Institute's Ventura campus, 5301 N. Ventura Avenue (Rt. 33 to Cañada Larga off ramp), in the Conference Room.

Remaining Fly Tying Dates for the coming season: 2008 - March 24, April 28, May 26.

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Federation of Fly Fishers Member ship Special

The Federation is offering **new memberships** through affiliated clubs at a **Huge Discount**. From now until April 30 you can join the federation for **only \$15.00!** (Regularly \$35.00)

Each new membership helps to qualify the club for a free fly rod from the federation and reduces the amount of our affiliate dues.

Join Now! Sign up at the meeting.

FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN

We need your input! Do you have an Idea for an outing? Would you like to host an outing? I will be willing to assist in coordinating any trips that you have an interest in.

In addition to announcing planned outings via the monthly newsletter I will be using e-mail to communicate with members. Initially I will use the membership directory to create an e-mail group. If your e-mail address is not in the directory and you want to be included in the group, let me know and I will add you to the list.

OUTINGS PLANNED FOR THE REMAINING OF THE YEAR

Through the end of this summer I plan on hosting one surf outing per month. Plan on meeting at the Artful Angler, Santa Clause Lane, 805-566-5900. In addition to surf fishing equipment Eric has loaner rods for those members that would like to give surf fishing a try.

Bishop Outing Report

We had another great outing this past weekend. Attended by Chris & Frances May, Joe & Cassie Zucco (It's great having a member living in the local area.), myself & son, who is now a member. We had great weather except for wind on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Chris had a strong finish with four browns within a short time on Sunday morning.



A Typical Owens Brown Trout, Jeff in the river on a beautiful winter day and Joe Zucco with one of twenty-one for the day!

APRIL 19th Another surf outing.

MAY 3rd Bob Smith will host our annual casting clinic at Hobart Park in Ventura. This has always been a popular event for both experienced and novice casters and is open to the public. An announcement of the event will run in the Star Press and we usually recruit a few new members.

MAY 10th Another surf outing . Since the tide is a -0.6at 8:45 am plan on meeting at the Artful Angular at 8:40 am.

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Sespe Fly Fishers Conservation Notes

March 7, 2008

From our conservation director

Dennis Harper

Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

Friday, April 25 from 7 to 8:30 pm, the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy will hold a meeting at their office to present their current projects. Nica Knite of CalTrout and Paul Jenkins will be speakers. OVLC has a \$2.5 million grant to restore approximately 1600 acres on the Rancho El Nido Unit (from just below the Robles Diversion Facility to the bridge to Lake Casitas). The next day meeting at the Riverview trailhead for a four hour tour to Matilija Dam with Paul, then back to the Ventura River Preserve for Stevie Adams to describe the projects there. Then on to the Ojai Meadows Preserve for a restoration tour there including showing the new creek and vernal pools. Arundo removal started on March 3. There is a \$10 donation for each program separately, but OVLC will also offer on site memberships which are \$25 and the events are free to members. The OVLC is very active in preserving and restoring the Ventura River watershed. Public support is encouraged for this very worthy organization.

Quagga and Zebra Mussels Status:

This week the Casitas Municipal Water District Board enacted a one year ban on outside boats from entering the Lake that have not been stored or moored inside the lake confines. The intent is to protect the lake as a water source from the spread of the Quagga and Zebra mussels while effective measures to protect the lake are developed and enacted. Following this Westlake Lake enacted a similar ban on outside boats. On March 11, the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors is scheduled to discuss a similar, temporary ban on Lake Cachuma

Piru Creek:

On Dec 11, 2007 the Dept of Water Resources (DWR) officially withdrew and resubmitted the Water Quality Certification Application for the operation of Pyramid Dam and Reservoir on Piru Creek to the State Water Resources Control Board. Cal Trout and Friends of the River have been steadfast in their efforts to protect the native trout population and find a solution that would benefit all of Piru Creek's species, including the arroyo toad. The resultant withdrawal and resubmission of the Certification Application opens a 12-month period in which Cal Trout will work closely with agency staff to outline specific conditions for project operations, which will avoid harm to our native fish, habitat and other species and prevent the harm that would have resulted from the original proposal. Hearings on the Santa Felicia Dam relicensing are ongoing.

Steelhead Status:

Seven adult steelhead have now been seen crossing over the Ventura River Robles fishladder and one redd has been found.

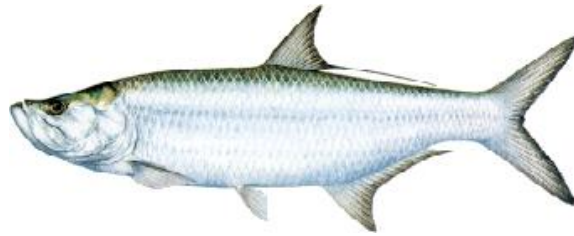
No Fishing signs are being posted in strategic locations on Ventura County streams. All anadromous streams are closed to fishing. If people are seen fishing in Ventura County coastal streams we are advised to the call following Hotline numbers:

CAL TIP Hotline: 888-334-2258

NOAA Hotline: 800-853-1964

Fish of the Month

By Ann Scarborough Bull, Ph.D.



The silver king is the most common alias given to the tarpon and is descriptive of the bright flash that reflects from its large silver scales when it jumps into the air. Tarpon travel into a wide variety of habitats, but are mostly found in coastal waters, bays, and mangrove-lined lagoons within tropical and subtropical climates. They really don't like chilly water and a rapid decrease in temperature can cause a quick kill. Tarpon are found anywhere from on the surface to down around 100 feet. They can handle full ocean to full freshwater but it's mostly juveniles that travel upstream. And yes, they can breathe air from the surface. Tarpon live to be at least 50 and mature at about 10 years. These big fish have relatively small eggs and a 70-pound female can lay more than 12 million. Tarpon get huge, at 4+ ft weighing 200+ pounds, and 50-70-pounders are normal. At least 1/3 of that is head and jaw that busts through bait balls and engulfs food at incredible speed. Tarpon are often coming at you when your stripping back on a fly and setting the hook requires patience. You have to wait until you feel the weight. Once hooked, there is no mistaking the sky rocketing, bright flashing, and head shaking that tarpon perform.

***Tarpon** (Megalops Atlanticus)*

*To tropical waters we all run
Carry heavy rod, bring the big gun
The guide's piercing eye
Will find where they lie
And Tarpon will flash full in the sun*

Sespe Fly Fisher's Sponsor of the Year

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Federation of Fly Fishers News

March, 2008

When Bob Middo was President of the SWCFFF one of his goals was to get the clubs back involved. Greg and I have had many discussions about this same subject. How do we get the clubs to communicate more with each other? How can we get the clubs to take ownership of the SWCFFF?

We are starting with trying to open up communication between the clubs. Each club has a representative that we send information to pass along to the members; we are going to do more conservation projects from clean-ups to helping clubs with their conservation projects. Such as this month we are meeting with a group of fly clubs that have been working on a project to reestablish the Kern River Rainbow Trout. The Kern River Rainbow is one of ten fish indigenous to California. I'll write about that next month after we have the meeting. Our conservation Director will be contacting the clubs and seeing if the whole SWCFFF membership can help on each club's conservation in their area. We are looking at a clean up of Convict Creek, Mammoth Creek and if we can get enough interest we can work on more creeks in the Eastern Sierra area. In June we are looking at going back to Rush creek and helping with the clean up again this year. Kern River is another place of interest since more and more of us are finding out about this river. Santa Barbara does a lot of conservation projects as well as San Diego. So we are looking at covering a wide area, from Mammoth to San Diego. The more our SWCFFF members know about these projects then the jobs won't be as big for a club. We are also meeting with Fish and Game, Caltrout, and The Forest Service to see where we can help out.

We would like to do some fundraising so that we can maybe have a conclave like the other councils do and promote fly-fishing. The idea of having a small conclave this year was talked about at the January quarterly meeting. We felt that at this time we don't have the funds to undertake a conclave. We hope in 2009 we can have a conclave. Which of course means we will need a conclave coordinator and committee to organize this event. If you might be interested please contact either Greg Stumpf at (949) 293-5570 or Gary Applebee at (760) 365-7071. We hope that we can get all the clubs to participate in putting on a conclave.

There is also a group of certified casters teaching casting certification to some of the clubs in our council. The Santa Clarita Fly Fishers are taking advantage of this and the San Diego Fly Fishers are looking at doing the same in their area. There are about sixty certified casters that I counted on the FFF national website in the Southwest Council. If your club is interested in getting more members certified Call Greg Stumpf at (949) 293-5570 or Bob Middo at (310) 798-2009 to find out more about what they are doing with casting. Kaweah Fly Fishers has bought the rights to "The Way of a Trout" by Trout Unlimited and is looking at putting it on DVD. When this happens we will let everyone know so they can buy a copy for their Trout in the Classroom programs.

As you can see the SWCFFF is starting to get active in many things from conservation to education. The thing to remember is that this is YOUR council. Without the clubs and their involvement we don't have a FFF council.

BASIC ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR FLY FISHERS SAT. MARCH 29, 2008

LONG BEACH VETERANS HOSPITAL

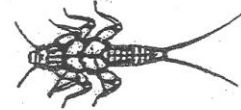
The study of aquatic insects for trout fishing.
This is the 10th annual bug class. All fly fishers welcome.



MAGGIE MERRIMAN
Professional Fly Fishing Instructor
Over 35 years teaching experience.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP AT LONG BEACH V. A. HOSPITAL FOR FLY FISHERS. This workshop is offered only once a year in the spring.

INSTRUCTOR: MAGGIE MERRIMAN
DATE: Saturday, March 29, 2008
TIME: 9: 00am to 1:00pm
LOCATION: Long Beach VETERANS HOSPITAL
WORKSHOP FEE: \$50.00



Take the mystery out of what bug is hatching and what fly to use for trout fishing. This is a great workshop that will teach you how to identify the basic trout food: Mayflies, Caddis, Stoneflies and Midges.

This class will help you become a better trout fisher or fly tyer. You will learn to identify the bugs, how to "match the hatch" and how to select the correct fly. Class includes: samples of bugs, corresponding flies and an extensive class handout. Bring a snack, drink, note pad and some fly boxes to look at and compare with the bugs.

NO LATIN OR GREEK SPOKEN.....JUST SIMPLE ENGLISH

Maggie's class is a very popular one. This is the same class that she has given at the FFF National Conclaves.



TO REGISTER, MAIL WORKSHOP FEE TO MAGGIE.

Pre-registration is required. Please register by Sat. March 22nd.
MAP TO THE V. A. HOSPITAL PROVIDED WITH REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION
PRIVATE CASTING AND FLY FISHING LESSONS: Winter & Summer
Private or small group. Casting & running water techniques. Beginning, intermediate & advanced. Loaner equipment available, rods & reels. Contact Maggie

WINTER INSTRUCTION: Nov. - April
19791 Coastline Lane
Huntington Beach, CA. 92648
Phone 714-969-5829

SUMMER INSTRUCTION: May - April
P.O. Box 755
West Yellowstone, Montana 59758
Phone 406-646-7824

Sespe Fly Fishers Membership Renewal

Dear Flyfisher,

Welcome to new members and renewing members alike! Your membership dues enable the Sespe Fly Fishers to continue to provide quality programs, outings, seminars, and to participate in conservation efforts.

In other words, WE NEED YOU!

Please complete this application and return it along with your membership dues today to the following address:

Sespe Flyfishers
P.O. Box 5127
Ventura, CA 93005

Your support is appreciated.

NAME: _____

Please include names of Family Members that may participate in club functions:

Family Member: _____

Family Member: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please indicate if you are a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF)

Yes No

Annual Family Membership Dues (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)

Residence	Age	New Member	Renewing Member	
Ventura & S.B. Counties	16 and over	\$41	\$35	\$ _____
Other Locations	16 and over	\$18	\$12	\$ _____
Any	Under 16	\$18	\$12	\$ _____
Voluntary contribution to the Sespe Fly Fishers Conservation Fund				\$ _____
Voluntary contribution to "Trout in the classroom"				\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL				\$ _____

If you have any questions, please contact Chris or Fran May at (805) 984-1267 or chrismay5@msn.com.



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