

Sespe Fly Fishers



MEETING

**September 20,
2008**

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Soul Park

**Ojai Ca. See inside
for details**

Program

Annual Picnic

*"Picnic in the
park"*

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Meeting

Rick Hafele

*"Debugging
Entomology"*

**Wednesday October
15th, 2008**

**7 pm at the Senior
Recreation Center,
Ventura**

BOARD MEETING

August 18th, at
Carrow's Restaurant,
Seaward and Harbor,
Ventura

Outings

Rod Building Classes!

See inside for details!

President's Message

September 2008

What time is it? It's Picnic Time! Saturday, September 20, 3:00PM at Soule Park in Ojai is the date, time and place of your club's annual picnic. It has been awhile since we have had such an outing and I am looking forward to its revival. Chuck and Marcia Colwell have organized a great event. Greg Diaz is on-tap to be our chef. John Dugan has a special selection of items for the raffle and Bob Smith has a new package of events to test our casting skills. For those who are not into the casting thing, there is even a Bocce Ball event planned. Plan on bringing your family and having a good time with your fellow club members. If you have not already done so, please call Chuck (the flyer is enclosed in this newsletter) and let him know you are attending. Advance notice makes the food preparation much more efficient, but last-minute walk-ins are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: the September 20 Picnic replaces our normal monthly club meeting at the Senior Recreation Center. The next regularly scheduled Wednesday meeting at the Senior Recreation Center will be on October 15.

You will notice a change in the Committee Chairmen section of the newsletter this month. Bob Salas who has served as the Chairman of the Trout in the Classroom program for the past couple of years needs a well-deserved rest. Fortunately, for us, Ray Johnson has recruited a new member as well as a new committee chairman. Kent Houston, is a teacher who has been involved in the program for twelve years. He has raised and released a lot of trout. Now he is willing to work both ends of the program as well as everything in the middle. The TIC program requires a great deal of behind-the-scenes effort. The most significant, time-constrained event is the pickup and delivery of the eggs when the hatchery calls. We will be looking for a few helpers when that time arrives. We welcome Kent and look forward to his stewardship of the program. Our sincere thanks go to Bob Salas for his efforts in keeping the program alive and well. Thanks, Bob.

With the arrival of fall, the on-going club activities reconvene. There is the Bill Blackstone fly tying program coordinated by Bob Smith; The rod building class led by John Dugan and Ray Johnson starts of Sept 16. With all of this, who has time to fish?

See you at the Picnic, Paul

Sespe Fly Fishers

Picnic

Pot Luck, Raffle and Games!

Date Saturday September 20, 2008
Place Soule Park, Ojai Area #4
Time 3 pm to ??
Who All members, spouses/friends and kids

Casting clinic – watch a demonstration on how to cast using a spey rod – play horseshoes to test your skill – large level lawn area for casting practice and games.

The Club will provide charcoal, sliced tri-tip roast for adults, hot dogs for kids (buns and fixings), garlic bread ingredients (members to do the cooking), salsa, plates, napkins, cups and utensils.

What to bring

Your own ice chest with beverages (wine and beer are OK), and

if your last name begins with...

A – D bring dessert for 10 people
E – O bring appetizer for 10 people
P – Z bring salad for 10 people

Fee - \$5 per adult (if RSVP and fee paid by Sept 1st - \$7 per adult after Sept 1st)

Please pay by cash or check at a Club meeting, or mail check to Carl Rhoads, Treasurer.

Make checks payable to Sespe Fly Fishers.

Parking - \$4 per car – pay by cash at Park entrance.

RSVP to Chuck and Marcia Colwell
805 987-5474
e-mail: crc4411@verizon.net

FLY TYING WITH BILL BLACKSTONE

Poly Humpy

In every field we continually see new materials that replace the old stand by's. When these materials are introduced they immediately become the "new" standards. Nowhere has this had a more important impact than fly tying. One product that in my opinion has had the greatest impact on fly tying is the poly yarns, and that's what this months patterns are dressed with. Poly yarns are available in a wide assortment of colors, they are inexpensive, easy to use, and lend themselves to any fly choice. By that I mean they can be used on dry flies, streamers, nymphs, or anything in between. The easiest poly fly I know is the "Poly Humpy".

MATERIALS

Hook-	Standard dry fly hook your choice
Thread-	Pale Yellow
Tail-	Light Tan Poly Yarn
Body-	Light Yellow Floss
Wing-	Light Tan Poly Yarn
Hackle-	Light Dunn (Grey)



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Select a medium pinch of poly yarn and tie it on the hook commencing at the normal wing space. Run your thread to the point you normally would start your tail, wrapping over the poly yarn. Stop and trim your Tail slightly long for a standard dry fly.
2. Now trim the poly at the wing to about 1-1/2" long pull it back down over the tail and tie it down at the tail.
3. Tie in a couple of strands of the floss at the tail and advance the thread to the wing. Wrap the floss forward over the poly forming a smooth body. Stop at the wing space, tie off and trim the floss.
4. Pull the poly yarn on top of the tail forward over the body "Humpy Style" and tie down back at the wing space. If you want to split the wing now's your chance. I like a split wing on my flies size 14 and larger. Split the wing into two tufts and tie them in on top of the hook.
5. Select a hackle and tie it in behind the wing and advance the thread forward to the head space.
6. Wind your hackle at least two turns behind the wing and wrap forward to the head space.
7. Trim the hackle, wrap a neat head, whip finish and cement.

You can change your floss colors to suit your fly hatch, with the same color poly and hackle. This is an easy and fast pattern and will fish on any stream.

Fish of the Month

By Ann Scarborough Bull, Ph.D.



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The California golden trout is native to two high-altitude watersheds in California's rugged Sierra Nevada Mountains. It became the State Fish in 1947. Over 10,000 years ago, powerful geologic forces isolated the Kern River plateau waters and the fish living in them. They bred within this small, isolated territory into the Golden Trout. Upheavals and water erosion also created barriers to all but intrepid anglers. Years of stocking non-native trout species throughout most of the South Fork Kern River drainage and in the headwaters of Golden Trout Creek have reduced native California golden trout to a tenuous existence above a series of artificial fish passage barriers on the South Fork Kern. Conservation measures and no fewer than 15 chemical treatments of various portions of the South Fork Kern to remove non-native trout are improving the outlook. The color on this fish is as vibrant as any Christmas ornament. A delight to behold; finding, fishing, and caring for them requires effort, skill, and patience.

California Golden Trout

At the end of a high mountain route

The fish we cannot do without

It swims in the streams

Like so many dreams

It's the elegant Cal Golden Trout

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2008 Speaker Schedule

September **Annual Picnic** *September 20th Soul Park, Ojai*

October **Rick Hafele** *"Debugging Entomology"*

November **Rick E. Martin** *"How to Improve your Photography"*

December **Christmas Party** *"Bring back your white elephant gift!"*

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

From The Fly Tying Chairman **Bob Smith**

Our Fly Tying sessions will continue starting this month and, as before, will be on the 4th Monday evenings of the month except for May. The schedule for the year:

September	22	7-9PM	
October	27	"	
November	24	"	
January	26	"	
February	23	"	
March	23	"	
April	27	"	
May	18	"	(3 rd Monday)

Bring your tying stuff. I know Bill will have some great patterns and techniques for us.

The session for September will be on the 22nd (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 Canada Larga off ramp), in the Conference Room.

SEPTEMBER PICNIC at SOULE PARK

This years annual picnic will be at Soule Park in Ojai on Saturday September 20, 3pm to Sunset. Soule Park is a great venue with lots of room to cast, a covered eating area and a big group barbeque pit. We'll have a Santa Maria style barbeque with tri-tip, beans, bread and soft drinks. And a pot luck salad and desert. This year, in order to save our funds, we are asking for a five dollar per adult donation. Kids are free. Come early and bring your vacation pictures and fly rods. Soule is a Ventura County park in Ojai. [Mapquest map for Soule Park](#) Just take Ojai Ave. East to Boardman Rd. and turn right.

A message from Eric Rangel owner of "The Artful Angler"

"Before you shop at Cabelas, come on in and see what I carry. I have rods & reels, at Cabelas pricing & you can see, feel, and cast them before you buy."

Eric donated a beautiful "Simms" mesh vest for the raffle.



Rod Building Classes

By Ray Johnson and John Dugan

Starting this month there will be rod building classes put on by our own master rod builder Ray Johnson. If you ever wanted to have a great rod, but your wallet says no, now's your chance. I built a 10' 7 wt. Steel Head rod for under a 150 bucks and landed a lunker on the Rogue with it last fall. My favorite rod is one Ray built. **Hurry! Class starts Sept 16, and continues on the 23,30, and Oct 7 and 14. Contact John Dugan for more information 646-6898 juetsu@aol.com**



Federation of Fly Fishers News

September, 2008

Electro- fishing survey at Hot Creek on October 21, 22, 23and 24th.

Hi all,

I just got off the phone with Roger Bloom with the DFG. They need AT LEAST, 16 volunteers for electro- fishing survey at Hot Creek on October 21, 22, 23and 24th.

I know that the Clubs in the Southwest Council can come up with more than enough people to work on this project, after all this is the Councils and most clubs, favorite water. Unfortunately there is a catch. We are all aware that Sacramento has not produced a budget, and as of this coming Friday their gas cards will be cut off. Roger, Jeff and the dedicated crew have been funding the field work out of their own pockets. They have been taking loans from family and friends to keep up this important work on the fisheries that we all love. They now have a combined indebtedness of \$18,000.00, money out of their own pocket to do their job. That's dedicated!

If the survey on Hot Creek is going to happen we need to pay the tab for gas food or whatever. I am asking for a small donation from volunteers, Clubs, Guides, Fly shops and Councils. We all have a part in this be it a place we enjoy or a place to make a living. If we all give what we can afford we could pay for this survey and hopefully ease the financial strain on these truly dedicated people.

Please mail you donations to:

Treasurer @SWC

C/O Carl Laski

5324 Rome AVE.

Cypress, CA 90730

Please note DFG on your check

Please contact me if you wish to Volunteer

Greg Stumpf

President SWCFFF

(949) 293-5570

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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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