

# Sespe Fly Fishers



## President's Message

January 2009

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### MEETING

**January 14, 2009**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

**PLACE: Senior Rec. Center**

**Santa Clara and Oak, Ventura**

### Program

**Kevin Peterson**

*"Fishing the Eastern Sierra"*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

February Meeting

**David Taylor**

**"The Joy of Fishing Alaska"**

**Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**7PM**

**BOARD MEETING**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, at Carrow's Restaurant, Seaward and Harbor, Ventura

**Outings**

See inside for details!

2009 came around too fast. Seems like we just got started on 2008. 2008 was a good year for our club. The March auction was one of our most successful ever. The Club's activities were many and varied: we enjoyed the visiting speakers (plus an outstanding program from our own Steve Schalla), fly tying, the casting clinic, rod building, outings, conservation projects, Trout in the Classroom, monthly meeting raffles and refreshments. We revived the annual picnic in September and finished the year with another great holiday party in December. Here's hoping 2009 will be even more successful.

We ended the year in a festive mood with our Christmas Party. Chuck and Marcia Colwell repeated their outstanding event which they inaugurated last year. There are many people to thank. Frances Smith was our chef for the turkey (Bob was seen slicing it in the kitchen), Ann Bull coordinated the RSVP's and provided table decorations. Bob Smith was our photographer, Jeff Hereford provided the coffee and Bruce Hunter provided the music. There were many others who helped with the set-up and clean-up and then there was all that great food! From the appetizers to dessert and all that was in-between, it was superb. Then there was that White Elephant gift exchange. Some of that stuff sure changed hands a lot, (except for those shorts Bill Blackstone had). Thanks again to you all who made it possible.

Here are some important reminders: Don't forget to get that new fishing license: it's time to renew your club membership AND start planning now for our Annual March Auction. As you know, our auction is the major source of funds for club operations. Frances Smith is busy planning and collecting items for the event. Check around and see if there are any items you have that are not being used, but could be of use to other club members. Contact Frances and she will arrange to get the items up for sale.

The 2009 roster of monthly speakers includes some really excellent programs. In addition there are the continuing monthly fly tying sessions with Bill Blackstone as arranged by Bob Smith, outings arranged by Jeff Hereford, Conservation projects coordinated by Dennis Harper and lots more to come. Enjoy! Paul

# Speaker of the Month

## Eastern Sierra and Hot Creek with Kevin Peterson



Kevin tells us that his show is loaded with photos and dialogue about the insects, the water and the techniques of how to fish the water here, with a special emphasis on Hot Creek. And this is basically our “home water.” Reports indicate that 85% of fly fishers who travel to the Mammoth Lakes area are from southern California, so join us for a great show as we get into our waders, pick up our rods and wade into this world class fishery.

There is no better person to present this show than Kevin. He has lived in Mammoth Lakes since 1982 and has been guiding the waters of the Eastern Sierra for more than 23 years. For several years Kevin was the co-owner of both The Trout Fly and The TroutFitter fly shops, as well as their lead guide. As a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Fly Casting instructor, Kevin teaches beginners all of the skills needed to start a lifetime of fly fishing adventures, or he can teach an old dog a new trick or two.

Kevin was born in Wyoming, where his father worked for the Wyoming Department of Game and Fish, along with being a hunting and fishing guide. Understandably, Kevin learned both sports at a very early age. When he was three, the family moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, where Kevin really developed his outdoor skills. Most of his free time was spent fly fishing on the Thompson or Poudre Rivers. Then, when Kevin was nine, the family moved to Costa Rica where he added surfing to his repertoire.

After graduating from Costa Rica Academy in 1974, Kevin moved to Houston, Texas, and spent time in Galveston fishing for redfish and speckled sea trout. Fast-forward four years and Kevin moves to Santa Barbara where he continues fly fishing, while adding scuba diving to his activities. After realizing that he was spending a lot of time driving to Mammoth to fly fish, ski and hunt, Kevin moved there permanently in 1982 and, after a few years, became a part-time guide for Fred Rowe at The Sierra Bright Dot. Soon he was working full-time and by 1986, he became a partner in The Eastside Guide Service and the newly opened Trout Fly Shop. He has been featured on four episodes of “Inside Sportfishing” on the Fox network, as well as three episodes of “Familiar Waters” with Mike Pawlawski on The Outdoor Channel. ” While he loves to fly fish around his home, he also fishes for bonefish in the Bahamas, tarpon in Florida and sailfish, dorado and tuna in Costa Rica. He also guides Steelhead fishing in Northern California from November through December.

Kevin and his wife Lisa are now managing Hot Creek Ranch right outside Mammoth Lakes. Come and enjoy this program and discover why Kevin has so many clients who call him “FRIEND!” He told us that his presentation could make the difference between a good day on Hot Creek and a GREAT day!

You can find Kevin on the web at [www.kevinpetersonflyfishing.com](http://www.kevinpetersonflyfishing.com) or [www.hotcreekranch.com](http://www.hotcreekranch.com) or he can be reached at (760)937-0519

# **AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION!**

## **Sespe Fly Fishers Annual Auction**

**March 18, 2009, 6:00 P.M.**

**(Regular Meeting Night)**

Our main fund-raising event of the year is just around the corner. It is your chance to obtain a much desired fly fishing item and support your club at the same time. The proceeds from the auction represent about half of our annual income. The money we get from our annual auction, and from our dues, is what allows us to present the programs that we all enjoy so much. Please plan to be there...bring a friend...and your checkbook or credit card!

We need donations of all types. Donating an item(s) is an opportunity for you to support your club in a way that does not require the commitment of time that many of us are not able to give. Extra gear? Services? Flies? Jewelry? Etc? What have you got?

Please contact Frances if you have any item(s) to donate, my number is 647-3522.

**SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION ON MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

If you would like to purchase at the auction any of the following please see Frances, email or snail mail her by February 12, 2009 with your selections

### **Tibor Reels**

- Pacific
- Gulfstream
- Riptide
- Everglades

### **Tibor Light Reels**

- Spring Creek CL
- Tail Water CL
- Back Country Wide CL

### **Tibor Linemaster**

### **Tibor QC Reels**

- Pacific (std. or spool 2)
- Gulfstream (std or spool 2)
- Ripetide (std. or spool 2)
- Everglades

### **Billy Pate Reels (AR, Gold and Black only)**

Please specify left or right hand retrieve.

All with corresponding game fish engraving.

- Tarpon
- Bonefish
- Salmon

### **The Waterworks/Lamson Reels and Spools:**

- Purest Series
- Waterworks ULA Reels
- Force Series Reels and Vanquish Reels
- Lamson Litespeed: Hard Alox
- Lamson Velocity: Hard Alox
- Lamson Guru
- Lamson Konic
- Ketchum Release Tool

### **Litespeed Spools:**

- Guide or Smoke Finish

### **Velocity Spools:**

- Smoke or Alox Finish

### **G. Loomis**

- Rods and Accessories

### **O.S. Systems**

- Travel or Stealth Waders
- Chest Waders
- Undergarments

### **Ross Reels and Spools**

- CLA
- Vexsis (New for 2009)
- Evolution
- Momentum
- Momentum LT (New for 2009)
- Also spools for Discontinued Reels

### **Simms**

- G3 Guide Stocking feet
- Headwaters Stocking feet
- G4 Pro Stocking feet
- Women's Headwaters Stocking feet

### **Rajeff Sports LLC**

- Airflo lines (up to 5 may be purchased)
- Echo rod and reels
- Echo2 rod and reels

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## 2008/09 Speaker Schedule

November	<b>Rick E. Martin</b>	<i>“How to Improve your Photography”</i>
December	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<i>“Bring back your white elephant gift!”</i>
January	<b>Kevin Peterson</b>	<i>“Fishing the Eastern Sierra”</i>
February	<b>David Taylor</b>	<i>“The Joy of Fishing Alaska”</i>
March	Open	
April	<b>Stan Bradshaw</b>	<i>“Saving Trout, One State at a Time”</i>
May	<b>Guy Jeans</b>	<i>“The Kern River”</i>
June	<b>David Lambroughton</b>	<i>“Endless Summers”</i>
July	<b>Ken Hanley</b>	<i>“Fly Fishing for Bass”</i>
August	Open	
September	Open	
October	<b>Trapper Badovinac</b>	<i>“Solitude – Finding &amp; Fishing Small Western Streams”</i>
November	<b>Skip Morris</b>	<i>“Fishing the Surface of a Trout Lake”</i>

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

## From Our Fly Tying Chairman

Bob Smith

Our Fly Tying get-togethers with Bill Blackstone will continue this month and we can look forward to more great patterns, techniques, and interesting conversations.

Our session for January will be on the 26th (4<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Fish of the Month

By Ann Scarborough Bull, Ph.D.



**Albacore Tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*).** Even the name sounds delicious. Pacific albacore are highly migratory species that spend most of their lives thousands of miles from any land: they do not stay by any particular state and are only visitors, not "locals." However, fishermen from California, Oregon, and Washington troll for albacore, so tuna marked as "local" or "West Coast albacore" are troll-caught. All tuna are fast swimmers—they have been clocked at 70 km/h (45 mph)—and almost all are warm-blooded. The larger tuna species, such as the albacore, yellowfin, or bluefin, can raise their blood temperature above that of the surrounding water by adding muscular activity. This ability enables them to range through both warm and cold waters and to survive in a wide range of ocean environments. Unlike most fish species, which have white flesh, tuna have flesh that is pink to dark red. The red coloring comes from great quantities of oxygen-binding molecules in the muscle. Albacore has a relatively small mouth as do all tuna. It is not a gulper but rather a swift bait eating machine. This fish will hit on a trolled fly-jig of glittery eyes and hula body feathers in outrageous colors that may mimic squid or anchovy that are attempting to flee.

## *Tuna*

*Time for a marine species of fish  
One you can use for any main dish  
Starting with salad bowl  
To stew ala Creole  
A fish we can all catch, we wish*

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# **From the Conservation Chairman**

Dennis Harper

## **Sespe Fly Fishers Conservation Notes, Jan 2009**

### **California Sues Federal Government over Changes in Endangered Species Act**

CA Atty. Gen. Jerry Brown has filed suit against the federal government charging that a recent rule change by the Bush administration illegally gutted provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), essentially quashing the role of science in decisions made by federal agencies. The new rules eliminated mandated independent scientific review of federal agency plans if the agency determined the projects pose no threat to protected species. Several environmental groups have also filed suit over the changes. The rule changes are thought to be illegal by the state. These new regulations, if left standing, could definitely impact decisions regarding our local, endangered steelhead and other species.

### **Feds Request Court to Reconsider Casitas Ventura Water Decision**

The United States has requested the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals reconsider its ruling that would let Casitas Municipal Water District collect money in compensation for water that passes through the Robles Diversion Facility fish ladder in support of endangered steelhead passage. This action has the strong support of the following organizations: Cal Trout, the Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife, the National Wildlife Federation, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Natural Resources Defense Council; collectively these organizations represent millions of citizens. Many leading law professors and some of the top fishery scientists in the country support reconsideration of the ruling.

This water rightfully belongs to the public domain. The tiny fraction of water that is used to support the steelhead migration is necessary to the survival of the species and also to sustain a healthy river environment. The taxpayers and Casitas Water customers should not be burdened by this egregious cost.

Its time for the Casitas Municipal Water District to stop working against the public interest and to support restoring our Ventura River.

### **DFG Fish Hatchery Planting Program Policy Update**

The Northern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers supports the production and selective planting of hatchery trout as a method of 'augmenting the fishing experience without threatening the health of species native to the waters where they originated'. The current moratorium is temporary to allow a complete environmental review of how specific areas are impacted by hatchery-born fish. Over 80%

of the current planted waters will still be stocked during the review process. There are several species of native and heritage trout that are at risk from hatchery planting. They are: California Golden Trout, Paiute Cutthroat Trout, Kern River Rainbow Trout and Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. These fish require a much better understanding of the requirements for their long-term survival and for this purpose the moratorium and environmental review is much needed.

### **Swiss Government Bans Catch and Release Fishing**

The Swiss have passed regulations banning Catch and Release Fishing beginning Jan 2009. Fish caught should be killed immediately following their capture. The regulations state, "It is not permitted to go fishing with the 'intention' to release the fish". Also anglers must take a course on humane methods of catching fish before being granted a fishing license. There seems to be no consideration of conservation or preservation of fish populations in these regulations. Making the killing of fish obligatory will simply reduce the fish population and likely has a negative impact on sport fishing. Fishermen have invested enormous amounts of time and money to improve water quality and create larger and healthier fish populations. Wouldn't it be far better if the fisherman decides, according to the situation, whether to keep a fish or to release it? We have all seen the results as fish populations throughout the United States have been decimated by catch and kill practices.



## **FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN**

The following is a proposal for this month. Would you like to host an outing to a special spot? I will be more than willing to assist in coordinating any trips that you may have an interest in.

In addition to announcing planned outing via the monthly newsletter I will be using e-mail to communicate with members. This will allow me to keep members informed and facilitate communicating last minute changes to the outing schedule. Initially I will use the membership directory to create a group e-mail group. If your e-mail address is not in the directory and you desire to be included in the group e-mail let me know and I will add you to the list.

MONTH

LOCATION

HOST

**23 – 25 Jan.** Subject to weather conditions I plan on hosting our annual outing to Bishop during this weekend. I plan on staying at the El Rancho and depending on weather will be fishing the Lower or Upper Owens. I will be sending out another announcement regarding the outing a week prior to the outing.

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## **RENEW EARLY AND GET FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!**

We are beginning to collect 2009 membership renewals, and have set a goal of completing the task by April 1. As an incentive to renew early, we are offering those who renew on or before our February general meeting 5 raffle tickets. This amounts to a \$5 savings!!! A record of those that renew early will be kept so that you can claim your tickets at a later meeting if you do not attend either the January or February meeting. A renewal form is included in the newsletter. Please fill the form out completely so that we have your current contact information. It is also important to list members of your family that may partake in any of our outings, as this is a requirement of our insurance carrier. Additionally, please be sure to indicate whether you are a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, as your membership reduces our insurance costs.

Please feel free to contact me at [chrismay5@msn.com](mailto:chrismay5@msn.com) or (805) 984-1267.

Chris May

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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"				\$ _____
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

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



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