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# FLYFISHERS

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## MEETING NEWS

**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.

**DATE:** APRIL 16, 2003

**PLACE:** Senior Rec. Center  
Santa Clara and Oak

## PROGRAM

**Mel's Exciting Adventure**

**With Mel Krieger**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BOARD MEETING

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

### MAY MEETING

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

(Note: This is 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

Senior Rec. Center

Program: Mel Krieger

### MAY BOARD MEETING

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

APRIL 2003

## **Come See Mel Krieger**

One of the most famous fly fishing instructors in the world, the man who has probably taught more people to cast than any other luminary in the fly fishing community, will be our guest speaker in April. Mel Krieger will entertain, inform and charm us all the evening of April 16<sup>th</sup>.

For those new to fly fishing or to his name, Mel is one of the few fly fishers to garner unrestricted praise from just about every professional casting instructor and fishing guide. And this praise comes from such diverse sources as Mike Lawson, Lani Waller, TV personality Curt Gowdy and *Outdoor Life* magazine's Jerry Gibbs. As just one example of his talent, many years ago Mel gave a young boy his first casting lesson at the Golden Gate Casting Club in San Francisco. That young boy is now into middle age, but still consults Mel about casting. The boy's name: Steve Rajeff. Steve has been the World's International Casting Champion for about 25 years.

Mel grew up in Illinois and Wisconsin and later moved to Texas, where he learned to fish for black bass. While in the Lone Star State, he met Fanny, his future wife and partner. In 1964, they took a vacation to California, fell in love with the Bay Area and moved there immediately. While in San Francisco, Mel took up fly casting with a passion, became a tournament caster and, after winning a first prize trip to New Zealand in a casting contest, Mel's career as a traveling fisherman and instructor was born. It's almost 40 years later and today Mel and Fanny run the Krieger International School of Fly Fishing and Club Pacific, an angling and travel agency that specializes in fishing travel around the world.

Mel has personally taught fly casting and fly fishing at schools in Asia, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Scandinavia, all across Europe and, of course, throughout the United States. Wherever and whenever he appears, standing-room-only and turn-away crowds are the norm. His acclaimed book, *The Essence of Fly Casting*, has been so sought after it has been translated into such diverse languages as Norwegian and Japanese. His videos and DVDs, "The Essence of Fly Casting I and II," "Beginnings – An Introduction to Fly Fishing" and "The Essence of Spey Casting" are used as curricula around the world. Innovative programs created by Mel include the *Fly Casting Certification Program*, which is endorsed and administered by the International Federation of Fly Fishers. (Continued on page 2)

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**Mel Krieger (Continued)**

Mel's presentation, titled "Mel's Exciting Adventure," will be slides and stories about the place in the world that has truly captured his heart and where he now visits as many as three times a year. You'll have to come to the show to learn what magnificent place has so affected this superb fly fisher.

What more can we say? Mel has been described as a leprechaun who keeps you fascinated, a boxer who won't let you get away, an elf, a romantic, a stern taskmaster and a genius. One term that everyone agrees upon is "Giant".

WIND KNOTS AND TAILING LOOPS

**FLY TYING:**

For the April Fly Tying Get-Together, it's "MORE OF THE SAME" so bring your vice, thread, and tools and Bill will provide everything else.

Same time and place: 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 24, at the Brooks Institute Campus, 5301 Ventura Avenue. Take Canada Larga off ramp from Hwy 33.

See you there.

Bob Smith  
647-3522

## **FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN**

### **Surf fishing clinic on 19 April**

A local surf outing will be held on 19 April. I know it's on the day before Easter however the best tide of the month occurs then – minus 1.1 at 6:10 a.m. incoming until 12:38 p.m. This will be a great chance to be introduced to this aspect of fly-fishing or enhance your surf fishing technique. In order to provide an optimum environment for instruction the number of participants will be limited to 15. Fees for this class will be \$15 for club members. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the parking lot at Bates Beach. This provides a large parking area and easy access to the freeway. From there it's an easy drive to other areas such as La Conchita, Seacliff, etc. Request you reserve your spot for this outing as soon as possible.

### **Bonita fishing at King Harbor for 17 May and Casting Clinic on 31 May**

Ray Johnson and Bill Ulrich will host this unique salt water fishing excursion. Request as early as possible sign up for this outing in order to facilitate the coordination of boat rental. Details on meeting time, cost, etc. will be provided in the next newsletter.

In addition to the above outing Bob Smith will be hosting a casting clinic at Hobart Park on Saturday, May 31, 9:00am to 12:00. This will be a superb opportunity to improve your casting technique for the new season. If scheduling allows Mike Maloney may be conducting the clinic.

### **Lockwood Valley for June Date TBA**

Ty Stork will be hosting this day or overnight hike into an area that should hold spawners moving up from Lake Priu. Timing of the spawn will determine the date of the outing.

### **Green River Area on 19/20/21 July**

I have reserved six positions for three days of guided fishing with the Solitary Angler in southwestern Wyoming. Van Beachham of Solitary Angler was our guest speaker for the month of Oct., sounded like he offers a unique fishing experience in areas that many people have never heard about. See Oct newsletter for bio. The three days will include one day floating the Green River through the Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge below Fontenelle Dam, one day of guided fishing on Ham's fork and one day of guided fishing on Smith's Fork plus a morning of fishing on our own. Both the Ham's & Smith's fork are tributaries of the Green and are on private ranch land. I need to confirm reservations by the end of April. Need to know if interested ASAP. Schedule and estimated cost is as follows:

#### **SCHEDULE**

18 July p.m. Arrive Salt Lake City Friday (I will be driving to SLC and can transport up to five passengers) and drive to Fairview Motel in Kemmerer Wy. (Approx two hrs.)

19 July Float the Green River. Evening at the Fairview.

20 July Guided fishing on the Ham's Fork. Evening at the Fairview.

21 July Transfer to Smith Fork B&B for day of guided fishing. Evening at the B&B.

22 July Fish the Smith's Fork on our own a.m. Return to SLC p.m.

#### **ESTIMATED COST BASED ON TWO INDIVIDUALS**

\$1050 Guide Fees three days

\$150 Fairview Motel three nights

\$100 Rod Fees Smith & Ham's Fork  
\$100 Smith Fork B&B one night  
Total \$1400/2 = \$700 per person  
Additional cost would be airfare to SLC, food and car rental if desired.

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## **Department of Fish and Game**

### **NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 03:031 April 8, 2003**

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'California Heritage Trout Challenge' to Award Successful  
Anglers

The California Fish and Game Commission at its April 3 meeting approved a new education feature to honor anglers who catch six of the state's 11 kinds of native trout. Anglers who meet the minimum requirements will receive a colorful certificate recognizing their accomplishment as part of the new California Heritage Trout Challenge.

The recognition of anglers who have caught native trout is an education effort that is part of the Commission's California Heritage Trout Program. The Heritage Trout Challenge enables anglers to receive a personalized award from the Commission and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for their accomplishments in learning about, fishing for, and catching California's native trout.

To qualify for the certificate, anglers must catch six different native trout from their historic drainages, then document their catch on an application form. Applications for the certificate will require anglers to verify when and where trout were caught and must include photographs of each fish. There are no time or deadline requirements for the catches so that previously caught native trout, if properly documented, would qualify even if caught decades ago.

The designation of "historic drainages" - distinct from "native ranges" - will qualify catches of certain native trout that are present in locations not part of the original native range but are within the trout's native drainage. This distinction is also consistent with usage of these terms in the Commission's Wild Trout Waters policy. This will make catching of some native trout, especially the inland cutthroats - due to very limited distribution within the native ranges in California - more feasible for anglers seeking the certificate. Anglers may need to do some research to learn about native trout distribution as part of the Challenge.

Anglers completing the Heritage Trout Challenge will receive an attractive, numbered, recognition certificate that is individually printed with the angler's name and features the art of renowned fish illustrator Joseph Tomelleri, representing the trout caught. The certificate will commemorate the dates and waters where the native fish were taken, and bear the signatures of the Commission president and the Director of DFG.

Roger Bloom, DFG wild trout biologist and developer of the Heritage Trout Challenge concept, said: "I believe anglers from around the country will find the Heritage Trout Challenge certificate a highly appealing and valued

memento of their fishing pursuits for California's diverse native trout."

An information and application leaflet for the certificate will be available shortly from DFG's Fisheries Programs Branch, Heritage and Wild Trout Program. The application form will also be made available to download from DFG's website [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov). The branch will maintain the criteria to earn the certificate, evaluate applications, and award certificates to successful applicants. Anglers may earn one certificate per year. Over time, should they catch a different combination of six native trout, anglers may apply for an additional certificate.

California Heritage Trout is a recent addition to DFG's Wild Trout Program highlighting restoration, education, and angling activities relating specifically to California's native trout. The Commission established this program in 1998, by expanding its Wild Trout Policy so that streams or lakes featuring one or more of the state's native trout, and meeting other specific criteria, may be designated as Heritage Trout waters. Heritage Trout waters are a special subset of Wild Trout waters. Therefore, they are monitored and managed by DFG's Heritage and Wild Trout Program staff. In addition, the management of designated Heritage Trout waters is guided by written management plans that identify actions and policies necessary to protect native trout habitats, and maintain or enhance native trout populations.

Angling opportunities for California's native trout have existed in limited, specific waters for a number of years. One of the goals of California Heritage Trout is to open new angling opportunities for native trout, after certain populations have been successfully restored. Some Heritage Trout waters offer unique opportunities to catch a rare native trout in its native habitat while in others, the size and abundance of fish may provide exceptional angling, comparable to that of traditional designated Wild Trout waters. DFG manages California Heritage Trout waters in such a way that angling is compatible with native trout conservation. Designated waters may have special angling regulations to assure the fishery will not adversely affect native trout populations or habitats. Waters that are important refuge for native trout may be restricted to zero-limit "catch-and-release" angling only.

## **FROM THE MEMBERS**

Welcome to new members Peter J. Celeste and John P. Duggan

Auction contributor. Bill Vanhulzen (He donated the wild turkey wings and tails)

## **Sespe Flyfishers Membership Form**

Dear Flyfisher,

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

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**Sespe Flyfishers**  
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If you have any questions, please contact the membership chairman, Paul Wilson at P.Wilson@Verizon.net.

**MEMBER'S CLASSIFIED ADS**

- Spey Rod-15' 10-11 Wt. Cabelas (Loomis blank) \$ 140.00  
 1-14 Wt. 2pc. Austin Flyrod \$ 165.00  
 1-Redington Large Arbor AL910-Gold finish \$125.00  
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 Call Bill @ 805.657.5566
- I have two Saage blanks I want to make into completed rods. 680GFL and 686FLRP. If anyone is intgerested, I will wrap them as per their color choice and reel seat choice. I'll be at the next meeting or call me at (805)649-5605. Ray Johnson

## **NEWLETTER INPUT**

If anyone needs to contact me regarding the newsletter, I can be reached at the following numbers.

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