

SESPE FLYFISHERS

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MEETING NEWS

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

DATE: **March 19, 2003**

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

PROGRAM

**Sespe Flyfishers
Annual Auction**

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETING

March 18th, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

APRIL MEETING

April 17th, 7:30 PM

Senior Rec. Center

Program: Mel Krieger

APRIL BOARD MEETING

April 16th, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

Fellow flyfishers:

The run-up to the Annual Auction is in full operation, with many offerings from Patagonia, Abel, Scott, Ross, Echo, Air-Flo, Lotus Designs, Trout Creek Flies, Marlon Rumpy, and a host of others. The goods/services cover a wide range of uses, and include items of interest to both genders. Clothing and soft goods, fishing gear (of course), and guide trips abound.

A huge vote of appreciation is owed to Frances and Bob Smith, Gary Bulla, Jeff Hereford, Carl Rhoads, Glenn Derossett, Dave McBride, Ty Stork, Ray Johnson, and other members whose time, and commitment has been absolutely crucial to the preparation for this event.

That having been said, I would hope that the majority of the Club membership will turn out for this event, as we will have over 110 items available. We are starting earlier this year, (6:00 PM for silent auction; 7:30 PM for Live auction) in order to accommodate the array of goods. Our goal is to provide outstanding merchandise, good buys, an entertaining time, and (not incidentally), an opportunity to make some money for the Club.

Please remember that there is still 2 spaces left for the Mel Krieger casting clinic, at the Pasadena Club, on Saturday, April 12. See Guy Jeans, Gary Bulla, or myself for details.

Our February Club outing to Lee's Ferry, AZ was effected by Bruce Hunter, Carl Rhoads, Dan Manzer (with grandson DJ), and myself (with son Blake). The weather was immaculate, the conditions excellent, and the fishing a challenge (at times-for everyone except Dan and DJ-they are now officially "spoiled").

The March Club outing is to the Tejon ranch for some "pond" bass fishing-check with Jeff Hereford (658-0829) for any remaining spots on the roster. Bring your float tubes, sunblock, and some lunch. If you have not already done so, be sure to check out the Club website, courtesy of webmaster Dave McBride (www.sespeflyfishers.org/index.html). Please register your e.mail address, and utilize this device as a means of communicating with
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THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

Patagonia

Patagonia is an introspective company. When you exist for something bigger than the bottom line, you need clear vision, values and guiding principles. Ever since Patagonia first urged climbers to go easy on the rock, they have been sensitive to their role in the world as a company.

other members of the Club, as well as obtaining information regarding meetings, events, speakers, and other concerns.

Speaking of concerns, the Ventura River steelhead issue continues to "swirl", with the Casita Municipal Water District resisting the construction of the Los Robles fish ladder at every turn. The Ojai City Council is considering a resolution in support of the fish ladder (and the future of the Southern Steelhead), but it appears that they feel that there are not enough people (constituents) interested enough in this issue to support a resolution. Please contact, via telephone, any Ojai City Council person, especially Rae Hanstad, to express your concern and support for a Council resolution. This may not seem important now, but.....

On that note, I will once again express my appreciation for the efforts of the Club members who have made the 2003 Auction possible, and we will see you there!

Bill

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WIND KNOTS AND TAILING LOOPS

FLY TYING:

For our March Fly Tying Get-Together we are going to have a "HAIR ONLY" evening. You need not bring anything except your vice and tools. Bill will supply all materials needed for the session.

Same time and place: 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 27, at the Brooks Institute Campus, 5301 Ventura Avenue. Take Canada Larga off ramp from Hwy 33.

See you there.

Bob Smith
647-3522

SESPE FLYFISHERS AUCTION 2003

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

Please note the new starting time for our auction this year. You had better be there or else you will 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 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 the largest selection and some of the finest quality items ever. We are counting on, and need, your support so please plan to attend. Some Of The Items That Velora Ferris Will Auction Off Live:

System 2 reel, model 78 with 2 spools and line
Whiting Rooster Saddle – Grizzly
Bill Blackstone/Bob Smith Fly Plate
Fly Tying Bench with 8 spools of copper wire, 57
Spools of various threads, tying tools and large
Box of various hooks
One day guided bass fishing on private lake with
Lunch at the Westlake Landing Café for two people
Set of four fly boxes with flies
Scott Pow R Fly rod, 9' 4wt., 2 pc.
Wood River Float U Tube
Patagonia Breathable Waders
Abel Wet/Dry Bag
Abel 10-Day Bag
Abel Perfect Tool
Ross Evolution 2 Reel
Whiting Saddle Cape – Light Dun
Scott Powr Fly Rod 9', 6 wt., 2 pc.
Scott Powr Fly Rod 9' 8 wt., 2 pc.
Two tickets to an Angel Game in May
Transportation to and from included
Abel TR – Light Reel, Black, 1-3 wt.
Dinner for two at Yolanda's
Cabela's large Angler System Bag with 6
Plastic containers
Nor Vise with small In-Line Jaws, includes thread
Post, bolts and wrench with Nor-Vise Base Board
Decorative wooden Wall piece 34 x 22 “

Two for One guided fishing trip for two people on the
Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam
Lotus Designs by Patagonia paddling pants
Lotus Designs by Patagonia Rio Bravo (PFD) (cont.)
Lotus Designs by Patagonia warm weather training shell
Lotus Designs by Patagonia El Capilito jacket
Lotus Designs Patagonia paddling jacket
Patagonia R2 Jacket
Abel Versa Pak
Patagonia Wading Shoes
Patagonia Deep Wading Jacket
Patagonia Re-Invest
More items to be at auction

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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

R.L. Winston Rod Co. Sage
Malibu Fish "n Tackle Thomas and Thomas Rod Co.
Deckers Outdoor Corp. (Teva) Mustad and Son
Dr. Slick Morris Communications Corp.
Goodwin Manufacturing Sam Mihara
RIO Products Eagle Fly Fishing
Clear Creek Co. Scott Fly Rods
Jim Teeny, Inc. Danalco, Inc.
Frank Amato Publications Fly Rod & Reel
Renzetti, Inc. Acapulco Mexican Restaurant
Caddis Manufacturing, Inc. City of Ventura Adult Excursions
Trout Creek Flies Cortland Line Co.
Cabela's Royal Wulff Products
Abel Products Whiting Farms, Inc.
Ross Reels Tibor Reel Corp.
Chota Outdoor Gear Powell Fly Rods
Simms Wind River
Ex Officio Norlander Company
Hook & Hackle Co. Patagonia
Estate of Lance Farnsworth Bill Blackstone
Bob Smith Bob Brownie
Estate of Barry Brackett

FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN

Tejon Ranch bass fishing is scheduled for 22 March

As of 28 Feb 15 members have signed up for this popular outing. Since the reservoir is small we limit the number to 15. If other members are interested please call me in case of cancellations. We will meet at the Flying J Travel Center at the top of Tejon pass (Frazier park/Mt. Pinos turn off) at 8:00 a.m. then caravan to the ranch. Need to bring water/food/sunscreen etc. As before this should be an interesting outing – lots of bass, perch and ask Bob Gallagher for the fly to use for catfish.

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 19 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 accommodations for Sat evening if desired and boat rental. Details on meeting time, cost, etc. will be provided in the next newsletter.

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Endangered: Cali may quit stocking waters

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California fisheries managers may soon shift away from their decades-old emphasis on stocking lakes and streams with hatchery raised trout, focusing more on improving waterways that can sustain wild fish populations.

The debate is being driven by catch-and-release fly fishermen who say the state has been too focused on supplying hatchery-raised fish to recreational anglers; by environmentalists who say artificially seeding mountain lakes with hatchery fish may be harming endangered frogs; and by California's record \$35 billion budget deficit.

The Department of Fish and Game is proposing to cut \$1.2 million from its popular urban fishing program, and \$1.5 million from what had been a \$20.5 million fish hatcheries budget.

The philosophical evolution predates the budget crisis and should outlast it, said department officials and fishing advocates. A 48-page draft strategic plan calling for a new "ecosystem approach" is being reviewed before its scheduled adoption this summer.

Organizations dominated by fly fishing enthusiasts note the state spends \$8.4 million on inland trout hatchery programs, but less than \$1 million on wild fish habitat protections.

"It's an amazing imbalance," said California Trout spokesman Brian Stranko. "It's especially inappropriate if your mission has anything to do with conservation, which theirs does." But the balance perhaps should reflect the ratio of fly fishermen to bait-and-tackle anglers ... something no one has a good way of judging, said Ed Pert, the department's fisheries programs chief.

The most recent estimates date from a 1988 California State University, Chico study that found about 60 percent of state anglers fish for trout. The state sells about 2.2 million fishing licenses each year, but doesn't keep track of who fishes for what, so Pert envisions some sort of survey.

"The fishing world's a lot different then than it is today," particularly after Robert Redford's 1992 movie 'A River Runs Through It,'" Pert said. "Fly fishing is certainly more popular than it was in 1988. That certainly should be a factor in how we manage our fishery programs," Pert said. "This plan understands the changes in ecosystems and in societal preferences. That's not to say it's a gutting of the hatchery program ... we're trying to find a balance."

Trout Unlimited sued the department a decade ago over a hatchery program it contended might be harming the environment and wild fish. The suit was

dropped when the department agreed to study the impact. Chuck Bonham, the group's California attorney, was encouraged by the draft plan, but said it's too soon to say if the philosophical shift translates to actual management changes.

Officials and advocates met last month to begin hashing out the details.

Membership Renewal

Dear Flyfisher,

The new year is here and it is time to renew your membership in the Sespe Flyfishers. In order for the club to continue to provide quality programs, outings, seminars, and to participate in conservation efforts, we need the continued support of our membership. Support from our existing membership is import to maintain the continuity of the club.

In other words, WE NEED YOU!

Please complete the attached membership renewal application and return it to me today. Your support is always appreciated. Please complete and return to:

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE:HOME _____ WORK _____

E-Mail _____

New Members The Applicable fee below plus \$6.00

Membership Renewal

Ventura/Santa Barbara County Residents (Self and Family) \$35.00

Residents outside Ventura/Santa Barbara County (Self and Family) \$12.00

Youth Membership Renewal (under 16 years old) \$12.00

Volunteer Contribution to the Sespe Flyfisher Conservation Fund \$12.00

\$_____ Make your check payable to: Sespe Flyfishers.

The membership is January 1 to December 31. If you have any questions, please call Paul Wilson at (805) 482-7443

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
DB Dunn "Payette" rod case for 10' 2-pc. rods (with reel attached). \$ 40.00
All items in very good to excellent condition.
Call Bill @ 805.657.5566

NEWLETTER INPUT

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

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