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MEETING NEWS

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DATE: January 14, 2003

(Note: This is the second
Wednesday of this month)

PLACE: Senior Rec. Center

Santa Clara and

Oak

Program

STAN BRADSHAW

**Staff attorney for Trout
Unlimited's Western
Water Project**

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

January 12th, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

February 16th, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

FEBRUARY MEETING

February 18th, 7:30 PM

Senior Rec. Center

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JANUARY 2004

Fellow Flyfishers:

Happy New Year to you and to your loved ones. January has finally arrived, and with it stunning sunrises and sunsets, immaculate weather, large perch in the surf, and exquisite scenery in the back country (at least the portions not recently scorched).

At this time of year, I think it is appropriate to express my appreciation for the many members who have contributed their time and talents to the Club, in furtherance of the Club's interests, and to the benefit of all members. Specifically, Bob and Frances Smith, Ray Johnson, Gary (Gadfly) Bulla, Ty Stork, Glenn Derossett, Paul Wilson, Jeff Hereford, Carl Rhoads, Bob Gallagher, Dave McBride, Charles Dewing, Larry Yuva, Bill Blackstone, and many more that shall go unrecognized, but are nevertheless appreciated.

Thanks to you all for your participation, friendship, and the shared fishing stories, as well as some of the peculiar behavior at the general meetings. Most of all, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your figurehead: I remain humbled by the experience.

Please join us for the January meeting. Stan Bradshaw is our guest and comes to us with impeccable credentials and experience. Stan's presentation is a welcome subject – the successful transformation of many of Montana's blue ribbon fisheries.

Once again, my best wishes to you all for a most enjoyable New Year.

Bill

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER: STAN BRADSHAW

Stan is currently a staff attorney for Trout Unlimited's Western Water Project. In that position, he works on a variety of instream flow initiatives, from negotiating with irrigators to lease water to instream flows, to working on emergency drought response efforts, to participating in watershed groups to find cooperative solutions to streamflow problems.

Previous to working for TU as counsel for the Montana Water Project, Stan was the Resource Director for Montana Trout Unlimited, where he was responsible for working with various state agencies on resource issues related to cold-water fisheries, with a heavy emphasis on instream flows. While in this position, he served on the State Water Plan Advisory Council and chaired a technical advisory committee that proposed legislation creating a state drought planning process. The legislation was enacted in 1991. He also represented MTU in the Upper Missouri Reservation process that eventually led to the closure of the upper Missouri for new surface water permits.

In addition, while a lobbyist for TU in 1989, he represented TU in promoting the passage of the bill that permits Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to lease water rights for instream flows. He continued to lobby for TU through 1993, and laid the groundwork for additional instream flow legislation that passed in 1995.

From 1976 to 1979 he worked for the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences on subdivision and water quality issues. From 1981 through 1986, he worked for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, where he was chief counsel. As part of his duties at MDFWP, he was actively involved in the statewide water rights adjudication.

In 1997, while in private practice, he secured the first private instream flow lease on behalf of the Westslope chapter of Trout Unlimited. In his current position with Trout Unlimited, he negotiates instream leases, assist water users with instream conversions, and works on other instream projects. He has been involved in the groundbreaking watershed efforts in the Blackfoot River basin for over a decade. He has been involved in other watershed restoration efforts throughout Western Montana.

In addition to his conservation work, Stan was a principal in Greycliff Publishing with his wife Glenda and the late Gary LaFontaine. When he's not talking water with ranchers or anyone else who will listen, he spends as much time as he can on water, in one form or other--he's an accomplished whitewater canoeist, enthusiastic fly fisherman, and avid skier.

The Presentation

Over the past two decades, many trout waters in Montana have experienced a resurgence in fish populations, and consequently, the quality of the fishing. This resurgence arises from a variety of causes—wild trout management, and an aggressive restoration program, to name just two. Many rivers—The Bitterroot, the Yellowstone, The Clark Fork, and the Gallatin, among others—Have shown the value of this two-phased approach. The Blackfoot River in Western Montana perhaps epitomizes the best of these efforts. It has gone from being a river in severe decline and on the ropes as a trout fishery in the mid-80s to a much sought-after destination in the new millennium. Stan Bradshaw tells the incredible story of this amazing transformation in both words and pictures, and in the course of telling it, provides valuable insight into the major hatches, best seasons to fish, and key patterns.

FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN

The following is a proposal for the coming year. Request members review and offer any additional recommendations. Commencing with the February newsletter I will submit a three month projection for outing. As opportunities arise and club interest dictate, outing scheduled will change and hopefully a dynamic outing program will evolve. We need your inputs and willingness to host an outing that you may be interested in. I will be more than willing to assist in coordinating any trips that you may have an interest in.

Weather permitting the first outing of the year will be our annual outing to the Lower Owens and is scheduled for the weekend of 24/25 January. This is the weekend after Martin Luther King holiday to avoid other clubs outing schedule. Plan on meeting at the parking lot on the east side of the river located at the Pleasant Valley Campgrounds near the small foot bridge at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Call me if you have any questions on accommodations or other info.

OUTINGS PLANNED FOR 2004

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Jan 24/25	Lower Owens Wild Trout Section – Have scheduled for weekend after Martin Luther King holiday to avoid other clubs outing schedule.	Jeff Hereford
Feb 21	Weather permitting, Local Stream outing lead by Ty Stork. Location TBA. Depending on conditions and club interest Pyramid for Stripers/Small Mouth Bass lead by Bill Ulrich/Gary Bulla. Date TBA	
Mar 20/21	Lower Owens Wild Trout Section – Normally have low flows and good chance for Spring hatch.	Jeff Hereford
Apr TBA	Kern River – hope to coordinate with casting clinic on weekend prior – membership recruiting month. Guy Jeans/Jeff Hereford	
May 8 or 22	Local Surf - a.m. minus tides both days.	Host TBA
Jun TBA	Back packing to Lockwood Valley.	Ty Stork
Jul TBA	Bass at Tejon Ranch – will either fish early a.m. or later p.m.	Jeff Hereford
Aug TBA	Possible float tube at Crowley Lake	TBA
Sep TBA	Something new this year – over night to Santa Cruz Island. Details to follow plus Annual BBQ. Gary Bulla/Jeff Hereford	
Oct TBA	Away trip to Green River (Flaming Gorge) and/or Provo River Early Oct. plus E. Sierra late Oct. Depending on demand. May reserve cabins at Hot Creek Ranch on Wed. & Thur.prior to weekend.	Jeff Hereford
Nov 6/7	Kern River	Guy Jeans/Jeff Hereford

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AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION!

Sespe Flyfishers Annual Auction
March 17, 2004 7:30
(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? What have you got?

If you had planned to purchase a piece of equipment in the near future why don't you contact Frances or Bob to see if we have the opportunity to purchase it at a discounted price. All we would need is a guarantee from you to purchase it at the auction. Call as soon as possible to give us time to order the item.

Please bring the item(s) to the January or February meetings or call Frances or Bob Smith @ 647-3522 if you have a donation, or to arrange pick up of a donation, or for information.

SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION ON MARCH 17TH.

Reversing 100 Years of Neglect - FERC Orders Santa Ana River Restoration

A century ago Southern California trout streams teemed with wild rainbow trout. One of the



exceptional trout Mecca's of that bygone era was the upper sections of the Santa Ana River high in the San Bernardino range. Yet population growth, and the need for emerging electricity to fuel that growth, resulted in the complete dewatering of a seven-mile section of the Santa Ana below its confluence with Bear Creek. At the turn of the last century, the predecessors of Southern California Edison (SCE) constructed the Santa Ana Hydroelectric Project #1. The project had the capacity to divert the entire flow of the river during the summer and fall months every year, and destroyed the once famed trout fishery.

In 1994 CalTrout set out to restore the stream by intervening in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) relicensing of SCE's Santa Ana River Hydroelectric Project. The FERC relicensing process allows for taking a "fresh look" at the balance between using a river for hydroelectric power

generation and adequate environmental protection.

CalTrout believed the project which provided no water for fish was simply wrong and not a balance. Our goal was straight forward --- to rewater the river with a dynamic instream flow regime of cold water so the wild trout fishery would be restored.

Victory has been achieved!

After eight years of seemingly endless studies and negotiations, a joint settlement between CalTrout and SCE was achieved. FERC has recently issued a new 30-year hydroelectric license for the Santa Ana River Project. The new license requires SCE to maintain a permanent instream flow in the seven-mile reach of the river to maintain coldwater flows that will re-establish a wild rainbow trout fishery.

Instream flow measuring devices are required to be constructed that will verify flow requirements are being met. In addition, SCE is required to build fish screens to avoid entrainment and certain death for wild fish in project turbines, to monitor the fishery and to verify the fishery is restored while providing an adaptive management approach to take corrective actions if the intended restoration goals are not realized.

This monitoring program is a model for wild trout streams. It includes a wide range of parameters that will monitor population age structure, trout abundance, growth, spawning and recruitment, stream-wide trout distribution, summer water temperatures, macroinvertebrate populations, and habitat evaluations. If the new FERC license measures fall short of fully restoring the trout population, the license requires SCE to identify the "cause and effect" of this shortfall while providing a fine-tuning project operations. The monitoring program was patterned after those adopted for Bear Creek when CalTrout fought a water rights case for the stream directly above the Santa Ana.

Given the recent results of our Bear Creek re-watering program, which determined that the stream is one of the most productive wild trout streams in California, the future looks very bright for the Santa Ana immediately downstream of Bear Creek. The new instream flows are even greater for the Santa Ana River, and its adaptive management method provides the certainty to assure resources are restored.

Sespe Flyfishers Membership Renewal

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.

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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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 Flyfishers Conservation Fund \$12 \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

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

MEMBER'S CLASSIFIED ADS

- For sale: Winston rod, 6wt, 3 pc, 8_'. Excellent cond. Asking \$250.
Bob Smith 647-3522
- 1-14 Wt. 2pc. Austin Flyrod \$ 125.00
10Wt. 14' Spey Rod, \$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.

- 654-2054 Weekdays
- 525-1904 Weekends and Evenings
- glennderossett@peoplepc.com

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01/07/04

We at Fishermen's Spot/Fly Fishing Specialties are happy to announce that our 2004 Fly Fishing Festival will be held on Sunday March 28th. It is hard to believe that we are celebrating our 9th Festival and our 4th at our new fly fishing only location. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support throughout the year, and we would appreciate it if you could include the following in your February and March newsletters, as well as mentioning our Festival at your upcoming club meetings.

“Just in time for the opening of the 2004 fishing season, new fly fishing tackle, clothing, and accessories will be on display and available for test at our annual Fishermen's Spot Fly Fishing Festival, Sunday March 28th. This free event will be held from 10AM-4PM. Fishermen's Spot is located north of the 101 Freeway and east of the 405 Freeway in the heart of the San Fernando Valley at 14411 Burbank Bl.

Participating manufacturers include Sage, Scott, Winston, G.Loomis, Cortland, Scientific Angler, Abel, Orvis, Ex-Officio, Bauer, Galvan, Simms, Ross, Dr. Slick, McKenzie, Force Fin, D.B.Dun, Tibor, J.W. Outfitters, Pacific Fly Group, Brodin, Teton, Waterworks/Lamson, Outcast, Chota, Umpqua Feather Merchants, St Croix, C&F, Angler Sport Group, Buck's Bags, Action Optics, William Joseph, Spirit River, Fishing International Travel, lodges, and more.

Manufacturer's representatives will be available to show and to demonstrate their products. Virtually all rods will be available for test casting. Fly tying demonstrations will be conducted through out the day, there will be drawings for door prizes and a silent auction will be held. There will be free parking, convenient food services from Starbucks and Cousins, and a relaxed, no-hurry family friendly atmosphere.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 818 785-7306.”

Thank You,
Steve Ellis
Fishermen's Spot