

# Sespe Fly Fishers



**MEETING**  
**Saturday**  
**September 17,**  
**2011**

**TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

**PLACE:**

Camp Bartlett  
Santa Paula

**Program**

**Annual Picnic**  
*"Food friends  
and fish tails"*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday,**  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**7:00 PM**

**Tom Pero**

*"The Magic  
Language of Fly  
Fishing"*

**BOARD MEETING**

7:00 PM

August 15<sup>th</sup>, at  
Carrow's Restaurant,  
Seaward and Harbor,  
Ventura

**Outings**

*Eastern Sierras*  
*(See inside for Details)*

## President's Message

**September 2011**

Don't come to the Ventura Senior Recreation Center on September 14 for what would be our normal monthly meeting night. I am not accustomed to advising our membership to avoid Wednesday night meetings, but there is a good reason. Our September club meeting will be at Camp Bartlett (on Hwy 150 between Santa Paula and Ojai) on Saturday, September 17. The event is our annual club picnic. Gary and Theresa Bulla have again made the recreation site at their complex available to us. It is an ideal site for a club picnic. There are tons of oak firewood for cooking that delicious tri-tip that Bill and Joyce Blackstone provide and the appetizers, side dishes, and desserts provided by the attendees are always outstanding. The setting among all those oak trees couldn't be more perfect. Do plan to attend. The details are contained in the flyer later in this newsletter. If you plan to come, please give Chuck Colwell a call and RSVP. Chuck and his wife Marcia have organized our picnics and Christmas parties for several years now. An advance RSVP helps greatly in planning the quantity of the menu items. Bring your fly rods, there's room for casting practice. Last minute walk-ins are welcome, so if you decide to attend at the last minute, that's okay too.

The August club meeting was a very informative event. Paul Jenkin brought us up to speed on the status of the Matilija Dam removal. That project has undergone more twists and turns than the Road to Hanna. Like any project with a myriad of "stakeholders" it is an endless task to satisfy all of the concerns. The project is progressing, albeit not as fast as most of us would like, but such is the real world. The slide Paul showed of the aerial view of the Ventura river delta and the river's watershed looked great on the big screen. (A thumbnail of the slide was in our August newsletter). Thanks Paul.

The "Fish Reports" part of our August meeting was the most noteworthy of any that I can remember. Your fellow club members have been all over the map this summer. The common theme was that rivers and streams are experiencing high runoff all over the West, but, those who found clearer and quieter water caught fish. The fall fishing should be fantastic when the runoff calms. (Ask Carl Rhoads about his trip to Montana to the vacation home he bid on at our auction last march. Art Bliss made it possible when he donated the stay at his place. I think Carl made a mistake in his enthusiastic report on his trip since, if the house comes up for bid again at auction, Carl drummed up some potential bidding competition).

For all you fly tiers, don't forget, the Bill Blackstone sessions start-up again this month. See Bob Smith's note on the time and place. In more fly tying news, thanks go to Alan Monteath who provided the fly tying portion of our August meeting. Alan also gleaned a fly tying/raffle idea which we are adopting at our October club meeting. Come to the meeting in October and find out how to get some of the really superb flies our club members tie. Time to go picnicking. Paul

# *Sespe Fly Fishers*

## *Annual Picnic*

### Pot Luck Dinner

#### Date

Saturday, September 17, 2011

#### Place

Camp Bartlett, Santa Paula, See below for directions.

#### Time

3 pm

#### Who

All members and spouses/friends

Bill and Joyce Blackstone will provide sliced tri-tip roast for everyone. The Club will provide 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...

E - O bring dessert for 10 people

P - Z bring appetizer for 10 people

A - D bring salad for 10 people

Fee - \$5 per each family if RSVP and fee paid by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - \$7 per family after Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pay by cash or check at the August monthly club meeting, or mail check to Carl Rhoads, Treasurer. Make check payable to Sespe Fly Fishers.

In order to avoid duplication of food dishes, please contact Chuck or Marcia Colwell and let them know what dish you plan to bring.

RSVP to Chuck and Marcia Colwell

805 987-5474

e-mail: [crc4411@verizon.net](mailto:crc4411@verizon.net)

#### **Directions to Camp Bartlett:**

**From Ojai** – go east on Ojai Avenue, bear right at Bocacalli's Restaurant and continue up Dennison grade. When you reach the Summit Restaurant you are 1.8 miles away. Camp Bartlett will be on your left.

**From Ventura** – take the 126 Fwy to Santa Paula. Take the 10<sup>th</sup> Street exit towards Ojai. Go north on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, bear right and continue on Ojai Road. When you get to Steckel Park you are 2.6 miles away. The turn into Camp Bartlett will be on the right side of the road at the end of a curving, concrete railing. There is an arching overhead "Camp Bartlett" sign at the entrance. Cross the bridge; club house will be on your right.

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## **2011/2012 Speaker Schedule\***

October	<b>Tom Pero</b>	<i>“The Magic Language of Fly Fishing”</i>
November	<b>Peter Piconi</b>	<i>“Cajun Redfish”</i>
December	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<i>“Good Tidings to All”</i>
January	<b>Kelly Galloup</b>	<i>“Streamer Tactics for Trophy Trout”</i>
February	<b>Brian Slusser</b>	<i>“Reno-Tahoe Fly Fishing”</i>
March	<b>Annual Auction</b>	<i>“Bring your Check Book and Credit Cards”</i>
April	<b>Ernie Gulley</b>	<i>“Lake Crowley”</i>

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

## **Fly Tying**

From Bob Smith

Our Fly Tying Sessions will resume this month, and in addition to Bill’s instruction and leadership, we will be discussing an idea from Alan Monteath called a “Flyfle”. I think it’s a fun and challenging idea for us fly tiers and will help bring in a few extra dollars to the club each month.

Speaking of money, I had been telling you that all we needed for our room at the Rec Center was \$25, our fee is actually \$30 (my bad), so in addition to your tying stuff don’t forget to bring a few bucks.

Remember, we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (Sept. 22) at 7:00 PM, and we meet at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center, 550 N. Ventura Avenue (corner of Ventura Avenue and Center Street). Enter from the parking lot on Center Street.

The dates for 2011 & 2012 are:

Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 24

# OUTINGS

## OUTINGS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

**17 Sep** - remember to RSVP regarding the annual picnic

**14 Oct** - I'm planning a Mammoth outing on the weekend of the 14th. I plan on staying at the Holiday Haus Motel in Mammoth, arriving the evening of the 13th and leaving the 16th. Depending on weather plan on fishing the Upper Owens, San Joaquin and Hot Creek. More info to follow.

**Nov** - no outing planned at this time

**JEFFREY HEREFORD** <jehmah@msn.com>

# INTRODUCING THE FLYFLE

(Fly Raffle)

Each participating club member ties two matching flies. No theme, simply two flies that are brought to the monthly meeting. One fly is placed in a can for the general club raffle. The second fly is placed in a can for a contributors' only raffle. Each contributor receives a separate raffle ticket for that drawing when their flies are submitted. The flies have toe tags with fly and the tiers name.

During the general raffle a club member who bought tickets would receive a set of flies. And one tying participant would also receive a set from the contributor's raffle. Below is an example of a fly "toe tag"



(Thanks to Alan Monteath and James Forte for promoting this idea)

# CONSERVATION

From Dennis Harper

## Sespe Fly Fishers Conservation Notes, September 2011

### FFF Grant Award to Sespe Fly Fishers for 2012 Yvon Chouinard Tree Planting Project

The FFF and FFF Southwest Council have generously awarded conservation grant funds of \$187.50 each (\$375 total) to our club to plant trees in riparian habitat of the endangered Southern Steelhead in the Ventura River. We will match this donation, which will provide funds to purchase approximately 150 trees. We submitted a grant application and were selected with 4 other Southwest Council clubs for conservation grants. We will coordinate with the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy for the location and planning this winter. The Sespe club will again donate the labor to plant the trees. More news will follow as the plans for this year's event mature.

We sponsor this event in recognition of Yvon Chouinard for his strong support of the local environment and for our fly fishing club.

## **Wading Boot Performance Update:**

Felt sole wading boots with studs continue to provide the best traction and safety on algae coated river rocks.

This summer I extensively tested my new Patagonia Rock Grip wading boots with sticky rubber soles and studs. I compared them to my older studded felt sole Patagonia Riverwalker boots in the same stream sections of the Upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. I quickly determined that on rivers with algae coated rocks the studded, felt soled boots provided significantly better traction and safety. I fished both boot types in the same areas of the Upper Sacramento (above Prospect Ave and in the Gibson area) and the McCloud below the Lower Falls. In this manner, I was able to make a direct comparison. The pointed studs are able to penetrate the algae and silt and the felt seems to conform to the rock surface providing a superior grip.

The Patagonia Rock Grip boots have some very good features: they were great walking along the RR tracks and on rocky trails, as well as on dry, slick polished streamside boulders. They provide much better traction than the pointed studs implanted in felt soles, which tend to slip on dry, smooth rock surfaces. The screw-in studs were durable and stayed in place. They are light and comfortable. They dry quickly and are well designed to minimize lodging places for invasive species. I expect them to perform well on the Kings or Kern rivers, which I've found to have much less of an algae problem. My conclusion is that on rivers with exceptionally slick algae, such as the Lower Deschutes, the Upper Sac, McCloud and especially the Pit, felt with studs continues to be the superior wading boot sole material. The Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife came to the same conclusion and recommends felt soles for their staff.

It is not surprising that Simms has resumed studded, felt sole manufacture. There is more to be done to develop successful alternative studded felt soles and they must have been losing market share without a competitive boot design. I'm confident that all the boot manufacturers are zealously seeking a superior wading boot sole design.

Invasive species control must continue to be managed by the practices of 'Clean, Inspect and Dry' and can be augmented by freezing, using 409 or bleach solutions. Invasive organisms are known to have many carriers. They can lodge in every part of our wading gear such as boot laces, mesh, socks, waders as well as damp felt soles and be transported from stream to stream through mud and particulate matter, resulting in the contamination of our fishing waters. Invasives include New Zealand mud snails, Asian clams and algae.

## **A Cautionary Warning to Fishing in Remote Streams**

Illegal marijuana growers have moved into the remote areas of our national parks and forests. In addition to damage to our streams by pesticides and fertilizers, they use large quantities of rodent poisons to prevent crop loss, causing loss of wildlife in the area as well as poison leaching into our streams. They also remove natural vegetation, further harming the balance of nature. The growers also can be armed and dangerous. Should you observe any signs of their presence or a farm, you are advised to leave the area and report it to the National Park or Forest office or the local sheriff's office.

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# DRIFT BOAT FOR SALE

I am selling my Clackacraft drift boat. Its always been stored in an enclosed garage so the fit and finish is in near new, mint condition.

If you or someone you may know is interested, please refer them to me. I'd appreciate it I can be contacted thru email: [denandannie@frontiernet.net](mailto:denandannie@frontiernet.net), cell phone: [530 941 6644](tel:5309416644), or home phone: [530 335 2242](tel:5303352242) (after 9/24)

Here are the specs on the boat:

Make: clackacraft

Model: LP15 (low profile 15 ft)

color: white with aqua green trim

includes: trailer, anchor, rope, oars, spare tire.

Weight: about 250 lbs

Fiberglass with a 100 year guarantee on bottom leaks or punctures.

The boat does not need to be re-registered as it has not been registered in Calif as long as I didn't put a motor on it. The trailer will need to be registered. Cost is about \$10 every five years.

Asking price: \$6500

Thanks for your consideration



Dennis Adams

# Sespe Flyfishers Membership Renewal

Dear Flyfisher,

Welcome 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.

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)

<b>Residence</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Membership</b>	
Ventura & S.B. Counties	16 and over	\$40	\$ _____
Other Locations	16 and over	\$20	\$ _____
Any	Under 16	\$20	\$ _____

Voluntary contribution to the Sespe Flyfishers Conservation Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary contribution to "Trout in the Classroom" \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary contribution to Ty Stork Memorial Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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



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