President’s Message 9-19:

Summertime is almost over. Hope you can join us at our annual Barbecue! This year we are combining surf fishing in the morning and barbecue in afternoon at Rincon Beach Park right on the Ventura/Santa Barbara county line. This is a really nice spot at the beach. Plenty of free parking and Friends, Food and Fishtails. See you there!

It’s nearly Fall and the best fishing of the year. This month our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program will have an outing to the Eastern Sierra. We camp out on the June Lake Loop and fish all over. We will also have two days guided fishing on Lake Crowley with Joe Contaldi of Performance Anglers Guide Service. This will be our third year of fishing with Joe. He gets the guys into some awesome fish. Funds for this trip, which is free to our disabled veteran members, come from a corporate grant made to PHWFF. We fund our outings through donations so any time you’d like, you could donate to PHWFF Ventura and help our vets in their recovery.

Our August outing to Montana’s Bighorn River was a great success. I know our newsletter editor Karen has an article about it here. If you would like to get in on next year’s outing contact Steve Schalla and get on the list.

Ann and I are headed off to go fish the Green River this month. We bought the two-fer offered by Gordon Tharrett of On the Fly Utah at last year’s auction. This will be our first trip to the Green. I hope to have a great report for our October Newsletter.

Speaking of October, The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International is holding a fly fishing Fair in Glendale, October 5-6. Yours truly will have two fly tying classes, one for beginners and one for surf flies. There will be a great selection of classes and bunches of vendors too so plan on attending.

Go fishing every chance you get!

Earl
Friends, Food and Fishtails

Date:  Saturday, September 21, 2019
Time:  1–4 pm (Tides are good for surf fishing in the morning!)
Place:  Rincon Beach Park
Who:  All members and spouses/friends

Bill and Joyce Blackstone providing barbeque & sliced tri-tip roast for all!
The Club will provide garlic bread, water, plates, napkins, cups and utensils

Potluck - if your last name begins with:

A - D bring appetizer for 10 people*
E - O  bring salad / side dish for 10 people*
P - Z  bring dessert for 10 people*

*Have a specialty dish, dip, cookie or whatever you would rather bring? Bring it!

BYOB - Bring your own ice chest with beverages (wine & beer are OK). There are picnic tables, but Earl, Club President says you might find a beach chair more comfy and you can sit on beach!

Directions:
- Rincon Beach Park is located off highway 101.
- Go North towards Santa Barbara
- Take Exit #83, Bates Road
- Head toward the ocean and turn on to Via Real
I have stood with the buffalo.
I have felt their spirit
Move through me like the wind.
Their presence I can feel
In the contours of these mountains,
In every tree,
In every bush,
In every willow,
Every track,
In my soul.
I have looked deep into their eyes
And felt their power
Run through me like
The river from which banks they have fed off,
And I too have been nurtured.
And in my hand, I have held their hair
Plucked from the side of a tree.
And I can see that it is no different from mine,
And I know that we are brothers ...

Excerpt from Buffalo Poem
By Roman Sanchez

IMPRESSIONS OF YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK by Karen Hall

It is somehow reassuring to see the herds of buffalo now roaming in Yellowstone, remnants of the 60 million buffalo and bison that filled the western prairies less than 200 years ago. And it feels joyous to watch elk and deer graze near mountain streams while bald eagles soar overhead or dive for fish. Occasionally a shy moose can be just barely seen sheltering in the wild much as they have for eons.

Even though the park roads in Yellowstone National Park are crowded with tourists, it only takes a short hike up a trail, and the sight of some large paw print or a bear-scatched tree, to understand that we are the visitors in this place, and wild, sometimes predatory animals, still dominate this incredibly beautiful land.

The enticing sound of rushing streams, the herbal smell of prairie grasses, the scent and beauty of tenacious wildflowers dappling bright green meadows, and azure blue skies dotted with puffy cumulous clouds against the backdrop of majestic purple and green mountains and deep valleys, moaning winds, rustling leaves, sudden rolling thunderstorms and a cacophony of bird calls, buffalo grunts, locking deer horns, rising dappled rainbow trout all form a symphony that assaults the senses and brings to mind ancestral memories of those how this county was for so many centuries, going back to the time of the glaciers.

There is a often a pervasive vibrancy, a magic, in land that has not been over developed, and I felt that intensely throughout Montana, especially while fishing the Madison River and camping and exploring Yellowstone Park. My soul reveled and renewed itself in the richness of the light and landscape.

I hope that all our Sespe members will trek up to Montana before long. The Bighorn outing was a highlight, and the all the fly fishing exhilarating, but there is much more to explore in Montana’s beautiful and soulful big sky country.
Bighorn River Outing
by Frances Smith

We all managed to make it safely to Fort Smith, Montana on Monday and most of us gathered in the Smith’s cabin to catch up and share drinks and snacks. Dinner was served at 7 PM—An excellent multi-course meal! We were told to be up and ready to eat breakfast at 5:15 AM and leave with our guides by 6 AM. Needless to say there wasn’t much talking at dinner, just eating and off to bed.

In the morning the guides arrived early and off we went eager to get on the water. At the end of the day Lloyd came back as our champion carp catcher. Others also caught carp, white fish, browns, rainbows, a sucker, and even a small mouth bass. Most of us fished with a guide for two days, except for Earl and Ann who went three days. I must say, Ann out fished all of us, but everyone seemed to enjoy catching the various fish. When Mike Bowden went out the first day he reported two browns and 1 rainbow and they were around 17 to 19 inches, as I recall. The big news was Karen Hall caught her first big brown and she was very proud of it. We had to ask her if she caught any rooster fish! :)

Tom Hall caught a variety of fish the first day with Karen and about 6 the second day fishing with Earl. They were a mix of rainbows, browns and whitefish. Steve Schalla caught 7 fish on his first day but I didn’t get a report from him on his last day. Bob Seegan caught fish on both his days. Ann and Karen caught a nice variety of fish when they went out on together on their second day of fishing, both wading and from the boat.

Four of the guys went out on their own Wednesday and had a few hits but nothing on the hook. So they decided to go back out that same afternoon. They were fishing when a local young man came strolling up, fished next to them, and caught four or five fish using the same equipment and flies our guys used. I guess the fish like the locals better than visitors!

On their day off fishing Tom and Karen went to the Little Bighorn Battlefield Monument and learned the history of the conflicts between the military and Native Americans on the Western plains.

The only notable catch for Bob and I was on our 2nd day, a double hook up. First and last of the trip. Damn!

On Tuesday evening we went to the Big Horn Trout Shop for dinner. We had a choice of salmon or half a chicken. But the best part of the evening was dessert, frozen huckleberry pie. One good reason to head back next year!

Thursday evening we all met to have our picture taken and it was like herding sheep trying to get everyone in position. After the picture we went inside and ate delicious chicken wings and small quesadillas with two choices of salsa, and that was before dinner! The camaraderie was great and we were fortunate that our guides were very good.

Unfortunately, the fishing was not as good as prior years because the water went from over 10,000 CFS to 3500 CFS. The guides thought that fishing probably wouldn’t get back to normal until they stopped tall he dramatic changes in the CFS water flow.

All in all, I believe everyone enjoyed themselves even though we didn’t catch as many fish as we would have liked—in other years we have averaged closer to 20 good-sized fish per day. But remember, it’s called fishing not catching.
NOTES FROM THE FFI EXPO - KH

Several members of the Sespe Fly Fishers attended the annual Fly Fishers International Expo including Steve Schalla, Bill O’Kelly, Bill Blackstone, tying his amazing flies, and Tom (Hall) and I. The Expo was held in Bozeman, MT on the Montana State University campus. Highlights of the Expo included meeting Patrick H. Berry, the new President and CEO of FFI and hearing his plans for the future of FFI at the President’s Awards in Dinner. I particularly enjoy seeing many of my fly fishing friends from all over at the Women’s Social, and I think everyone liked all the top-Notch fly fishing, fly tying and fly casting classes and presentations.

I had worked on Fanny Kreiger’s (wife of the late Mel Kreiger) nomination for the FFI Education Award because of her education of thousands of women fly fishers through the International Women Fly Fishers (IWFF) which she founded. I was very pleased to meet her and so many other prominent women fly fishers, including world-casting Champion Maxine McCormick, United Women on the Fly (UWOTF) founder Heather Hobson and Molly Semenik, MCI, author, fly fishing instructor among others. The Women Connect Social attracted about 85 women fly fishers, and needless to say we had a blast. I even met Val Young from Australia, whom I knew only online. She leads a womens club called Girls Gone Fly Fishing in Australia and she surprised me with a membership pin to the club.

The classes at the Expo were generally excellent, with some of the top fly fishing instructors in the country. This year a new program was introduced called Casting Skills Challenges. In the past people who wanted to improve their casting were moved into programs to become Certified Casting Instructors. Now, there are for levels for improving casting. Bronze is the first. My husband, Tom, took the class and then the challenge test and got his certificate. Next level up is the Silver, and then Gold. Anyone can test someone at the next level down, so, a Silver certified caster can train and test people for a Bronze certification. Gold can teach Silver and Bronze. To teach and test the Gold level, you have to be a Certified Casting Instructor. Each level offers requires skill in several different casts, adding more complex casts as you move forward. In order to get your pin and a certificate you have you send in a test sheet that your instructor has signed to FFI with $25. It’s a fun program, and Bob Smith, our Sespe Fly Fisher Certified Casting Instructor, is looking into setting up some challenge training and testing for club members.
FAIRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STILL LOOKING TO FILL POSITIONS
IN THE VOLUNTEER POOL FOR THE
SWCFFI FLY FISHING FAIRE.

THE FAIRE IS A LIVING ENTITY WHEN YOU (YES YOU!)
VOLUNTEER AND BREATH LIFE INTO IT!
WE ARE HOPING FOR THE BEST FAIRE EVER
AND IT’S ALL BASED ON THE ENERGY OF OUR
AWESOME VOLUNTEERS!

READY TO HELP?
EMAIL CONNIE AT: volunteers@swcffi.org

Dick Gregory
“The Magic of Yellowstone”
Oct 16

"Tie one on. If at first you don’t succeed, try another fly; a trout is a moment of beauty known only to those who seek it; and many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."
—Henry David Thoreau
SWC FLY FISHING FAIRE
OCTOBER 5-6, 2019

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019 | WOMEN’S PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WOMEN’S 1/2–DAY FLY FISHING WORKSHOP FEATURING WENDY GUNN | 9:30-2:00 pm **off site
LOCATION: Pasadena Casting Club Pond | 415 S Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91105 DATE: SAT, OCT 5 | TIME: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Cost includes lunch: $75.00 for FFI members, $80.00 for non-members. All other women’s programs free with Faire Admission

It’s unlikely that any woman in history has caught more fish, larger fish or more diverse fish than Wendy Gunn. She has set and still holds several IGFA World Records for the size of her catch – she was the first woman to land a striped marlin on a fly; and in fly-casting distance competition, twice she exceeded 100-feet with a 5-weight line.

During the Women’s Fly Fishing Workshop Wendy will offer personalized instruction in casting at the beautiful Pasadena Casting Club Pond. She will be joined by Gretchen Yearous, Certified Casting Instructor, Kathy Kim, Certified Casting Instructor, Ann Bull, Experienced Angler, and Karen Hall, SWC Women’s Program Director. Instructors will share their insights on River Nymphing, Dry Fly Fishing, and Saltwater Fly fishing with discussions on Entymology, Rigging, Knots, Gear - whatever you need to know to get out on the water.

Beginning to intermediate anglers will enjoy learning from these talented women and have a great time!

STAND-UP PADDLE BOARD FLY FISHING! | FEATURING MICHELLE WOO BOWMAN | 2:30-3:30 pm
LOCATION: Glendale Civic Auditorium | 1401 N Verdugo Rd, Glendale, CA 91208 | DATE: SAT, OCT 5 | TIME: 2:30-3:30 pm

Michelle Woo Bowman is an accomplished surfer, angler, athlete and fly fishing guide. Her program will show you another way to fish the salt or lakes. She and her husband Captain Conway Bowman run Blue Water Guides & Outfitters in San Diego.

CALIFORNIA INLAND TROUT INITIATIVE | JESSICA STRICKLAND | 3:30-4:30 pm
LOCATION: Glendale Civic Auditorium | 1401 N Verdugo Rd, Glendale, CA 91208 | DATE: SAT, OCT 5 | TIME: 3:30-4:30 pm

Jessica Strickland, a fly fisher and environmentalist will talk about Trout Unlimited’s meadows, roads and aquatic organism passage work in Sequoia for Golden and Kern River Rainbow Trout.

ORVIS PASADENA “WOMEN’S OUTDOOR FASHION & GEAR SHOW” | 4:30 pm
LOCATION: Glendale Civic Auditorium | 1401 N Verdugo Rd, Glendale, CA 91208 | DATE: SAT, OCT 5 | TIME: 4:30 pm

Back at the Glendale Civic Auditorium, Orvis Pasadena is sponsoring a Women’s Outdoor Fashion & Gear Show in the Main Hall featuring Jennifer Holbrook, Michelle Viquez, Candice Meneghin, Marisol Moreno, Kimberly Tilton, Emily Carver

Special Discounts available on women’s merchandise and gear at the Orvis Booth!

SCREENING OF “RIVER OF LIFE” A SHORT FILM ABOUT WOMEN AND FLY FISHING | 5:30 pm
LOCATION: Glendale Civic Auditorium | 1401 N Verdugo Rd, Glendale, CA 91208 | DATE: SAT, OCT 5 | TIME: 5:30 pm

River of Life documents the journey of three women anglers who found solace in fly fishing as they battled breast cancer by filmmaker Todd Moe, produced by Karen Hall. A Casting for Recovery representative will speak briefly after the film.

WOMEN CONNECT SOCIAL EVENT | BREWS & TAPAS | EVENING (TBD) | 6:00 pm **off site
LOCATION: TAVERN ON BRAND | 231 N Brand Blvd, Glendale, CA 91203 | Website | DATE: SAT, OCT 5 | TIME: 6-7pm

| No host Bar “happy hour prices” on the patio
| Tapas provided by the SWCFF!
| Fun time for the ladies to hang out, chat and share their love and passion for fly fishing!
| Men are invited to join us at 7:00!

Women’s Hospitality Booth * Prizes * Raffle - 9 wt Joan Wulff Rod, Orvis “Safe Passage” Carry Bag, So Cal WOTF clothing & more!
It's hard to believe that Summer's almost gone, and we are already moving into Fall. This means our main fund-raising event of the year is only six months away. The annual auction 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 speaker programs and special events that we all enjoy so much.

We need donations of all types. What did you have this year that you didn't really use? What didn't work for you after all? Do you have... Gear? Services? Flies? Jewelry? Art? Books? Gift Certificates? Specialty Items? What have you got? PLEASE DONATE IT!

Donating an item(s) is an opportunity for you to actively support your club in a way that does not require a time commitment. Most of us just don't have much extra time to volunteer.

Please bring donation item(s) to any upcoming meeting; the earlier the better. Or, call Ann Bull at 504-231-5188, Jeff Hereford at 805-701-4004, Frances Smith at 805-889-4995, or Earl Arnold at 805-701-1239, if you need to arrange for pick up, or for information.

If you want to purchase a certain item like a specific rod, reel, fly line, boots, shirt, jacket, waders, staff, hat, fishing trip, etc., in the near future contact Ann Bull at 504-231-5188 or Jeff Hereford at 805-701-4004 to see if Sespe Fly Fishers can get it for you at a discounted rate. All we would need at the Auction is for you to guarantee the opening bid. Call as soon as possible to give us time to order what you want. We can locate items from almost all the manufactures of clothing and equipment.

Please mark March 18 on your calendar and plan to be there...bring a friend...your family...and your checkbook or credit card!

SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION IN MARCH 2020!
CASTING THE FLY ROD | AN INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING

The next First Saturday Casting will be in August, with Doug Treutelaar, Terry O’Shea, and Bill O’Kelly

ALMOST always the first Saturday of the month.

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- Chumash Park, Petit and Waco, in East Ventura (off Telephone Rd).

As usual, this is open to everyone interested in learning and becoming a better caster or learning how to flyfish. Bring your friends, buddies, family and of course your mother-in-law (she will probably outcast you). Please help spread the word!

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GETTING CERTIFIED AS A CASTING INSTRUCTOR

Have YOU ever thought about becoming an FFI Certified Casting Instructor (CCI)? Working towards becoming a CCI could really improve your casting skills. Contact Bob Smith if you’re interested. We are hoping to set up some regular training session.

Bob Smith | 805-647-3522 | silvergelatin25@gmail.com
More info on the website - click here

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MONTHLY FLY TYING LESSONS

Fly tying Class will resume Sept 26 & Oct 24
Fly patterns are available on our website: sespeflyfishers.org
“This is an organization that is making a difference every day.”
– Dep Sec Sloan Gibson, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

FALL SCHEDULE:
We meet at the Ventura Vet Center on the 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY from 3 to 5 PM.
This is a program serving disabled veterans in Ventura area. Join us!
Please contact me if you would like more information about donating or helping with our program.

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Sespe Flyfishers Membership Renewal
Dear Flyisher,
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 or Renew on line at SespeFlyFishers.org

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)

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Voluntary contribution to the Sespe Flyfishers Conservation Fund

$ ____________
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If you have any questions, please contact Chris or Fran May at 984-1267 or chismay5@msn.com