How do you like our new look? Isn’t it great? As you can see, we have a new newsletter editor. Karen Hall, writer and documentary film producer, graciously accepted the position. Our new look is, in part, the work of one of our newest members Cece Rubin. Cece is updating our website and keeping us current. Check it out at http://www.Sespeflyfishers.org. Did you know that you can get older copies of the Sespe Flyfishers Newsletter on our website? Meeting dates, speakers, casting clinics, events, you can find it all there.

This month’s speaker Jim Cox, Director of Angling and Donor Relations for Western Rivers Conservancy, will make a presentation entitled “Fly Fishing Oregon’s Wild and Scenic John Day River.” This is exciting for me, as Ann and I head up to Oregon every year and the John Day is uncharted territory for us. Would someone buy a river just so we could fish it? The Western Rivers Conservancy would.

Our annual auction is just a month away! If you want something special in the auction contact Ann or Frances and we will get it! Have you cleaned out your fishing closet yet? We need your donations. A donation doesn’t have to be fly fishing gear. Fish art of all kinds always get lots of bids. This year Ann is donating a lovely bottle of booze she received but will never drink. You don’t have a dedicated fishing closet? Well come to the auction and get more stuff! Can’t make the auction? You can still donate on our website. You don’t even have to get out of your chair. The proceeds from the auction fund our great speaker programs and conservation efforts.

We still need someone to step up and be the club treasurer. Come on, you can do it! Be more than just a member, be a part of the club.

Go Fishing every chance you get!

Earl
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SPECIAL EVENT

Soot & Water

Thursday 07
February

Live Japanese Gyotaku Printing by Traditionalist Dwight Hwang

Join us to celebrate the second edition release of Simple Fly Fishing with a fish printing demonstration by gyotaku artisan Dwight Hwang, whose cover art adorns the book. While Dwight preps the fish with soot and water and makes the print, his friend and scholar of Japanese art Michael VanHartingsveldt, will explain this beautiful art form and explain each step of the process. Following the demonstration, coauthor Yvon Chouinard will be available for a short time of Q&A. Books will be on sale at the event. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and it's all free!

Doors 7 PM
Event 7:30 PM

Click here to view a brief video of this fascinating print technique.

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SESPE FLY FISHERS
Annual Auction | March 20
Regular Meeting Night | 6:00pm

Our main fund-raising event of the year just around the corner!

This 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.

SPEAKERS & SPECIAL EVENTS:
The money we get from our annual auction, and from our dues, allows us to present the speaker programs and special events that we all enjoy so much.

WE NEED DONATIONS OF ALL TYPES.
What do you have this year that you don’t really use? Donating an item is an opportunity for you to actively support your club in a way that does not require the commitment of time that many of us are not able to give. Do you have… Extra Gear? Services? Flies? Jewelry? Art? Books? Can you round up some Gift Certificates? Specialty Items? What have you got? PLEASE DONATE!

GOT GEAR? FUTURE PURCHASE?
If you’re planning to purchase a special piece of equipment online like a rod, reel, boots, jacket, waders, fly line, etc. in the near future just contact Ann Bull at 504-231-5188 to see if Sespe Fly Fishers can get it for you at a discounted rate. See page 12 for our online Vendor list and instructions. Call soon so we can order in time for the auction!

DROP-OFF INFORMATION:
Please bring donation item(s) to the February 2019 meeting, or call Earl at 805-701-1239 if you have a donation, to arrange pick up, or for information.

We’ll see you at the Auction in March!
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

(PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE FORM)

Thank you for supporting Sespe Flyfishers, our conservation efforts and youth project; Trout in the Classroom

Retail Value of Contribution $________________________

A. Description of Contribution: _________________________________________
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B. Any Conditions or Restrictions? _______________________________________
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Donor Information: Name ________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________
Date _______ City __________________________ State _____________
Phone __________________________

Signature of Donor: ________________________________________________________ Club Member __________

This is your official receipt. Sespe Flyfishers of Ventura is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Tax ID# 77-0345362
Consult your tax advisor. Your Contribution may be fully tax deductible.

Thank You for Your Support!
OREGON | June 2-8, 2019
Salmon Fly Hatch on the Rogue

Like to catch fish on a dry fly? Like to catch a steelhead on a dry fly? Ann and Earl did it last year and had such a great time they decided to make it an outing. Costs per person (based on double occupancy) is about $1800 and that includes transportation, lodging, food, fishing licenses, and two drifts on the river. Get your name on the list ASAP!

Contact Earl at president@sespeflyfishers.org

FISHING REPORT

BISHOP OUTING Jan 31-Feb 3, 2019  In spite of some ominous weather projections, four of us, Bruce Hunter, Lloyd Christie, Bob Seegan and myself proceeded up to Bishop Thursday morning, January 31st. Our first stop was Warm Springs Rd on the Lower Owens that afternoon. Great weather, good flow but fishing was very s-i-o-w. Bruce caught a few, the rest of us, nada!

Friday morning we eagerlyheaded up to the Upper Owens and stopped for a looksee at Hot Creek. The long hike though snow was daunting, so we rolled on over to the Upper Owens. Again, the weather was good but the fishing was slow. Bruce hiked up beyond any other fisherman and encountered a pod of risers and caught several on a Blue-winged olive and one
CASTING THE FLY ROD | AN INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING

The next First Saturday Casting will be on March 2.

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 out cast you). Please help spread the word.!

HAVE YOU ever thought about becoming an **FFI Certified Casting Instructor (CCI)** and possibly working toward that goal? Just working toward becoming a CCI could really improve your casting skills. Contact Bob Smith for more information. We are hoping to set up some regular training sessions.

**Bob Smith | 805-647-3522 | silvergelatin25@gmail.com**

More info on the website - [click here](#)

I nabbed one long distance release, plus a six-inch airborne rainbow.

Heavy rain & wind woke us on Saturday. Around 1:00 pm, it turned to a light drizzle so we proceeded to five bridges. This was the first time any of us had been there since the fire, so it was as much as an exploratory trip as a fishing trip. Bruce had one strike on his indicator which was the high point of fishing, that day.

Sunday we woke up to snow, see photo of my truck, so we decided to head on home. Beautiful drive back with snow covering the White mountains.

In summary, great fishing and great company, but slow catching. For me, it served as a reminder of how beautiful the Eastern Sierras are. I hadn't been up there for three years, and I used to go up there so often my truck could drive there by itself. I definitely plan on scheduling a few more outings up there this year!

Cheers,

Jeffrey Hereford
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*Speakers and programs subject to change without notice. Check the newsletter each month.*
Our February speaker, Jim Cox of Western Rivers Conservancy whose famous slogan “Sometimes to save a river you have to buy it” sums up their success in protecting tens of thousands of acres on western streams. Their current conservation priorities include land acquisitions on California’s lower Klamath River, the Salmon River in Idaho, the John Day River in Oregon, the Gunnison River in Colorado and the Hood River in Oregon. For lovers of smallmouth bass, trout and steelhead, the program is living proof that diligent conservation leads to spectacular fishing. Said to be the strongest fighters in their weight class, smallmouth bass make the John Day a perfect destination.

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Jim joined Western Rivers Conservancy as Director of Angling and Donor Relations in 2011. He has spent more than 30 working professionally in the nonprofit sector. Jim is a past steering committee co-chair of the Nonprofit Association of Oregon and is an active member of the Northwest Planned Giving Roundtable. He is a member of numerous conservation organizations including Trout Unlimited, Flyfishers Club of Oregon, FFI, the Native Fish Society, and The Freshwater Trust among others. Jim holds a Bachelor of Theatre Degree from Willamette University. Jim lives in Portland, Oregon. In his free time, you can find him fly fishing for trout and steelhead on the wild rivers of the West.

In every corner of the American West a stream cries out for protection, because it is habitat for endangered fish and wildlife, because it is the scenic centerpiece of a community, or because it is a favorite haunt of boaters, anglers and hikers. Western Rivers Conservancy answers those calls for help with one of the strongest tools for river protection: land acquisition.

For more info go to: www.westernrivers.org
FLY TYING LESSONS ARE BACK FOR 2019!

We meet at Eric’s Tackle on Thompson, our new venue for fly tying sessions. Eric Huff lets us use his shop and his excellent video equipment. We will be able to watch Dennis McCarty show us how to tie a fly up close on a video monitor! Shades of the good old days at Bob Johns shop.

NOTE FOR BEGINNERS:
→ We are offering a free fly tying lesson to any member.
→ We will provide all the tools and materials you need.
→ Just contact Earl at Flyfishingsfun@gmail.com to set up your lessons.

Regular session dates are on the 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM
At Eric’s Tackle Shop, 2127 E Thompson Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001

2019 FLY TYING DATES:
Feb 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, Sept 26 & Oct 24

ALL IT TAKES IS A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

Dear Sespe Flyfishers members,

The club can only function if we work and play together. We are happy to report that one of the two positions open last month was filled. Karen Hall is the new editor of the newsletter. She worked with Cece Rubin, one of the newest members of Sespe Fly Fishers, to create our fresh new look. Cece is also the editor for Conejo Valley Fly Fishers newsletter. Please let Karen know what you’d like to hear about, and send her any fishing reports, photos or club news at: karencolehall@gmail.com

Cece is also clearing out the cobwebs on our website. There are new things there too! Check it out.

We still need someone to step up and be our new Treasurer! No experience necessary. Carl our current Treasurer will show you what needs to be done. Carl tells me that he spends about 5 hours a month on this job. If you would like to help out please contact me.

Be more than a member, be a part of the club!
Sincerely, Earl Arnold | President, Sespe Flyfishers
INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING
Conejo Valley Adult School | MARCH 23, 30 & APRIL 6, 2019

Go from classroom instruction to hands on experience in three weeks!

The first session will include instruction on gear, knots, fly selection and fishing location. The second session covers rigging your gear, casting techniques and learning to cast a fly. The final session will find you casting at Lake Casitas and nymph and dry fly fishing at a local stream. Additional $10 parking fee charged on last day.

INSTRUCTORS:
Randy Weir and Earl Arnold have over 50 years of fly fishing experience and enjoy teaching others. Both instructors are members of Sespe Fly Fishers.

Randy has been guiding on the streams of Ventura County since 1994.
http://tightlinesguide.com

CLASS MEETING DATE & TIMES:
Saturday, March 23, 2019
9:00am – 4:00pm (no gear needed for first session)

Saturday, March 30, 2019
9:00am – 12:00pm
The above dates meet at
Conejo Valley Adult School, Room 5 | Google Map | CV Adult School

Saturday, April 6, 2019
8:00am – 4:00pm
Lake Casitas and local stream

COST | CLASS & MATERIALS | #8300.101
$185 plus $12 material fee to instructor
MORE INFO | SIGN UP LINK
We have what you’re looking for in next month’s auction!

This is just a partial list of the treasures waiting for you! We haven’t gone through everything that we’ve collected!

- One day of rock fishing with Eric Kramer
- Patagonia Black Hole Duffel 90L
- Temple Fork Fly Rod 5 wt. 9’ 4 pc
- Maui Jim Sunglasses
- One to five day stay at condo in Yosemite
- Bill Blackstone’s Black Stone Fly Plate
- Patagonia Men’s Tough Puff Shirt
- Earl Arnold’s six hours of private fly tying lessons
- Scott 9’ 7 line A2 907/4 fly rod
- Temple Fork Fly Rod 8 wt. 9’ 4 pc rod
- Roughly 4 or 5 more fly rods
- Women’s Fishing Shirts
- Rio fly line
- Books
- Fly tying material
- Fishing vests
- Rod building wrapper unit (New)
- Float tubes
- Flies
- Hats
- Fly boxes

Plus many more items we’re not able to list at this time. We are still accepting donations! Contact Ann or Frances if you have something to share.

Be sure to come at **6 PM, Wednesday, March 20th** to secure that special item that you really want and need!

ATTENTION FLY FISHERS!

The following is a list of manufacturers that we can purchase items from for our auction at a discount.

- Tibor Reel
- Patagonia
- Winston Fly Rods
- Echo Products
- Airflo Products
- Sage
- Rio
- Snowbee

Please let Frances know ASAP if there is something you want! If the club purchases a special order item for you, you must make the **opening minimum bid**. If you can’t make it to the auction you can have someone bid for you. You’ll have a chance to save some money, if you don’t get outbid.

If you would like to see something from these manufacturers in the auction, go to the manufacturer’s website look up the exact item (size, number, name, color, etc.) you want and send it to Frances.

If you are interested, please contact Frances. Her contact information:

Phone: 805-647-3522

Email: [bob.frances.smith@gmail.com](mailto:bob.frances.smith@gmail.com)
“This is an organization that is making a difference every day.”
– Dep Sec Sloan Gibson, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

WINTER SCHEDULE:
We have changed the day and time of our regular meetings. We now 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.

Earl Arnold | Program Lead
Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Ventura
earl.arnold@projecthealingwaters.org
Ground Hog Day, otherwise known as Saturday, Feb 2, or the day of the SWC’s FlyBuy dawned wet and soggy, and the Cat and the Hat was nowhere to be found.

Thankfully, the Long Beach Casting Club is has a spacious, but cozy, knotty-pine clubhouse*, so the FlyBuy offered shelter from the storm to a sizable crowd of bargain hunting fly fishers and their families, all eager to improve their casting and fly tying skills.

Everyone found bargains at the “Garage Sale” and all donations were much appreciated. A few brave and dedicated souls even slogged through the downpour to the casting pond for some expert casting lessons.

However, it was the Fly Tyers, including Sespe Fly Fisher’s own Bill Blackstone and Dennis McCarty, who provided the highlights the day. People of all ages enjoyed learning how to tie lots of interesting flies. And with patient instruction, quite a few young people learned that Fly Tying can be a wonderful way to while away a rainy afternoon.

* The LBCC clubhouse was actually moved “under cover of darkness” to Recreation Park a few years back. It’s a great story that you might enjoy looking up on their [website](#)!
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DIRECTORS:

Chris Moore | 805-625-4611
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• Casting Coordinator | Bob Smith 805-647-3522
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• FFI Rep. | Chris Moore | 805-625-4611
• Fly Tying | Earl Arnold -701-1239
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• Raffles | Terry O’Shea | 805-850-5518
• Refreshments | Jeff Herford | 805-658-0829
• Trout in the Classroom | Eric Kramer | 805-984-7202
• Web Site | Steve Schalla | Ceci Rubin I 805-642-5898
RENEW OR JOIN SESPE FLY FISHERS ONLINE OR USE THIS FORM!

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 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: ________________________________
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)

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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
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

In consideration of the activities and services of Sespe Fly Fishers, Inc. (SFF) their officers, agents, volunteers, participants, employees and all other persons acting in any capacity on their behalf, I agree as follows:

I acknowledge that fly fishing, boating, float tubing, river wading and surf wading entails known and unknown risks which could result in loss of personal property, illness, injury, or in extreme case, permanent paralysis or death. Risks include slippery rocks, fast moving water, high surf, wild animals, stinging and parasitic insects, steep cliffs, unstable soil, contaminated water, harsh and fast changing weather conditions, and other hazards associated with rugged back country, ocean surf and fly fishing. I recognize that there is a risk of my becoming ill or injured in an area remote from medical care. I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge that there are inherent risks associated with this activity.

I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge and that all risks cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. I have responsibilities as a participant to insure my health, mobility and agility are suitable for this activity.

I expressly agree to accept and assume full responsibility and risk arising from participation in this activity including travel to and from this activity. I agree to release Sespe Fly Fishers, Inc. their officers, agents, volunteers, participants, employees and all other persons acting in any capacity on behalf of SFF from any and all claims and liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever.

Date __________________

Print Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

Signature of Participant ________________________________

In consideration of minor
(print name) being permitted by SFF to participate. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless SFF from any and all claims which are brought by or on behalf of the minor, and which are in any way connected with participation by minor.

Date __________________

Print Name of Parent/Guardian ________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ________________________________