



**SOUTHWEST COUNCIL (SWC)  
Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF)**

Spring Quarterly Meeting Reports  
Saturday April 16, 2010

**Location:** Marie Calendars Restaurant  
15363 Culver Drive  
Irvine, CA 92604

These are reports sent in prior to meeting

**SWC Officers**

President	Michael Schweit	Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers
Vice President	Open	
Secretary/Webmaster	Melinda Burns	Fly Fishers Club of Orange County
Treasurer	Kevin Green	Long Beach Fly Fishers
Conservation	Tim Bartley	Wilderness Fly Fishers
Membership	Joe Lemire	Streamborn Fly Fishing Club
Newsletter	John Rose	High Desert Fly Fishers
Education:	Don Davis	San Diego Fly Fishers
Youth	Open	
TIC	Rich Bollinger	Conejo Valley Fly Fishers
PHW	Carole Katz	Long Beach Casting Club
Fly Tying	Steve Fernandez	Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers
	Naomi Okamoto	Pasadena Casting Club
BSA Coordinator	Howard Kern	Conejo Valley Fly Fishers
Casting	Tim Lawson	Pasadena Casting Club
	Marshall Bissett	Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers

**Attendees:**

Carl Laski	Downey Fly Fishers
Steve Piper	Golden State Fly Casters
Rod Hendrickson	Golden State Fly Casters

Kevin Green	Long Beach Casting Club
Joe Lemire	Streamborne Fly Fishing
Greg Stumpf	Streamborne Fly Fishing
Alex Siemers	Streamborne Fly Fishing
Tom Smith	Pasadena Casting Club
Andy Stillitano	Long Beach Casting Club
Tim Lawson	Pasadena Casting Club
Randy Kelly	Hi Desert Fly Fishers
Tim Bartley	Wilderness Fly Fishers
Howard Kern	BSA Coordinator
Bill O'Kelly	Sierra Pacific Fly Fisher
Carole Katz	Long Beach Casting Club/ Project Healing Waters
Michael Schweit	Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers
John Whitaker	South Bay Fly Fishers
Connie Bullock	Santa Clarita Casting Club
Don Davis	San Diego Fly Fishers
Steve Schalla	Sespe Fly Fishers

Meeting Called to order by : Michael Schweit

**Meeting Notes:**

Introductions of attendees.

Howard Kern stated he is the go to guy for SWCFFF for those clubs who are interested in instituting a BSA program. He has the correct contacts for you and the requirements needed to institute this program. He is also the person that you would contact if your club is interested in participating in any of the Golden Trout Wilderness projects. He also reported on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BSA Encampment held last year. The SWCFFF booth was a success. The scouts had an opportunity to earn either full or partial badges at this event. According to Howard, there were 45 boys who completed the Fly Fishing merit badge and more who had partially completed this badge.

**Old Business:**

Federation Membership Follow-up

Last meeting Michael went through the current SWCFFF membership list and read off the list of members who had not renewed. He asked the attending reps to identify anyone they knew and asked if they would contact personally to see if they had any question regarding their renewal.

- Andy Stillitano stated that most of them can't afford it.
- Carole stated that for the ones she contacted, they wanted to know what FFF does for them

- Joe Lemire stated the ones he contacted had just forgotten and thanked him for the reminder phone call.
- No other reps reported on their call list.
- Joe also reported that we had a drop off of 28 members from last year. He also noted that our membership renewal at the Pasadena Fly Fishing Show normally will produce to 50 -60 members. This year we only had 3 new sign ups. Michael felt that this was due to two of our biggest promoters of membership, Melinda Burns and Joe Lemire, were not in attendance this year. We also had one sign up at the Fred Hall Long Beach Show.

#### Casting Instructor Classes:

- It was proposed that we take these instructor classes to outlying clubs where as currently all Casting Instructor Clinics are held at the Long Beach Casting Club. We would basically send our CI Trainers to them. We asked the reps to take this proposition to their clubs to see if there would be any interest. A couple reps asked that this be kept on the list of open items and to be reviewed again at our next meeting.
- Steve from Golden Gate was concerned that he may not be able to drum up enough interest with a 6 -8 week commitment. So it was suggested that maybe they offer either a half day or mini clinic to see if the attendees might find it interesting enough for a more in depth clinic at a later date. We would need a reasonable amount of attendees to make this happen.
- Greg Stumpf suggested that the Casting Directors set a date and a minimum registration limit. This way those that may be interested will know that SWCFFF is serious about sending the CI Trainers to these outlying areas.

#### Nominating Committee:

According to the by-laws, the nominating committee is the current BOD and the reps attending the quarterly meetings. There were no new nominations and the current board has agreed to stay on for another term. A ballot will be sent out for a vote.

#### Conservation Grants:

Tim reported that we had created our own grant forms and recently found that National had a grant form already. We have several clubs that have submitted grant applications and are in the process of being reviewed. Grants will be awarded in August 2011. Two of the grants submitted were to place temperature loggers in two sections of the Golden Trout Wilderness area. Unfortunately, the August award will be too late for this project. Special arrangement will be made to get the funds to the clubs before August if their grant is approved.

#### Flybuy Report

This is our only fundraiser for the year and we would like to see more participation from the clubs. This year's Flybuy had only 6 clubs participating.

We had approximately 80 attendees

We netted \$3000

Here are some suggestions to improve on next year's Flybuy:

- Advertise sooner and more
- Solicit for more diverse items from the clubs for auction items
- Ask Cl's to donate time as a donation item
- Ask Fly Tyers to donate time as a donation item
- Publicize an auction catalogue
- Advertise an agenda/timeline of activities

### Joan Wulff Event

Individual Tickets go on sale May 1<sup>st</sup> and can be purchased online at our website.

There has been a commitment of 6 tables to date

There has also been 3 RSVP for the head table (Joan Wulff's) at \$500.00 each

We are still looking for Sponsors for this event. Some want to donate items as opposed to financial backing. These items will be used for raffle items.

Our breakeven point for attendees w/o sponsors or RSVP's at the head table is = 300 attendees

As we procure sponsors and RSVP's for the head table our breakeven will be reduced to 200 attendees needed. We have 5 seats still available at the head table if you know of someone who is interested.

We are also looking into reasonably priced accommodations for those needing an overnight stay.

### **New Business:**

#### Casting for Recovery

Looking to hold some workshops locally in Southern California. They are looking to us to help put these workshops on. Here are some things that are needed to put on a 2 ½ day workshop:

- Cost is anywhere from \$13 - \$17 K
- Limited to 14 Women attendees
- Looking for at least one rep (male or female) from each club for a planning committee
- Suggested locations for workshops: Bishop or San Diego Back Bay
- Actual workshop volunteers ( females preferred except for male guides)
- Currently we have a slate of 8 female volunteers

**\*\*\*Please take this information to your board to see what their interest is. We will be contacting you mid May to see if there is any interest.**

#### Fall Quarterly Meeting

There is a conflict for our Fall Quarterly meeting as it is the same date as "An Evening with Joan Wulff".

This will be moved to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Jan Glick – a Speaker to support Non Profit Organizations

Would the clubs be interested in attending a training course designed to help Non Profits.

Cost for a day \$2500 (Split between all the clubs - \$100 send all the BOD)

Do we invite him as a speaker for our next meeting or do we use him as a speaker for our Club Management Day. It was suggested that we possibly plan this for January. Need feedback from clubs as to interest and participation level.

### Interclub Tournament

Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Guy will hold a free seminar on how to fish the KERN RIVER on Friday

More details to come...

### Trout in the Classroom

We have been working on a joint funding effort with TU and Cal Trout, where each organization would place into a pot funds that will assist clubs and classes to start a new TIC program. It costs approximately \$1000 to start up a class. Cal Trout has agreed to donate \$500 towards this project. TU has declined to join the funding efforts. So we will have \$1000 to help out. The expectation for this funding is that the club puts in 1/3 of the cost, the classroom/school puts in 1/3 of the cost and SWCFFF will fund the final 1/3 to get the program started.

### TFO Rods available through SWCFFF

TFO had set aside some rods for the Sierra Club for a grant that would allow them to purchase rods and reels from TFO but the grant ran out. So TFO is now offering these rods/reels sets to SWCFFF clubs that hold a kids academy for \$60 a piece. If your club is interested in purchasing any of these rods, please contact SWCFFF. The set includes Rod, Reel and line. They are 8 ½ to 9 foot rods and 4 to 6wts. There is a limit of 6 per club.

### Lifetime Membership Raffle

There are no more shows left to sell these opportunities. What is the best way to sell the remaining squares so we can present this year. This is a \$500 value. Each square is \$5. It was suggested that an email be sent out to the clubs notifying them of squares being available for purchase. If any clubs or club members interested are to contact Michael Schweit.

We are also holding a separate drawing for the club reps to win a lifetime membership. By attending the quarterly meeting, your name will be submitted into the raffle. Winners of the lifetime membership will be selected at the January 2012 meeting.

### Annual Membership

Michael will be sending to each club rep a copy of the SWCFFF Monthly membership spreadsheet. We ask that you go through it and sort it and see if any of your club members have not renewed. If they have not renewed, we ask that you contact them to see if they had any questions about FFF and when we could expect their renewal.

### Quarterly Reports

We are missing so many club reports. It is not a requirement but it does help us track historically what is going on in all our clubs. It was suggested that Melinda send out a form to help the clubs to know what we are looking for in this report.

This is the same for the Website calendar. We need clubs to start populating them. Some clubs are experiencing problems with the use of Google calendar. (Poor Greg! ) Melinda has sent out information on how to access this calendar in the past. If you need this information again, please contact her.

### Fishing Shows

We attended 5 shows.

- Bakersfield
- Pasadena Fly Fishing Show
- Bass Pro Fishing Show
- Fred Hall Long Beach Show
- Fred Hall Del Mar Show

What are your feelings on how these went. This year we had more volunteers which was very good. Some of the problems encountered was putting up the display. At some shows the people putting up the display did not find the manual that had the procedure on how to setup properly. We need to notify the setup crew as to where this manual will be placed so they can find. We also, need to come up with a procedure on how to tear down the booth properly.

- Pasadena Show lacked a good location for casting. You had to go to another building so casting was an inconvenience.
- Fred Hall show on the other hand was in a prime location in the main room. We had three casting ponds with a beautiful back drop, that we shared with other Fly Fishing booths. Cl's were kept busy the majority of the time. We need better signage for seminar rooms for our classes. We saw a large amount of people coming through our booth and the ponds
- Del Mar did not have a casting pond.
- Michael also stated that Robbie King a film editor is interested in helping us put together a powerpoint video of some sort to use in the future shows. He will be contacting Carl Laski to begin production on this project.
- Bakersfield Show – no comments other than some people could not make it due to snow.
- Bass Pro Show ( Rancho Cucamonga) – Booth was located in front of Fly shop inside the store however, most of the activity was outside with the ponds that had been erected and filled with thousands of trout for the kids to fish in.

The people that visited the booth were from mostly outside the Rancho Cucamonga area. Some as far as Santa Barbara. There was a need for more volunteers as Hi Desert manned the booth by themselves. Could have used the assistance from the two other local clubs.

- It was also noted that they do have seminar rooms where we could hold classes for the future. It was suggested the SWCFFF take the lead on this for next year to set up potential classes/programs.
- TFO and Gloomis did not know there would be a presence of Fly Fishing at the Fred Hall Shows and will plan accordingly for next year.
- Please make sure your club knows that the reason why we (FFF) participate in these shows is to promote the clubs and not the Federation. Remember the clubs are the Federation.

#### Joint Fly Fishing Fair in Fall of 2012 with NCFFF

Northern California Federation of Fly Fishers council has approached us in doing a joint Fly Fishing Fair in the Mammoth area in 2012. Tentatively it would be a 3 day event in September or October as this is when their visitor season slows down. Guides in this area have expressed their interest in participating in offering on the stream classes. SWCFFF needs to provide the clubs with a list of volunteer positions that will be needed for this event. The clubs will then present the proposition to the clubs to gauge interest level. Many clubs and members are already fishing these waters at this time and it was thought that this might be easier to get volunteers as there will be potential volunteers up there anyway.

#### Summer Quarterly Meeting

Will probably be held in Ventura, CA. Surf Fishing will be available, before and after the meeting.

#### Rush Creek Cleanup

Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at Silver Creek Resort

8 am – 12 noon

Send RSVP's to Joe Lemire.

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual

Silver Creek Resort will put on a barbq for volunteers.

Michael Schweit has 4 campsites reserved at O Ridge Campground if anyone is interested in group (Thursday – Sunday ) camping.

Joe Lemire may be able to reserve some RV spots for those interested in Ramping...

Just a gentle reminder the clubs need to come to the Council with their needs and wants.

Do you need help with:

- Casting
- Fly Tying
- Entomology
- BSA Program
- TIC Program

- Membership
- Conservation

Call us!

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## Directors Reports:

### **Presidents Report: Michael Schweit**

We had a very invigorating first quarter of the year! So many shows and so much was accomplished with your help. Thank you!

### **New Board Members**

We added two new people to our board in January. Don Davis of San Diego Fly Fishers has joined us as Education Chair. Don asked me what his duties were and I gave him my honest answer. That he should do whatever he wants that encourages educational fishing opportunities. If you have suggestions, please forward them to Don or me as he feels his way into this post. These options may include outings with instructions for a specific fishery or a photographic workshop.

Tim Bartley of Wilderness has taken the vital post of Conservation Chair. This has been empty since I took office and it has been a void. Tim has been busy reading all kinds of information and abstracts to get up to speed on water and controversial issues that affect us. Tim also set up a meeting at the Pasadena Show with California Sportfishing Protection Alliance's Chris Shutes and the conservation chairs of some of our clubs. It was a good discussion for everyone involved and moves us towards the goal of a stronger alliance with conservation and fishery groups in California.

### **Show Time**

In sticking with the plan of increased exposure to the public about our sport, we set up the SWCFFF booth at four shows in four weeks. Big thanks goes to Agua Bonita, Deep Creek, Downey, Orange County, Hi-Desert, Pasadena, Saltwater, Santa Clarita, Sierra Pacific, South Bay, Southern Sierra, Streamborn and Wilderness for volunteers, booth transportation and all kinds of extra help. Pasadena is always the easiest show as it caters to Flyfishers! There is always a fine line at this show with sharing tiers and casters with the Show plans but we make it work. Our Council and several of the others that participate with the Show across the nation are working on a repeatable format. All of this would allow us to know what we need from our Board and the clubs to get more people to join both. Bakersfield was a new venue. There was a snowstorm that shut down the Grapevine but we made it work. This show is more of an RV paradise so it remains to be seen if we want to strengthen our presence. There was a lot of interest but we were not sure if it was us or the cinnamon bun vendor next to us.

*Hall Show, Long Beach* went pretty well. We did a lot more than last year and filled about 90% of the volunteer slots for casting, tying and booth. We were busy from the moment we opened on each day.



We worked on getting a fly rodder on the bass tank (a first) and Conway Bowman did a demonstration to about 25 people. And hooked/landed/released a nice bass on his first cast! The Hall venue people are very pleased with us and we can do more.

*Hall Show, Del Mar* did not happen as there were not enough volunteers to staff the booth. This situation needs a solution and will be working with San Diego and Golden State to find one.

#### **Casting for Recovery**

This breast cancer recovery group would like to expand into SoCal. Two things stand in the way – money and volunteers. We met with them in Pasadena and put together a core group to explore what needs to be done. This would need full support of the clubs to make it happen and will be discussed at the Spring Q meeting.

#### **National FFF**

National has had enough of a financial recovery to hire one more person in the main office. The councils are now getting answers and help back in a more timely basis and we look for further improvement. One example is the matching grant conservation program. Two of our clubs have submitted applications. More details will be coming from Conservation.

All of the clubs were asked for nominations for the various FFF awards but as of this writing, I have received nothing.

#### **Meeting with Clubs**

I have made the rounds to some of the club BOD meetings to understand more of their concerns and needs. Something that has come up is “why should we pay dues to National? What do we get for that?” The answers that I have given (support, some grants, communication with other groups, etc.) are understood but I am still not sure why there is this disconnect. This will be another topic for the next Q meeting.

#### **Summary**

The Council is in better shape (financially, connected with clubs, events) than we have been in years. The Council Board has expressed that they are all very pleased and will continue with the current plan, modified (of course!) at the Q meetings.

Michael Schweit

#### **Treasurers Report: Kevin Green**

#### **See Attachment**

#### **Conservation: Tim Bartley**

Conservation Quarterly Report, April 2011

Completed SWC-Conservation contact list. The list includes Conservation Chairs and Presidents or SWC Reps for each club.

Solicited applications for FFF/SWC grants. Two applications were received. They were reviewed and forwarded to the national office.

Held meeting at the Pasadena Fly Show with club Conservation Chairs and Chris Shutes of CSPA.

SWC-FFF signed on two documents pertaining to conservation issues:

Recommendations and comments regarding the Environmental Impact Report on The Delta Plan.

A letter in support of the CSPA position regarding testing and regulation of agricultural runoff pollution in the Central Valley. The Central Valley RWQCB meets on April 7, and will review proposals for regulation of agricultural operations.

Attended DFG Annual Golden Trout meeting in Sacramento.

Critical information regarding the genetic profile of California golden trout will be available later this year. This information will allow the selection of genetically desirable populations for preservation. Studies on the effects of "resting" grazed areas were presented, and a decision to fund further studies will be required.

Several existing fish barriers in the Kern River drainage are considered to be suspect. Many felt a new barrier is needed in the Dutch John Flat area. However, the cost of this barrier was estimated at several million dollars.

There was some discussion regarding stocking triploid (sterile) rainbows or Cottonwood golden trout in the Kennedy Meadows area. Given that the upstream fish barrier is considered suspect, and the process of creating triploids is not 100% reliable, consensus opposed stocking.

#### **Newsletter: John Rose**

#### **Webmaster: Melinda Burns**

Still trying to get clubs and vendors to enter dates/events on our calendar.

Need clubs to submit articles to be posted on website. Melinda does not have time to look at everyone's newsletter to pick and choose articles that are important enough to post on our website. We need more content, need to people to write articles and submit what is going on and send photos along with it.

#### **Communication: Bennett Mintz**

- Dinner meeting with Michael Schweit, Jeff Pill and Marshall Bissett re: Evening With Joan Wulff;
- Draft information and fact sheet; plus a number corrections and revisions;
- Write letter/news release to clubs in re: availability of head table seats;
- Innumerable conversations with President Schweit;
- Coordinate approaches to potential sponsors with Marshall;
- Draft and finish a Joan Wulff flyer for Hot Creek Ranch;
- Revise Hot Creek Ranch flyer for Bob Marriott's.

#### **Membership: Joe Lemire**

#### **Education: Don Davis**

## **Youth: Open**

### **TIC: Rich Bollenger**

### **PHW: Carole Katz**

The first three months of 2011 have been very busy.

At the very end of 2010, I was pleased to be able to present the award to the Outstanding Volunteer of the Southwest Region of Project Healing Waters to David Hoffberg of Sierra Pacific. David started the program at the San Fernando Valley VAMC in 2007, has helped with every fishing show booth, and has solicited an extraordinary amount of donations over the years. He was very deserving of the special rod made by TFO for this purpose.

January was the beginning of the third annual national rod building contest. The competition is serious because the top two places in each of three categories of participants gets to select a national fishing trip as a prize. The third place winners get a \$500 gift certificate from Stoddard's. The Long Beach group had a custom rod maker give a demonstration to raise the bar a bit. Judging will take place in April, with winners announced later that month.

Several of us staffed a booth at the Pasadena Fly Fishing Show in February, and took in a remarkable amount of money during the weekend, thanks to all the volunteers and disabled veterans who helped. In March, we shared space with the Southwest Council at the Fred Hall Show. This was a very different venue for us, but we managed to get a fair amount of donations here also.

We have scheduled another trip to the Big Horn River in Montana in September. Our trip there last summer was so successful that we were eager to return, but with more disabled veterans this time. We've reserved space for fourteen veterans. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to help offset the cost of the trip, please contact me at [Katzhogan@cox.net](mailto:Katzhogan@cox.net).

Hi-Desert Anglers recently signed the Memorandum of Agreement with Project Healing Waters and will be starting a program at the Barstow VAMC. This brings to thirteen the number of programs in the Southwest Region. 2011 will see PHWFF reaching the century mark of 100 programs, and this takes us one step closer.

### **Fly Tying: Steve Fernandez – Naomi Okamoto:**

Co-Chairs: Naomi Okamoto - Steven Fernandez

### **Flybuy**

Nine superb fly tiers demonstrated their skills at the Flybuy 2011. They showed techniques for a wide range of flies, from saltwater and surf to steelhead and classic fly tying, to trout flies to an appreciative audience. We look to grow this part of the event next time, as there seems to be a lot of demand for

more! It would be a good idea to discuss ways to lengthen the day's event; possibly changing the time of the year if that would help to grow the event and avoid conflicts with other events.

#### Fred Hall Show, Long Beach

There were fly tying instructors and casting instructors welcoming all to try fly tying and casting. It was very rewarding to show children and adults how to tie a woolly bugger. They were all enthusiastic about tying their first fly and could hardly wait to use it to catch a fish. After they tied their woolly bugger they went to the casting pool to learn some tips on casting. Everyone had a good time instructing and those that tied their first fly and made their first cast will never forget where they learned how to tie.

#### North West Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo

I attended and demonstrated at the N.W. Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo held in Albany, Oregon on Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, 2011. This was a large show with 185 tyers demonstrating! Casting demonstrations and tying and casting workshops were also offered, and several vendors took part. The show is very well attended, has raffles and silent auctions, and a banquet dinner and live auction. I don't know how well the organizers did financially, but I understand that past years were successful. This show, and the upcoming East Idaho Fly Tying Expo, to be held in Idaho Falls, Idaho on April 15 and 16, which I will attend, and attended last year, are similar in size and flavor to our old SWCFFF conclaves. They are fun and, I think, very worthwhile shows. A goal to aim for??? I will report on the East Idaho show when I return.

#### **BSA Coordinator: Howard Kern**

The BSA 100th Anniversary event at Prado Dam continues to pay dividends with a few of the Boy Scout units that participated requesting additional resources and information from the Southwest Council. If any club has an interest in working with Scout units contact Howard Kern at [venturing4trout@roadrunner.com](mailto:venturing4trout@roadrunner.com) for more information on the best way to set an event or ongoing program up.

#### **Casting Directors: Marshall Bissett and Tim Lawson**

Casters from the SWC participated in the FlyBuy at the Long Beach Casting Club (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>), the Pasadena Fly Fishing Show (Feb 19<sup>th</sup>), and the Fred Hall Show (March 9-13). Many new casters were introduced to our sport, and students and instructors alike had great fun. If you want to improve your own casting, there is no better way than to teach someone else how to cast.

Plans are being made to offer a Casting Instructor prep class in the Fall. If you are interested in working toward FFF casting Instructor certification, stay tuned! Exact dates and location are yet to be determined, but clubs will be notified well in advance so they can get the word out to interested people.

Tim Lawson - Marshall Bissett

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## Club Reports:

### Aquabonita:

No Report

### Conejo Valley Fly Fishers:

No Report

### Deep Creek Fly Fishers:

No Report

### Downey Fly Fishers: Carl Laski

No Report

### Fly Fishers Club of Orange County: Marvin Crocker

No Report

### Golden State Fly Casters: Stephen Piper

Club Name: Golden State Flycasters Chapter, Trout Unlimited (GSF)

Report by: Steve Piper, Vice President of GSF

Membership Status: approximately 85 paid to date

Conservation efforts: periodic water sampling continues on the San Luis Rey River. Submitted a tentative schedule for our "fin clipping" Genetics Grant for the seven Southern California watersheds from Ventura County south to San Diego County, to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). The DFG is currently ready to assign a DFG Staff Biologist to our Grant (info from Conservation Chair Frank Kawasaki).

TIC: Plans for a class in spring 2011 have not been confirmed.

Fundraising: Annual raffle/auction was on March 28, 2011, netted approx \$4000 (down from 2010), raffles at each monthly club meeting, \$5 per ticket, breaks approximately even  
Workshops or Classes: Weekly fly tying started in January and will continue through April. Quarterly or monthly Orvis or Danish type casting course is anticipated.

Mentoring Programs: informal Meeting Venue: Tio Leos restaurant, Del Mar, CA, some events at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club Youth Programs: TU First Cast has not been scheduled for 2011.

Club Events: for 8th or 9th straight year, GSF has manned its booth at the Fred Hall Show in Del Mar (late March). Booth volunteers demonstrated fly tying (no fly casting), and passed out fly fishing and club

information, including FFF brochures. A raffle for a Temple Fork rod was offered for showgoers who signed up as first time members of GSF. Twelve new members were signed up at the show. Seventh Annual Breakers, Beans and Breakfast at Torrey Pines State Beach will be held on Saturday, August 27.

Club Trips: Owens trip in late February was a great success, stayed at La Quinta in Bishop, approx. 20 members and friends. Bonefish trip to Christmas Island in February. Steelhead to Deschutes in March. Annual Montana trip will be in September.

Problems: Insurance problem of 2010 seems to be solved for the most part except that board position vacated in September because of perceived lack of insurance has not been filled. After much investigation, current coverage under TU seems adequate but looking into a supplement.

Insurance through FFF was not economical for our club which currently has only 7 members who are also members of FFF.

Additional comments or questions: As a TU chapter, our new club year starts on October 1. Progress continues on awards for service to the club.

Two perpetual awards have been implemented: Pat Case Club Service Award (first awardee John Wohlfiel, Dec 2009) and Skip Price

Conservation Award (first awardee Sandi Jacobson, Dec 2010). In addition, in recent years, the outgoing President has been given a nice gift - in Dec 2010 it was a Sage TXL-F 2 weight rod given to outgoing President Rod Hendrickson.

**Hi-Desert Fly Fishers Club:**

**No Report**

**Kaweah Fly Fishers:**

**No Report**

**Long Beach Casting Club:**

**No Report**

**Mammoth High Fly Fishing Club: Chris Leonard**

**Pasadena Casting Club:**

**No Report**

**Saltwater Flyrodders Pacific # 1:**

**No Report**

**San Diego Fly Fishers: Paul Woolery**

**No Report**

### **Santa Barbara Fly Fishers:**

**No Report**

### **Santa Clarita Casting Club: Connie Bullock**

Membership renewal closed on March 31 netting a steady 57 members. During 2010, SCCC grew to 67 but we lost some young members due to family obligations and moving out of the area. The current economy continues to affect membership but we've managed to keep everyone's interest with good outings and club meetings. Membership consists of 32 Family (12) members, 21 individuals, 1 Associate and 3 Honorary members.

SCCC will have a booth at the Arbor Earth Day Festival at Central Park in Santa Clarita. We attended this event last year and brought a lot of interest to the club. We are working more actively at being part of the local flavor which is helping with exposure.

Some of the events coming up for SCCC are:

- Arbor Earth Day 4/16/11 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM <http://greensantaclarita.com/earthday/>
- Fly Tying Classes held prior to the Wednesday monthly meeting
- Rod Building held once a month at a club members house, usually John Parmenter
- Annual General Meeting being held in April
  - 2011 Annual election of the new Board
  - Pizza and sodas will be provided
  - Silent Auction with six neat items
- Casting Clinics continue every other Sunday at Almdra Park headed by Paul Riegert

### **Sespe Fly Fishers:**

On Feb 19th, the club participated in a Tree Planting effort along the Ventura River on land belonging to the Ojai land Conservancy. This was our third annual event which we have referred to as the "Chouinard Tree Planting Event", in dedication to our club member, Yvon Chouinard, who has done much to promote conservation practices throughout the world. 150 trees were planted including Black Cottonwoods, Sycamore, and Live Oak.

Club Members, Randy Weir and Earl Arnold are teaching a beginning Fly Fishing Class at Ventura College. They had a full class of 16 with many more waiting. Half of the class were ladies. Class included a trip to Lake Casitas with casting practice.

Bill Blackstone continues to instruct Fly Tying classes for the club on a monthly basis.

We also just completed an outing to Belize with four club members for Tarpon, Permit, and Bone fish.

Club member, Gary Bulla, assisted in the One Surf Fly - Double Haul Ball as a mediator for Sight Casting Corbina and a panel member hosted by Wilderness FlyFishers.

We have ten teachers involved with Trout in the Classroom this year. The club is looking for funding help in maintaining the equipment.

Regards, Steve Schalla

SWCFFF rep for Sespe Fly Fishers

### **Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers: Bill O'Kelly**

Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers' Quarterly Report for April 2011:

Membership Status: 253 plus or minus

Workshops or Classes: Annual Learn to Fly Fish Class at Reseda High School started with an Orientation meeting on March 19, 2011, with the classes running from April 2, 2010 to April 16, 2010, with graduation outing in Bishop, CA April 28 to May 1, 2010. We had about 60 students at the first class. DETAILS ON ALL CLASSES/OUTINGS ARE POSTED ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE AS WELL AS SPFF.ORG

Meeting Venue: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Monterey at Encino located in the Encino/Balboa Golf Course Complex at Balboa and Burbank one block north of the Balboa exit to the 101 Freeway – except for July, when we have a joint meeting with Wilderness that alternates between Encino and West LA – this year it's Encino, and August when we have a picnic instead of a general meeting. Check website for speaker list this year.

SPFF's Hot Creek Fly Fishing School runs from June 10 - 13<sup>th</sup>. There is one opening left – cost is \$775, which covers lodging, all meals prepared for the students and instruction (our cost – this is not a fundraiser)

Club Trips: First outing of the year was held in Bishop over Super Bowl Sunday weekend. We had over 50 people at the outing.

On Sunday, April 17, 2011, those wanting to fish Lake Tejon (small lake) can meet at the Iron Skillet at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast before heading out. We'll be fishing the large lake on May 7, 2011 – cost is \$75.00 – contact Phil Peck at [fishyphil@gmail.com](mailto:fishyphil@gmail.com) for details.

The Annual Getting Started Outing for our newer members will be July 22-24, 2011 in Mammoth.

Thursday Thrillers return as of April 14, 2011. Contact Tom Wright at [wrighttd@hotmail.com](mailto:wrighttd@hotmail.com) for details of which local waters will be fished.

All details re our outings are also posted on the council calendar and at SPFF.org.

Trout in the Classroom: through new FFF member Glen Short, SPFF should shortly have its TIC program back in operation after about a 10 year gap in 3 high school class rooms within the next few months.

Conservation: SPFF has participated in a couple of Invasive Species eradication events as outlined in the SWC Fall 2010 Newsletter, removing crayfish from Malibu Creek to assist in the return of Southern Steelhead. We will be participating more in these events, and will be advising Council Clubs of opportunities to be involved. We are looking into the purchase and placement of sensors in the Golden Trout Wilderness to monitor and collect data on golden trout. Contact SPFF's Conservation Chair, Debbie Brushaber at [Dbrushaber@mountainstrust.org](mailto:Dbrushaber@mountainstrust.org) for more information.

Project Healing Waters: David Hoffberg is SPFF's point person in this endeavor. We continue to have two sessions per month at the Sepulveda Vet's Center. The typical attendance ranges from 7-8 vets and 3-5 SPFF volunteers. The most recent sessions have involved fly tying demonstrations and showing of DVD's.



Some of the Vets have been coming to our meetings, and one won a Powell 5 Weight Fly Rod last month. A couple of the Vets have been attending SPFF's Wednesday night fly tying sessions.

**South Bay Fly Fishers: Bob Sawyer**

SouthBay FlyFishers began their year with yet another great Annual Banquet and Fund raiser at the Marina Del Rey Yacht Club.

There was a relatively peaceful changeover in government with no significant casualties, thanks to cooperation and enactment of a 'no fly zone' during the transition.

The Club is up and off to a another great year of fishing trips and an occasional meeting 8 months of the year with great speakers and swapping of tall tales. The other months we dine and party with Club members.

Goal for the year are to fish more, get involved in a Conservation project and recruit a few new dedicated members.

Guest Speakers:

March, Conway Bowman

April Al Quatrocchi Local Calico bass

may Movie night

June Dave Smart Pudget Sound fishing

All are welcome to our meetings.

**Streamborn Fly Fishing Club: Joe Lemire**

No Report

**Wilderness Fly Fishers: Tim Bartley**

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Active membership: 98

The Gary Lafontaine Service Award for 2010 was awarded to Michie Hirooka.

Trout in the Classroom is underway at two elementary schools in Culver City, under the leadership of Celia Carroll and Jim Solomon. The target date for release of fry is May 26 and June 2. Funding for transportation of the children has been generously donated by Peter Haight and Rusty Nelson.

WFF past president Phil Romans returned as a guest speaker for the February meeting, sharing his expertise on the Bitterroot River.

A conservation section was launched on the club forum. Fly tying and Midweek Meanders continue on a monthly basis.

Our annual Conservation Super Auction, the largest fundraiser for the club, was held on March 5. The auction featured great bargains on high quality equipment and guide/lodge trips. The event was well attended and was a great success.

The One Surf Fly-Double Haul Ball was hosted by Wilderness Fly Fishers at the Long Beach Casting Club on March 26. The event featured expert instruction and demonstrations in rigging, equipment, fly tying, and fishing tactics for the surf. FFF-certified casting instructors were on hand for demonstrations and tips. The event was well attended, and was a great success.

Blasting and Casting, our annual spring picnic, will be held April 10 at the Long Beach Casting Club.

A club outing for some fine bass fishing at Kelsey Lake is scheduled for April 29-May 2.

Fly tying classes and Midweek Meanders continue on a monthly basis.

**World's Greatest Fly Fishers:**

**No Report**