



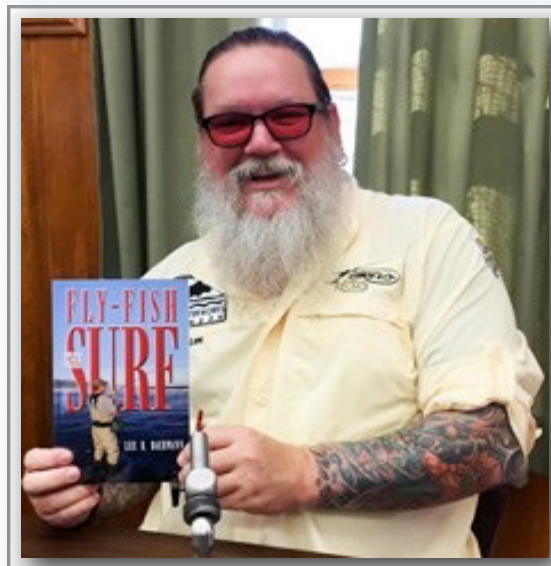
Fly Fishing Our Local Surf

with Lee Baermann

Wilderness Fly Fishers' members live a stone's throw from one of the best fly fishing opportunities available, but most of us rarely entertain the idea of fishing our local surf. Trying to locate surf species on a fly can prove frustrating if you haven't had the good fortune to be properly introduced to this very rewarding area of our sport.

Our speaker this month, **Lee Baermann**, will present us with a good opportunity to either take that first step or get back into the surf game with valuable additions to our understanding of this great local fishing possibility. To quote Lee – it's "Too Easy to Not be Doing It."

Lee's love of fishing began at an early age when his maternal grandfather taught him how to catch musky in the lakes of northern Wisconsin. After his family moved from Milwaukee to Oxnard, California in the early 60's, that love continued, not only at the local lakes in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, but on the beach where he grew up.



Lee Baermann

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MARCH 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 14th
 Wet Flies: 6:00 PM
 Dinner: 7:00 PM
 Program: 8:00 PM
 Place: [Olympic Collection, 11301 Olympic Boulevard, LA](#)
 Cost: **\$37.00** per person
 Parking: \$4.00 underground – Free on the street.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: [RESERVE ONLINE](#)
OR CALL THE HOT LINE 310 280-3459
OR MAIL IN THE FORM ON PAGE 11

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Fly Fishing Our Local Surf

As a child, Lee began fishing from the docks with a 50 cent drop line, graduating from there to spinning gear, then to a long surf rod, and finally to a fly rod.

Lee fishes the southern California surf at least 300 days per year, whether guiding for his business, 'FLY FISH THE SURF' or just for fun. Lee has caught barred surf perch, corbina, yellowfin croaker, halibut, leopard shark, striped bass and many other surf species. When Lee is not fishing in salt water, you can find him in the local canals and estuaries guiding for carp.

FLY-FISH THE SURF is also the title of Lee's very successful book on how to fly fish southern California beaches. It covers how to read structure, what flies to use and how to fish specific surf species as well as what gear you need to be effective. Lee also provides detailed recipes and tying instructions for effective surf flies, including his highly popular Checkerboard Series.



Lee with a striped bass



Lee with a surf perch



One of Lee's clients with a surf perch



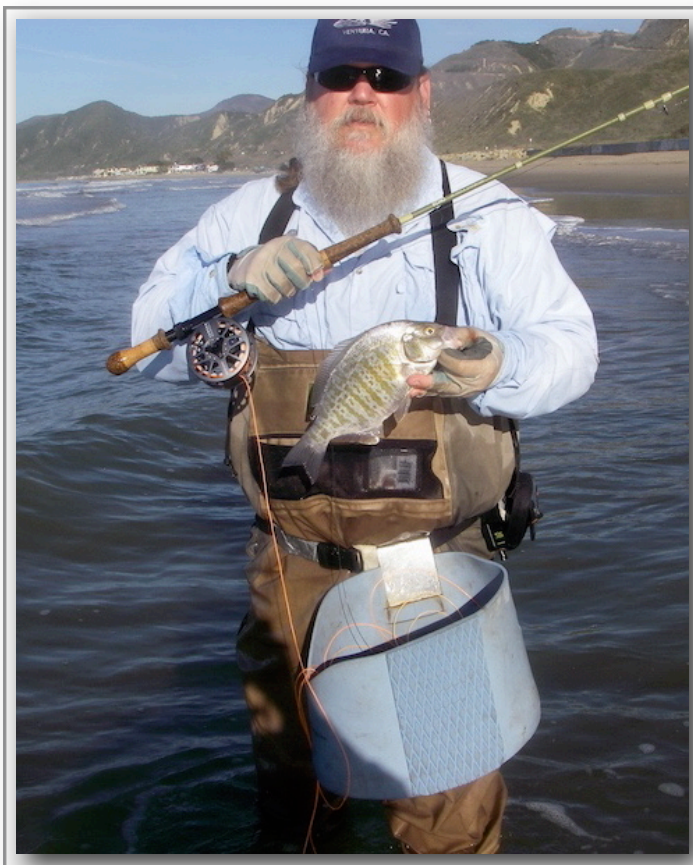
Lee out with some clients

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Lee also spends at least two or more weeks per year in Baja California fly fishing in the waters of the Sea of Cortez where his **Bull Candy** fly has been lauded by Pam Bolles of THE BAJA BIG FISH COMPANY. To quote Pam, "I have NEVER seen a fly absolutely dominate sales and effectiveness. It was hard keeping one for myself as guys were fighting over them."

On most Fridays, Lee can be found at Eric's Tackle in Ventura, California tying flies and spreading the word on the ease of fly fishing from the beach. Most conventional fishermen express surprise at the fact that there is a sport like fly fishing in the surf. Lee is also on the pro staff with Rajeff Sports and Waterworks-Lamson Fly Reels, Solarez UV Epoxy, Sockwa water shoes and Dr. Slick fly tying equipment.



Lee out on the water



Another of Lee's clients with a halibut.



Frank D., another of Lee's clients with a corbina

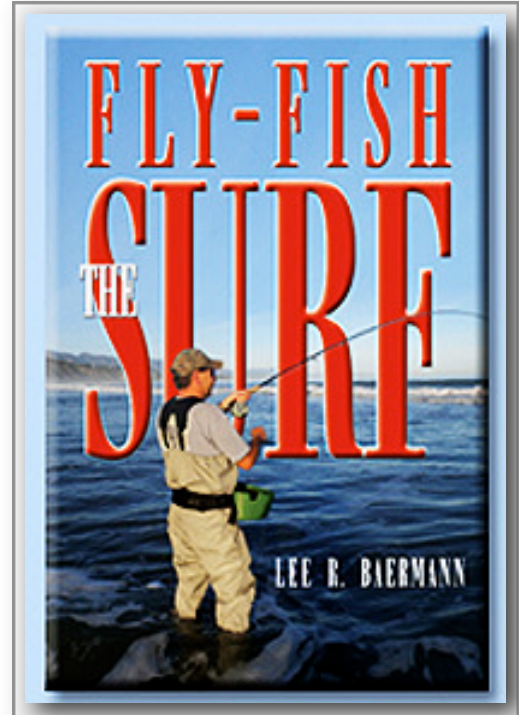
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Lee is a full time surf fly fishing guide, living in Oxnard, California with his wife, Karen and their Akita dogs, Saki and Yoshi.

To learn more about Lee visit his website www.flyfishthesurf.com.



Lee demonstrating his fly tying at Fishermen's Spot.



Lee's Book "FLY-FISH THE SURF"



Lee's Checker Board Surf Flies



Lee's Bull Candy Streamer



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To join WFF, Visit our website
www.wildernessflyfishers.org

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting, held the Tuesday, one week before the monthly dinner meeting, will be held at 2311 30th Street, Santa Monica, Ca 90405. 2 hour street parking, no permit needed. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 P.M. All members are welcome. New members are especially encouraged to attend. Come and see how your club runs and you might pick up some fishing tips, too.

Minutes of Board Meetings are available to members on the website's [Document Library](#)

COMING EVENTS

For more information go to the WFF website [CALENDAR](#)

WFF Fly Tying	Sat.	Mar. 25
Fishermen's Spot Expo	Fri.-Sun.	Mar. 31-Apr. 2

Monthly Raffle Items

Value

TBD

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SAVE THE DATE

WFF Spring Conservation Super Raffle May 16

CALLING ALL WFF MEMBERS - Help the Club maintain its conservation & educational programs such as Trout in the Classroom, Fly Tying, Heal the Bay, etc. Participate in this year's Spring Conservation Super Raffle to be held during our monthly dinner meeting on May 16, 2017. Just in time for the start of this year's fishing season, make your winning prize selection from gear and equipment, a trip destination or, if you prefer, a lifestyle item. Plans for this year's Spring Raffle are in progress and a partial list of raffle items, along with general instructions, will be announced in the April edition of *Mending the Line* and also posted on the WFF website. Be sure to check the website for updates. As usual, in-person attendance will not be required to win a prize but you won't want to miss the May meeting with program speaker Andrew Harris. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

Former WFF Prez in Spotlight

Former WFF President and longtime Club supporter, **Phil Romans**, was highlighted in an article published in the Spring 2017 edition of *Flyfishing and Tying Journal* entitled "Brindle Chutin' Montana" by noted outdoor writer, entomologist and fly fisher extraordinaire, **Dave Hughes**. After retiring from the teaching profession about 20 years ago, Phil and his wife Dorreen relocated to Hamilton, Montana where Phil spends his time fishing and guiding on the Bitterroot River and numerous other blue ribbon waters. Phil guided Dave Hughes on the Bitterroot last spring. The resulting article credits Phil with a successful day fishing, and also highlights two must-have patterns for fishing the Bitterroot, including Phil's own *Effluvia Brewski*. – MTL



Phil Romans



Notices

2017 PASADENA CASTING CLUB'S ANNUAL FLY CASTING CLINIC



March 11, 18 and 25 9:00-Noon

- **LEARN THE BASICS OF FLY FISHING**
- **LEARN HOW TO CAST A FLY LINE**
- **LEARN HOW TO READ A STREAM**
- **LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE**
- **LEARN WHERE TO FISH**
- **LEARN FROM VETERAN FLY FISHERMEN**

Classes will be held at the Pasadena Casting Club Pool on three consecutive Saturday mornings from 9:00am to noon, beginning March 11th and continuing March 18th and 25th, 2017. This is an all-encompassing fly fishing course. In addition to the theory and practice of casting, you'll learn about stream entomology, fishing knots, reading water, tackle know-how, fly selection, approach and presentation, playing, landing and releasing fish.

Space is limited so register early!

The cost: Three session course is \$25 a session, or \$60 for all three.

To register contact: **Leigh Ann Swanson at (310) 741-7645**
or email me at **lacraven22@hotmail.com**

Or visit our website: **pasadenacastingclub.org**
Sign-in and click on the Event Calendar page.
Click on the March 11th date and register.
It is only necessary to register for the first date.
Payment can be made online or at the first day of class.

Directions and Map: **Please see website.**



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SAVE THE DATE!

LA County's ONLY Fly Fishing Show Is Back!

FLY FISHING EXPO 2017

March 31 - April 2

Join Us for a Weekend of Fly Fishing Fun!

Checkout New Gear! Learn From the Experts! Setup Your Dream Trip!

- **FREE** Entry to the Event!
- **NEW** Gear from Top Manufacturers (Sunday Parking Lot Event)
- **FREE** Demos from World Class Fly Tyers with Special Guest **Davie McPhail** all the way from Scotland!
 - ▶ **Private Group Fly Tying Classes with Davie McPhail** Mar 30 & 31... call store to enroll or for details (818)785-7306
- **FREE** Presentations from Premier Guides and Lodges!
- **FREE** Seminars & Clinics throughout the weekend!

14411 Burbank Blvd Van Nuys, CA 91401

www.Fishermensspot.com/Expo



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Conservation Committee

Consider taking up the opportunity and challenges which await you as Conservation Chair for Wilderness Fly Fishers. We need a leader for this important committee.

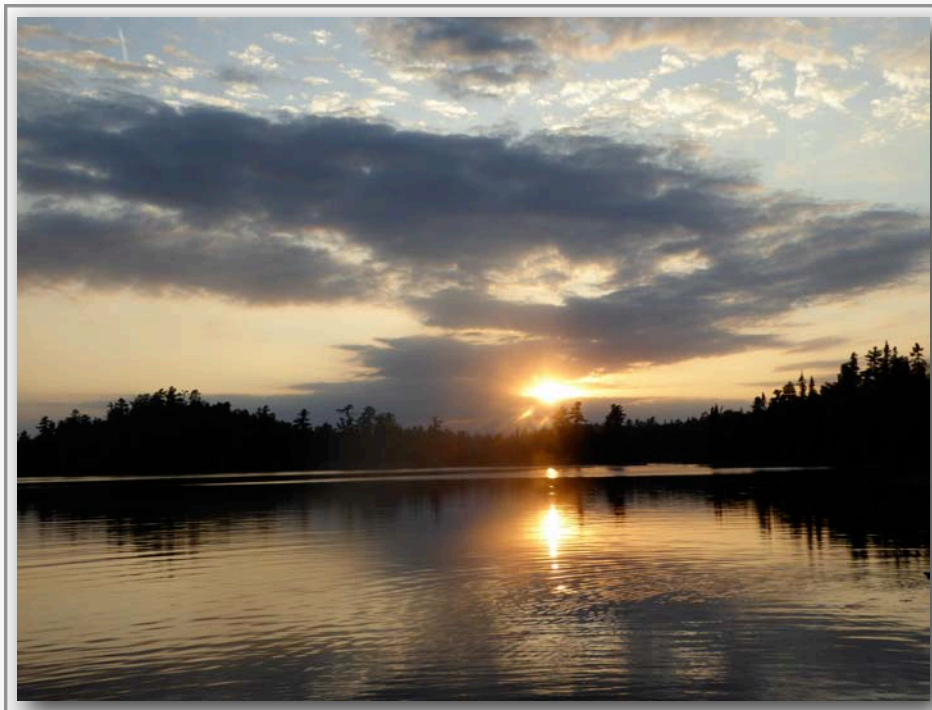
Our Club, our local fisheries, our beautiful, fragile southern California wild-lands need our commitment to conservation. The official description is designed to give the committee great leeway to choose issues and projects on which to take action:

“[The Conservation Committee] Spearheads WFF's participation in and funding of various events: Adopt-A-Highway, Beach Cleanups, etc. Also alerts members to issues affecting our fish and the waters in which they live.”

WFF members have recently helped trap predatory crayfish in a local steelhead stream in Malibu and helped remove introduced brook trout from designated Lahontan Cutthroat streams near Bridgeport. In the more distant past, we “adopted a highway” near Bishop and conducted cleanups there. Our members have also served as active volunteer participants in beach cleanups conducted by ‘Heal the Bay’ and the annual San Gabriel Canyon Cleanup.

The committee and its leader choose their areas of interest. Please consider how you can work with WFF to further your favorite conservation interest. Please consider leading this critical committee and contact me with any questions you may have.

- Celia Carroll
- President, Wilderness Fly Fishers



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Take the California Heritage Trout Challenge

California's natural heritage includes one of the most diverse assemblages of native trout found in the United States. Over the millennia, 12 different types of trout evolved to inhabit the diverse habitats found in California. These include temperate rain forests, high deserts, large inland rivers, isolated lake basins and mountain streams.

The [California Heritage Trout Challenge](#) was designed to promote the ecological and aesthetic values of native trout and their habitats, encourage anglers to learn more about the state's natural heritage and build public support for native trout restoration efforts.

To qualify for the challenge, six different native trout must be caught within their historic ranges. The requirements to document your catch include where, when and how each fish was caught, along with a photograph of the trout. Those who complete the challenge, receive a colorful, personalized certificate featuring the art of renowned fish illustrator Joseph Tomelleri.

For the native trout fanatic or for those who want to extend their pursuit of the challenge, CDFW created the elite Master Angler recognition for those who capture and document all 11 subspecies currently recognized in California.

CDFW recently released the [Angler's Guide to the Heritage Trout Challenge](#), a new online tool for those interested in fishing for California's heritage trout. The guide provides anglers with detailed information on how to complete the challenge, including information about where to catch native trout, identification tips and a history of habitat restoration efforts.

CDFW encourages anglers, families and friends to "take the challenge" and explore new waters and appreciate the diverse fishing opportunities California has to offer.

[Take the Challenge](#)



Print & Mail Coupons

If you prefer not to use our website, mail in a coupon with your check.



Wilderness Fly Fishers Membership Application

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Dues:

- ☐ \$50 Single - Regular
☐ \$70 Single - Golden Trout
☐ \$60 Family - Regular
☐ \$80 Family - Golden Trout

_____ Additional Donation

_____ TOTAL enclosed

Mail Check With This Form To:

Wilderness Fly Fishers
P.O. Box 3358
Santa Monica , CA 90408-3358

Monthly Meeting Reservations

Please make your dinner [reservations online](#) or send in this coupon.

Your check must be in the club mailbox by the Wednesday, the week before the meeting.

Names _____

_____ Dinner(s) x \$37 per person

Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to W.F.F.

Mail to:

Wilderness Fly Fishers
P.O. Box 3358
Santa Monica, CA 90408-3358

Join us online, Visit our website www.wildernessflyfishers.org



March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 WFF Board Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 WFF Monthly Meeting: Lee Baermann "Fly Fishing Our Local Surf"	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 WFF Fly Tying
26	27	28	29	30	31 Fishermen's Spot Fly Fishing Expo 2017	1 Fishermen's Spot Fly Fishing Expo 2017

