



Mending the Line

Club Show & Tell Meeting

By Larry Carroll

At this month's dinner meeting we will have our traditional "What I Did On My Summer Vacation" program. This is when fellow WFF members show us photos of all the wonderful places they've been, the great people they've met and maybe even some of the terrific fish they caught. Or at least a good story about the one that got away.

We will have a projector, speakers and a laptop. So all you have to do is sort through your digital photos and bring them on a flash drive. But be sure to test your flash drive ahead of time to make sure we will be able to access and advance the photos. Also make sure all of your photos are in the order you want to display them. You may need to rename them with a number in front of the name or just a new number.

We do ask that you keep your show to no longer than 5 minutes so that others can have their opportunity to wow us as well.

To reserve a spot on the program, contact Clay Dodder at 310-315-1800 or claydodd@gmail.com and let him know you are ready for unlimited admiration and fame, all due to your talents as a fly fisher and as a presenter. This is always a fun show, in addition to being one that's really informative about terrific places to go on your next fly fishing trip.

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September 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 18th
Wet Flies: 6:00 PM / Dinner: 7:00 PM / Program: 8:00 PM
Place: [St. Augustine By-the-Sea Episcopal Church](#)
[1227 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401](#)
Cost: **\$30** per person with dinner or **\$10** per person program only
Parking: [City parking structure across the street](#). is most convenient.
Posted rates first 90 min. free, \$2 first add. ½ hour, \$1.50 -
\$2 each add. ½ hr., \$20 daily max. Expect to pay \$5 to \$7.
[1234 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401](#)

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: [RESERVE ONLINE](#)
OR CALL THE HOT LINE 310 280-3459
OR MAIL IN THE FORM ON PAGE 9

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Club Show & Tell

If you are planning to participate,
check out the
'Show and Tell: How To' page.



Rich Peters view of a backcountry stream



John Dalton with a nice rainbow and Mark Stroda



Rich Peters with a nice rainbow



Sue Woodyard on a backcountry lake



A very nice brook trout



Art Segal with guide Mark Stroda

To find out more about these photos come to the Club
Show and Tell



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To join WFF, Visit our website

www.wildernessflyfishers.org

New location for this month only!!!

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting, held the Tuesday, one week before the monthly dinner meeting, will be held **this month** at 900 Stonehill Lane, Los Angeles, Ca 90049. 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.	Sept. 22
WFF Hot Creek Outing	Fri. - Mon.	Nov. 2-5

WFF Fly Tying

“Early this fall, we will have fly tying classes as usual at St Augustine Church in SM. They are on the 4th Saturday of the month: Sept 22, Oct 27, and Nov 24, just after Thanksgiving. As always people may tie whatever they personally need or want. But in September, I will be tying Rampy’s streamers (for club trip to the Williamson), in October, small beatis or blue wing olives (for club trip to Hot Creek), and for November, foam bodied terrestrials.

Hot Creek: November 2-5, 2018

Don't forget to make your 2018 Hot Creek reservation. Although the trip isn't until November, full payment (\$415 per person) is due no later than October 1, 2018. If you pay by check, your reservation is not confirmed until we receive same. (Please write Hot Creek on the memo line.) Check the website for more info: WildernessFlyFishers.org.



Member Corner

Here is an up to date report on a few of the fishing venues I've been fishing recently.(July 14, 2018)

Big Wood River - I made my inaugural visit to the Big Wood yesterday afternoon for a couple of hours. It was hot - 89 degrees - but wet wading made it comfortable. The river is in great shape, just a bit high but totally clear and 95 % fishable. I lost count of the number of strikes, but I would estimate 15-20 from the first long run, all wild rainbows in the 7-12" range, all on dries. I caught several more from an upstream run and called it a day after I landed a 15er. The river is fishing very well (far better than this time last year with the big winter runoff) with mostly smaller fish and a few larger specimens mixed in. No need for nymphs right now.

Silver Creek - the big news here is that a local angler with a guide landed a 28 inch brown last week which is one of the largest dry fly caught fish on the Creek in the last several years. The brownie took a size 18 sparkle dun on 6x tippet around noon on a bright sunny day. It took him a full half hour to land the beast and they reportedly chased the fish 1/4 mile downstream. Released "unharmd" although I'm not sure I believe the unharmd part.

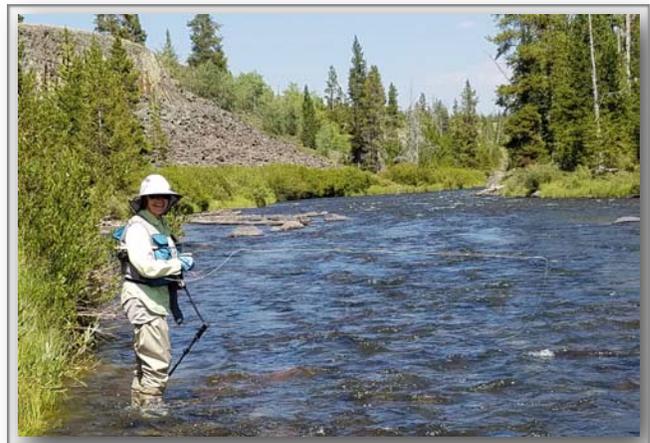
Bitterroot - we had some good fishing, at times excellent, around the Bitterroot Valley where we visited for a few days earlier this week, but not on the main river. The main stem and West Fork are both fishing well for floating and we met several anglers who reported 50 fish days with a guide. But all the rivers and even the tributaries are still running high and that made wade fishing on the main stem very limited and difficult if not impossible to reach productive holes on foot. And there was heavy, heavy boat traffic. But there are so many places to fish around the valley that we had no trouble finding solitude and productive water. Also very warm up in Montana.

Still making plans for the coming week. More to follow.

Rich



Rich Peters with a nice rainbow



Sue Woodyard on nice river



Notices



3 Things To Know About the ESA Rollbacks and 2 Things You Can Do About It.



Endangered and threatened species need our help.

Recently the current administration unveiled a proposal that would **strip the Endangered Species Act of key provisions**. The proposal would weaken the law enacted 45 years ago to keep plant and animal species that are in decline from going extinct. The changes would end the practice of extending similar protections to species regardless of whether they are listed as endangered or threatened



*45% of California's native salmon, steelhead, and trout are likely to be extinct in 50 years, 74% in 100 years if present trends continue. **We cannot let things get worse.***

1. The rollbacks would allow officials to devalue science and consider economic impacts when deciding how wildlife should be protected.

The proposal would remove the phrase "without reference to possible economic or other impacts of such determination. Referencing costs and other impacts "could undermine best available science" if it causes federal officials to think twice about protecting a species. Rollbacks also remove scientific and wildlife agency consultations before approving permits for ventures such as oil and gas drilling and logging.

2. A mass killing of species in the event of an anthropogenic catastrophic event would no longer be punished or held accountable.

Catastrophic events, such as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill that destroyed or injured up to a million birds, would no longer be punished or held accountable under weakened regulations.

3. Currently listed species will remain, but rollbacks will make it easier for officials to delist species and harder to list new species faced with the consequences of a changing climate.

Climate change is the single, overarching factor affecting California's salmon, steelhead and trout ranking as a critical or high threat to 84% of the species (SOS II). The ESA defines a threatened species as one "that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range." The new proposal would allow agencies to define "foreseeable future" on a case-by-case basis. The lack of a clear definition and ambiguous language does not leave room for potential impacts induced by climate change.

TAKE ACTION - 2 things you can do to STOP this.

1. Submit A Public Comment

Submit your comments about the ESA proposal to the government before the comment period ends on September 24, 2018. Use the sample below or write your own.

As a Californian who values the vitality of native fish species and healthy waters, I do NOT support the revisions of regulations for prohibitions to threatened wildlife. There are 11 native salmonids that are listed as federally threatened. If present trends continue, 45% of California's native salmon, steelhead, and trout are likely to be extinct in 50 years and 74% in 100 years. We cannot let things get worse. I urge you to keep our Endangered Species Act strong and protect our currently endangered and threatened species - as originally intended - and protect those who may face the consequences of climate change in the future.

2. Send a Letter to Washington

Let your Senators and Representative know you oppose this plan.

Endangered and threatened species need our help.

More information:

[Save Our Salmonids II: Fish in Hot Water](#)

["Endangered Species Act stripped of key provisions in Trump Administration proposal," The Washington Post](#)

["ENDANGERED SPECIES: 4 things to know about Trump's ESA overhaul," E&E news](#)

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California Fly Fishing Open Tourney Sept. 22nd

Hi Everyone,

Southern Sierra Fly Fishers will be holding the 2nd California Fly Fishing Open on Sept. 22nd in Kernville, Ca. Last year we had 12 teams competing, 15 vendors (including Sage and Simms) and 140 people for our BBQ dinner. We hope to exceed those numbers this year. I hope you can field a 5 person team to represent your Club/Organization. All the details are here: <https://ssffclub.org/californiaopen>

We will have a morning tournament, Team Parade, think Olympic opening ceremonies (so Club shirts & banner would be extremely appropriate), Freddie's Famous BBQ dinner, 2 bands for your entertainment (Guy Jean's band - The Stoneflies and Bernard Yin's surf band Par Avion), beverages, raffles galore, tons of vendors and we will be playing our "Heads or Tails" for a new custom built Winston rod. Everyone in attendance will be to playing for the Winston. Just stand up and put your hands on your head or rear. We also added a few new games.....think spinning around - head on baseball bat and casting to a target. Talk to anyone that attended last year, its was a blast and it will be a blast this year on Sept. 22nd. Sign up and have a fun time!

This year's entry proceeds will benefit Casting For Recovery and Kern Valley Search and Rescue.

Thanks,

Chiaki Harami

Dear Club Presidents,

As you are aware the Southwest Council's Fly Fishing Faire, being held in Glendale, is right around the corner on October 20th and 21st. We feel strongly that this will be a great Faire and hope to have it go on for many years to come with the continued support of the clubs and the many volunteers.

There are 40 booths with many different vendors. We will also have a SWC Booth ... *and this is where you come in* as Presidents of your club. As you should be aware, this will be the booth we bring to the Fred Hall Show each year with each Club's Brochure that we pass out to prospective club members living in your geographic area. Unlike Fred Hall, where we concentrate almost solely on helping the clubs gain new members, we will also be trying to increase membership in Fly Fishers International too. We will need about 7 volunteers to help us out in the SWC Booth:

Saturday, 10/21/18:

•2 volunteers from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

•2 volunteers from 1:00 PM– 5:00 PM

Sunday, 10/22/18:

•2 volunteers from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

•1 volunteer from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

We at the SWC Council really appreciate your support, and we hope that you can help us out again, and hopefully obtain some new members for your club and FFI at the same time. Please check your calendars and let me know as soon as you can what shift you can help us out in the SWC Booth. And, of course, as a volunteer, you will be given free admission to the Faire.

Thanks for your anticipated support,

Bill

Please respond to our Volunteer Chair, Connie Bullock at volunteers@swcffi.org with your availability.



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A colorful poster for the 2018 Fly Fishing Faire. The background is a repeating pattern of stylized fish in red, orange, and blue. At the top, the text 'SOUTHWEST COUNCIL' is written in white on a green banner. Below that, '2018' is written in large white numbers. A white banner with a blue border contains the text 'FLY FISHING FAIRE' in red, serif font. In the center, 'Glendale Civic Auditorium' is written in white. Below that, 'October 20-21' is written in white. At the bottom, 'FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL' is written in white on a green banner. On the left side, there is a logo for Fly Fishers International Southwest Council, featuring a globe and the text 'FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council'.

Save the date and the SWC FFI is looking for volunteers to work the fair. For more info click above.

The only Fly Fishing Faire in Southern California is less than 2 months away! With almost 40 vendors, 20 FREE presentations on travels and fly fishing techniques and classes in casting and tying, our Faire has everything you need! Click on the link below to purchase admission tickets ahead of time and to grab a spot in a class. Plus pre-Faire merchandise at discount!

If you are a member of one of the 20+ SWC clubs, be sure and ask your Board for discounted tickets. Being a club member has its privileges!

Finally, we hope every fly angler will attend the Faire. But we would really like to attract new people to our sport as well. Pass this on to your friends/family and when they come to the Faire and say they have not fly fished before, they will get in for \$5.00** AND get a FREE Intro Casting Lesson!

Purchase admission and classes [HERE](#) and we hope to see you at the Faire!

****\$5.00 admission can only be purchased at the event.**

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

P.S. If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please contact volunteers@swcffi.org. You get free admission AND a T-shirt.



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SAVE THE DATE!

**Something Fabulously Fishy is
happening on October 20 – 21, 2018
Casting for Recovery Volunteers
needed for the Silent Auction Area
and CfR booth at the
Glendale Fly Fishing Faire
Volunteers sign up early!**

**Send an email or text to Linda Lewellen
at 909.525.6604 Ms.hiker@outlook.com**

**Support Casting for Recovery, SoCal by volunteering
for a 2 hour shift and then enjoy the Faire!**

Follow this link for more information about the Faire

<http://www.swcfffi.org/faire>



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

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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) and Program(s) x \$30 per person

_____ Program(s) only x \$10 per person

Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to W.F.F.

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September 2018

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