

# SESPE

# FLYFISHERS

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MAY 2003

## MEETING NEWS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

DATE: **MAY 14, 2003**

(Note this is the second  
Wednesday of May)

PLACE: **Senior Rec. Center  
Santa Clara and Oak**

## PROGRAM

**An Evening with  
Brian O'Keefe**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BOARD MEETING

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

### JUNE MEETING

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

Senior Rec. Center

### MAY BOARD MEETING

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

Fellow Flyfishers:

I would like to thank all of you who attended the March Auction, and especially the stalwart members who assisted in organizing the event itself. Another thanks to our auctioneer, Velora Ferris, for her commitment, diligence, and skill in executing a difficult (and dangerous) assignment. The auction itself was a success, both from the immediate financial aspect, as well as the amount and quality of excess items that will form the basis for continued fund-raising over the course of the year. Please give me your comments and suggestions for next year's auction.

We will be offering several items for progressive raffle(s). Specifically, we have a Scott 6 wt., a Patagonia Deep Wading jacket, an Echo 6 wt. Rod, Reel, and Rio line package, as well as a private casting lesson (for 4) with Jan and Carole Kurahara. Tickets will be \$3.00 each, or 4 for \$10.00, for the initial raffle, with the items going when a preset number of tickets have been sold.

The controversy over the Ventura River/Los Robles Diversion Fish Ladder and Casitas Municipal Water District continues to simmer-incremental gains in winning the minds of the public are being made by Cal-Trout, the Matilija Coalition, and other interested groups. Any support that you can lend would be greatly appreciated-and more importantly, actually make a difference in restoring the Ventura River to a viable fish-rearing environment.

Please note that Ty Stork has replaced Bob Gallagher as Vice-President, with Bob filling in the position of Director upon the resignation of long-time Board member Jack Weber.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jack, both for the membership as well as personally, for the commitment, enthusiasm, and wisdom manifested in his activities with, and for, the Club. While I am certain that he did not imagine that his term as Membership Director would last 13 years, I for one, am glad for his role in maintaining, and growing, the Sespe FlyFishers. Thanks again, Jack.

With the April opening of the Sierra season and the Club outing to King Harbor on May 17th, it would appear that there is an opportunity for anyone that has a mind to go fishing. Spring most definitely has arrived-now please get outside and experience it.

I would like to welcome Larry Yuva as the new Conservation Director. Larry is working with several groups regarding the Ventura River, Sespe Creek, and is the newly appointed Public Executive Board member for the Tri-County F.I.S.H, representing Ventura County. Thank you for your participation, Larry.

Bill

## THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

### **Patagonia**

**Patagonia** is an introspective company. When you exist for something bigger than the bottom line, you need clear vision, values and guiding principles. Ever since Patagonia first urged climbers to go easy on the rock, they have been sensitive to their role in the world as a company.

## WIND KNOTS AND TAILING LOOPS

### **FLY TYING:**

For our May Fly Tying Get-Together, Bill is going to teach us about "Hair Spinning", so bring your vice, tools, and stuff, and prepare to learn.

Same time and place: 7:00 PM, Thursday, May 22, at the Brooks Institute Campus, 5301 Ventura Avenue. Take Canada Larga off ramp from Hwy 33.

See you there.

Bob Smith  
647-3522

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### PRESIDENT

Bill Ulrich: 646-6496

### VICE PRESIDENT

Ty Stork: 647-6005

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### DIRECTORS

**Robert Gallagher: 647-0762**

Ray Johnson: 649-5605

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Programs- Gary Bulla

Raffles- Charles Dewing

Refreshments- By Committee

Outings- Jeff Hereford

Web Technology (Web Site) – David McBride

Auction- Frances and Bob Smith

Fly Tying – Bob Smith

## MAY SPEAKER

### **Friendly, Funny and Fascinating And Evening with Brian O'Keefe**

The May program for WFF will be presented by one of the most famous, most admired and most loved professional fly fishers in the world. Almost everyone who knows him is jealous of his lifestyle and definitely appreciates his quick wit and humorous personality.

Brian O'Keefe has been involved in our sport since he was a child, so today that means he's been casting a fly for well more than 35 years.

Though born in Bellevue, Washington, Brian began honing his fly fishing skills in Montana where he spent summers with his grandparents. (His grandfather, Fred Johnson, was well known for his dry fly purist beliefs.)

In 1973, not too long out of high school, Brian began his worldly adventures by traveling solo to New Zealand and Australia before trekking into the Himalayan Mountains in search of brown trout. This adventure lasted two years. When Brian returned to the states, he started a new career as a trout, steelhead and salmon guide in the Northwest and Alaska.

A few years later Brian added the title "Fly Fishing Tackle Rep" to his resume. His clients today include Scientific Anglers of 3M and Scott Fly Rods. When he was 30, Brian began a career in photography, which today is how he is best known to many. Brian has had photographs published in such newspapers as the *Los Angeles Times*; the *New York Times*; the *Miami Herald* and *USA Today*. He has shot cover pictures for magazines like **Field & Stream**; **Outdoor Life**; **Fly Fisherman**; **Fly Rod and Reel**; **Fly Fishing Salt Waters**; **Fish and Fly Magazine**; **Outside Magazine** and **Men's Journal**.

Brian has guided and taught all sorts of fly fishing fanatics, from luminaries such as famed Boston slugger Ted Williams and corporation CEOs to beginners who love the sport and want to learn all they can. Brian helps them all. He is an accomplished fly casting instructor, having earned the title of Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor from the International Federation of Fly Fishers. He has also placed in, and won, many casting competitions. His angling adventures include travel to such exotic locales as the Bikini Atoll, the Seychelles Islands, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tonga and Kashmir, as well as better-known destinations such as the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Chile, New Zealand and Christmas Island. And these are all in addition to the weeks and weeks he spends every year in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Brian lives with his wife and fishing partner, Judith, in Gates, Oregon. Together they hosted the recently released DVD, "Fly Fishing Made Easy II," distributed by Scientific Anglers. Brian is almost as famous for his wonderful sense of humor and his superb story-telling talents as he is for his photographs. So we persuaded him (it wasn't hard) to customize a program that he has titled, "Spectacular Shots from Desirable Destinations" in which we will see and learn about the most memorable and beautiful places he has experienced. Raconteur, artistic photographer, expert fly fisher, comedian. What a night this will be.

## **FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN**

### **Bonita fishing at King Harbor for 17 May and Casting Clinic on 31 May**

Ray Johnson and Bill Ulrich will host this unique saltwater fishing excursion. Request as early as possible sign up for this outing in order to facilitate the coordination of boat rental. Details on meeting time, cost, etc. can be provided by calling Ray at 648-5605 or Bill Ulrich at 657-5566.

In addition to the above outing Bob Smith will be hosting a casting clinic at Hobart Park in Ventura, corner of Telegraph and Petit, on Saturday, May 31, 9:00am to 12:00. This will be a superb opportunity to improve your casting technique for the new season. Since this event will be open to the public a good turnout would be an excellent way to recruit new members. Please call Bob Smith at 647-3522 if you can attend and/or help out with the organization.

### **LOCKWOOD VALLEY TRIP 14/15 JUNE**

Ty and Sherea Stork will be leading a fishing/camping trip to the Lockwood Valley area to fish the Piru Creek area. The dates should correspond to the spanners moving up from Lake Pyramid. The itinerary is as follows:

They will be spending Friday night of the 13th at the 1st. campground which is an easy \_ mile down from the parking lot. They will be there about 2:00 p.m. Fishing is sometimes very good there. They are encouraging others to join them.

Saturday Ty will hike back to the parking lot to join others at 8:30 a.m. and lead the hike down to the 2nd campground. The hike is about 2 miles, follows the creek and is very easy. The second campground is great with picnic tables and fire pits. We will be fishing Sat. through Sunday morning and then hike out.

Driving time from Ventura to the parking area is about 1hr & 40 min driving through Frazier Park. Ty will have maps printed for everyone. Think this should be an excellent introduction to and a way to explore this local fishery.

### **Green River Area with the Solitary Angler on 19/20/21 July**

I have reserved six positions for three days of guided fishing with the Solitary Angler in southwestern Wyoming. As of now all six positions are filled. If others are interested let me know as there may be cancellations. If this trip proves successful will try and schedule again next year. Van Beacham of Solitary Angler was our guest speaker for the month of Oct., sounded like he offers a unique fishing experience in areas that many people have never heard about. See Oct newsletter for bio. The three days will include one day floating the Green River through the Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge below Fontenelle Dam, one day of guided fishing on Ham's fork and one day of guided fishing on Smith's Fork plus a morning of fishing on our own. Both the Ham & Smith's fork are tributaries of the Green and are on private ranch land.

### **AUGUST**

At the present time I have no planned outing. Thinking of the higher Sierra's such as area around Mammoth Lakes (float tubes), Saddlebag Lake or Bridgeport area. If any members have any other ideas let me know and we can put a trip together.

## SEPTEMBER BBQ ON THE 27<sup>th</sup>

The board has selected Sat the 27<sup>th</sup> to have our annual BBQ. Again it will be held at Lake Casitas. Details will be provided at a latter date. Reserve this day on your calendar.

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### FROM THE EDITOR

Additional space was available this month to provide additional information to our members interested in habitat conservation and restoration. This is an excerpt from an email from the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project listserv. I have deleted articles with expired due dates and far away destinations. For a complete listing of this email, feel free to contact me, or reply to [scwrp@scc.ca.gov](mailto:scwrp@scc.ca.gov).

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#### RESOURCES

On-line Federal Funding Catalog, [www.epa.gov/watershedfunding](http://www.epa.gov/watershedfunding)

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#### ON-LINE FEDERAL FUNDING CATALOG

EPA has recently updated the Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection. This Catalog is now online. The Web site provides information for watershed practitioners and others on 84 Federal funding sources that may be available to help fund various watershed-related projects. The Web site updates EPA's Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection (EPA 841-B-99-003) which was previously published in 1999. This Web site was developed by an EPA Office of Water Finance Work Group. The Web site will be updated regularly. To view the Web site, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watershedfunding>.

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#### GRANT INFORMATION

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#### USFWS COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANTS, DUE JUNE 6

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will award more than \$15.7 million in grants to 15 states to conserve, restore and protect coastal wetlands. National Coastal Wetlands Conservation grants are awarded through a competitive process. Proposals are due June 6 to the regional office. For more information, see website at <http://www.fws.gov/cep/cwgcover.html>.

COASTAL OCEAN CURRENTS MONITORING PROGRAM, DUE JULY 15

The Coastal Conservancy is pleased to announce the release of the Request for Grant Proposals for the Coastal Ocean Currents Monitoring Program. These grants will allow qualified institutions to help plan, develop and implement an integrated coastal ocean observation system in California. Proposals are due July 15.

RFP available at, <http://www.scc.ca.gov/Programs/COCMP.htm>

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Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project  
WORK PLAN UPDATE - PROPOSAL DUE MAY 15, 2003

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project is requesting proposals for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement projects for coastal wetlands and watersheds in Southern California. Project proposals must be postmarked by May 15, 2003 to be considered for the WRP Work Plan update. Projects selected for the WRP Work Plan become eligible for WRP funding; however, INCLUSION ON THE WRP WORK PLAN DOES NOT MEAN THE PROJECT HAS BEEN AWARDED A GRANT. For complete more information and the RFP, go to the WRP website at <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp>.

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CONFERENCES & TRAININGS

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INVASIVE PLANT SCHOOL, JUNE 10-11, SAN DIEGO

University of California Cooperative Extension is offering another training on the management of non-native invasive plant species. Topics include weed biology and ecology, use of herbicides, and discussion of removal and control methods for specific invasive species including Arundo, pampas grass, salt cedar, and perennial pepperweed.

For more information, contact Carl Bell at UCCE, <mailto:cebell@ucdavis.edu>

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CALIFORNIA 2003 NONPOINT SOURCE (NPS) CONFERENCE, NOV 5-7, VENTURA  
Restoring Clean Water: NPS Pollution Prevention and TMDLs

The California State Water Resources Control Board, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are currently planning the 2003 NPS Conference. The 2003 NPS Conference, "Restoring Clean Water" will focus on the restoration of impaired waterbodies through the implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

Conference organizers are currently distributing a call for presenters and are looking for presenters who can share information on NPS projects that have been supported by federal and/or state funds (e.g., CWA Section 319, and Propositions 204 and 13). For the call for presentation, see [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/nps/docs/nps\\_confcall4pres032603.pdf](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/nps/docs/nps_confcall4pres032603.pdf). Agenda and registration materials will be made available at a later date and will be posted on the SWRCB website <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov>.

# Sespe Flyfishers Membership Form

Dear Flyfisher,

Welcome to 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.

In other words, WE NEED YOU!

Please complete this application and return it along with your membership dues today to the following address:

**Sespe Flyfishers**

**P.O. Box 5127**

**Ventura, CA 93005**

Your support is appreciated.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Membership Dues (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)

Residence	Age	New Member	Renewing Member	
Ventura & S.B. Counties	16 and over	\$41	\$35	\$ _____
Other Locations	16 and over	\$18	\$12	\$ _____
Any	Under 16	\$18	\$12	\$ _____

Voluntary contribution to the Sespe Flyfishers Conservation Fund \$12 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact the membership chairman, Paul Wilson at P.Wilson@Verizon.net.

### **MEMBER'S CLASSIFIED ADS**

- 1-14 Wt. 2pc. Austin Flyrod \$ 125.00  
1-Redington Large Arbor AL910-Gold finish \$100.00  
DB Dunn "Payette" rod case for 10' 2-pc. rods (with reel attached). \$ 40.00  
All items in very good to excellent condition. Call Bill @ 805.657.5566
- I have two Sage blanks I want to make into completed rods. 680GFL and 686FLRP. If anyone is interested, I will wrap them as per their color choice and reel seat choice. I'll be at the next meeting or call me at (805)649-5605. Ray Johnson

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to new members Steve Walker , Ed McFadden, George Blair, and Lew Goldman.

### **NEWLETTER INPUT**

If anyone needs to contact me regarding the newsletter, I can be reached at the following numbers.

- 654-2054 Weekdays
- 525-1904 Weekends and Evenings
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