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MEETING NEWS

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DATE: November 19, 2003

PLACE: Senior Rec. Center

Santa Clara and

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Program

**The Shangri-La of the South
- Really South**

With Brian O'Keefe

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETING

November 17th, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

December 15th, 7:00 PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - NOVEMBER 2003

Fellow Flyfishers:

It has been several months since I last wrote the foregoing words, and I have missed that experience. The season (in the Eastern Sierra at least) is just about to close, and while the majority of members who ventured forth on our last outing left due to a reported weather front, those of us who stayed the course experienced memorable (crisp!) weather, and wonderful (though limited) fishing. The variety of landscape, fishing opportunities, fall colors, and weather changes that the Mammoth/Bridgeport area provides is equal to anything that the West has to offer, and is but a pleasant drive distant.

I take much pride in noting that the Sespe Flyfishers was specifically recognized by Cal Trout at the 2nd Annual Cal Trout Southern Division Dinner (October) for our support (and effectiveness) in conservation matters, especially in regards to the Ventura River, and in helping to send 2 members (Gary Bulla and Larry Yuva) to Washington DC in support of the California Heritage River Act. Much thanks to Gary and Larry for their (nearly constant) efforts, as well as their friendship and participation in club affairs.

I would also like to thank Ty Stork, Jeff Hereford, as well as Guy Jeans, for their efforts in making the Kern River outing a success. These members contributed much time and energy to the outing, which also honored long-time member Ray Johnson. As Guy's level of expertise as a guide on the Kern increases, and his business begins to take root in Kernville, we should make use of his knowledge and resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for their continued membership, friendship, and their support for the Club. On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank their wives, and significant others, for their support, and patience for the time spent on Club activities. I would also like to thank my wife, Suzette, for her understanding of my fishing obsession.

As the holiday season draws nigh, we all should appreciate the beauty of our local surroundings, our families, and look ahead to the New Year (yeah, we can fish then, too.)

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WIND KNOTS AND TAILING LOOPS

NOVEMBER FLY TYING:

Our November fly tying session will be held on Thursday, the 20th, 7:00PM, at the Brooks Institute's Ventura campus, 5301 N. Ventura Avenue (Rt. 33 to Canada Larga off ramp). As before, we'll meet in the conference room. Please join us.

Note: This session is being held a week earlier than usual due to the approaching holiday season and will be the last one for the year. We will begin again in January.

See you there.

SESPE FLYFISHERS WISHES TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Randi Reynolds
Jack Reynolds
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George Blair
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Mike Ford
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Stephen Walker
Lew Goldman
Dennis Harper
Steve Pipitone
Ed McFadden

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER: The Shangri-La of the South - Really South **With Brian O'Keefe**

That's right. He's BAAAACK! Brian wowed us in May with a program that displayed fantastic fishing destinations around the globe. In November he's going to wow us again, this time with pictures, descriptions, and stories about just one country. That country is considered by many to be the most stunningly beautiful on earth, one filled with rivers that are in turn filled with trout. The scenery, the people, the food, the fish are (and you match up the following adjectives with the four groups just mentioned): absolutely delicious, spectacularly breathtaking, large and not overly stalked by man, friendly and warm-hearted. Those who have been where we are referring know that we are talking about Chile. It really is a Shangri-La, a country whose many rivers are probably as close to being undiscovered by hordes of fly fishers (or any fishers for that matter) as any on earth.

Originally, the presenter who was to make this program was Jim Repine, who lives in Chile and runs a lodge. But illness is keeping him in South America. Then we scheduled Jay Burgin who, while living during our summer in Montana and running his Five Rivers Lodge in Dillon, Montana, also runs a lodge during our winter (which is their summer) in Chile. But due to family illness, Jay also had to send regrets. But Jay is more than compensating by substituting his good friend (and ours), Brian O'Keefe, to present the program. Brian has been in Chile often and, in fact, a number of the spectacular pictures in Jay's program were shot by Brian. Those who attended his May presentation learned about (and now fully understand) why Brian is one of the most famous, admired and loved professional fly fishers in the world. (And talented as well. Just a few months ago Brian won the Washington Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers distance fly casting competition.) Almost everyone who knows him is jealous of his lifestyle and definitely appreciates his quick and humorous wit.

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, Scott Fly Rods and Chota foot gear. 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 everything 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. 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. Raconteur, artistic photographer, expert fly fisher, comedian. What more can we wish for?

FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN

ENJOY A BREW/PIZZA AND HELP PLAN NEXT YEARS OUTING

There will be an outing planning after the board meeting on 17th November at Shakey's Pizza Parlor. We would like to have two away trips such as Green River, Provo River, etc. We need your input and participation in the planning phase if we are going to have a viable outing program. If you are not able to attend the planning meeting request you call or e-mail me on your desires for next year outing. At the present time there are no outing planned for Dec.

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FROM OUR MEMBERS

Dear Sespe Fly Fishers,

The very successful October outing is one to remember. To have you honor me for something I have done all my life was really very touching. To get to visit Guy Jeans new fly shop, see the beautiful cabinet work of Ty Stork, and then spend the first full days fishing I have been able to enjoy in almost four years.

I have been privileged to have caught almost every trout in the west, and now I have finally gotten the chance to catch a Golden. Thank you, everyone, who was behind this memorable day. The group who attended the outing are truly great sports and I only wish everyone in the club could have gone.

We had a beautiful time breaking bread at Ewings Restaurant. Excellent food and lots of (very) loud entertainment by a live band. The presentation of the beautiful plaque was a very emotional moment for me and I will have it prominently displayed in my work room.

My thanks to everyone in the club for making this occasion possible.

Sincerely,
Ray Johnson

The following is from <http://wildlifefiles.com/Putah.html>

New Zealand Mud Snails found in Putah Creek

(Identification confirmed by CDF&G - 11/4/03)

Putah Creek - Yolo County - Northern California On October 30, 2003, I found a population of New Zealand Mud Snails (NZMS) in Putah Creek. The CDF&G Bioassessment Lab confirmed the identification as NZMS. The introduction of NZMS into California's popular trout streams is a real problem. They replace the native aquatic invertebrates and offer almost no value to feeding trout. They will not go away! Putah Creek is the only California NZMS infestation west of the Owens River. If accidentally introduced into the Upper Sacramento, Hat Creek, or the McCloud, these snails have the potential to severely alter the aquatic and riparian food web forever. Adult New Zealand Mud Snails - 4 - 5 mm in length This image shows adult snails next to size 12 Arial font. New Zealand Mud Snails (NZMS) can form dense colonies. These tiny snails can form populations as dense as 500,000 per square meter. They graze across habitat normally used by mayfly larvae and other grazing aquatic invertebrates. Research in Yellowstone National Park has shown a severe reduction in native mayflies and stoneflies in some areas. At those sites, the NZMS now constitute 50% of the total invertebrate population. They are shown at the left with a size 20 hook. A Closer Look - 4 - 5 mm in length The hatch lines are one millimeter apart. NZMS can easily move from stream to stream on fishing foot ware. We the fishers are very effective vectors for moving snails from an infested creek to clean waterways. Note the snails moving under my shoe laces. The snails were preserved in ETOH and the shoes disinfected with Clorox and boiling water. NZMS can survive for many days tucked away in wading shoes. When disturbed, these tiny snails retract into their shell and close the door, called an operculum, behind them. That helps to survive desiccation and chemical treatment for extended periods. Adult snail even fits in the tread of my water shoes. Yep, that's a snail in the tread of my wading shoes. You can help! 1. Check this page frequently to learn more about the Putah Creek infestation 2. If you fish Putah Creek, check your boots for snails. 3. If you fish Putah, treat your equipment. Go to [E-mail Responses](#) for details. 4. Tell your fishing friends about the infestation. 5. Go to the following link to learn more about New Zealand Mud Snails. [New Zealand Mud Snail in the Western USA](#) - <http://www.esg.montana.edu/aim/mollusca/nzms/>

Rose Valley Lakes

Jim Adams at the Fillmore Fish Hatchery said the Rose Valley Lakes are still on schedule to be stocked next year with sterile rainbows, called triploids. He said the fish are currently 7 to 8 inches long and will be stocked as soon as there is sufficient water and weather conditions to support them but that will probably be in February.

MEMBER'S CLASSIFIED ADS

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