



Sespe Fly Fishers

NEWSLETTER

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Zoom Online Meeting - August



Steve Schalla
August 19, 2020
*Sespe Fly Fishers' Club
Meeting is Online
Details inside!*



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President's Message 8-20



2020 SPEAKER SCHEDULE*

August 19 | Steve Schalla

“Origins of the Golden Trout”

Sept 19 | Annual BBQ -

Cancelled until further notice

Oct 21 | Maury Hatch

“Fishing the Delta”

Nov 18 | Gary Bulla

“Fishing the Amazon”

December 16 | Annual Holiday Party

***Speakers and programs subject to change without notice.
Check the newsletter or website for changes.**

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ZOOM
STEVE SCHALLA
"THE ORIGIN
OF THE GOLDEN TROUT"

Request to attend, email:
president@sespeflyfishers.com



WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19 AT 6:30PM

THE ORIGINS OF THE GOLDEN TROUT



A lot of us enjoy fly fishing due to the surroundings we find ourselves in. We are outdoorsmen that love the fresh air, enjoy a strenuous hike, and take in the visual stimulation of being close to nature. You can be a birdwatcher, amateur entomologist, geology buff, naturalist, or photographer. Fly fishing gets us to areas that triggers many interests.

An area close to us in

Southern California is the Golden Trout Wilderness. This area is unique to the Sierra

Nevada in that it was the only area that evolved three subspecies of our State Fish, the Golden Trout. Besides being one of the most beautiful fish in the world, the Golden Trout has adapted to changing conditions for thousands of years. Like the canary within the mines, the Golden Trout has also been an indicator as to how we impact our streams and watersheds through management of our watersheds.

My program will cover a natural and cultural history of the Golden Trout Wilderness. We will look at how the Sierra Nevada mountains formed, impacts from glaciation and volcanos, introduction of fish species, and how those fish populations adapted to their watershed. From the cultural side, we will look at how timber, mining, and water interests have impacted the species. Many of you are familiar with my website, www.FlyFishingtheSierra.com. It is filled with maps and other tidbits, such as fly tying tutorials. Basically, it is a repository for all the things I've been learning about this activity for the past 20 years. My goal has been to create regional maps covering all of the waters of the Sierra. These maps show fish species, fishless areas, access trails, fishing regulations, and permit needs. Also a hatch chart with a suggested fly selection. Recently, I just finished all of the regional maps, but like most things in life, it will always need some tweaking.

My background is as a graduate Forester from Cal with an emphasis on Botany from UCSB. I established reforestation nurseries in Calif, Oregon, and Washington and grew close to 45 million seedlings for replanting many of our forests. Currently, I am the President of the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International. Looking forward to seeing all of you in our upcoming zoom meeting.



PLEASE SHARE YOUR PICTURES AND STORIES

This newsletter is for all our members. We'd like to see pictures from everyone!

They can be pictures of fish, scenery, people fishing or just relaxing after a day on the water.

If you had an unusual catch, please share it with your fishing pals. Just email me your images with a little description! ***Thank you!***

Karen Hall, Newsletter Editor - karencoleshall@gmail.com



REMEMBERING MY FRIEND BILL O'KELLY

The fly fishing community lost a great friend and advocate today.

"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again." — Maya Angelou

When I think of Bill, I smile, and my mind wanders back to a day spent fishing or not fishing DePuy Spring Creek in Montana. On that day, not a single fish was caught, but memories were made and friendships forged.

When we set out to fish the creek that afternoon, the sky grew dark with clouds and lightning roared across the summer sky. Fearing for our safety, we sought sanctuary in a drafty wooden shed along the water's edge. It was here that I got to know Bill O' Kelly. Our group talked for hours about life, about fishing, and the FFI. Laughter and joy filled the air that day, and we all knew it would be a day we'd never forget. Bill was a special man who brought optimism to even the worst of situations. I have learned so much from his quiet courage and patient perseverance.

One of the great gifts of fly fishing is the friends we gather along the way. My heart is broken as I write this today, but I also feel blessed to have had the chance to know Bill. He was a man full of fervor, dedication, and commitment. His enthusiasm for fly tying, fly casting, and the FFI was contagious. He was always a delight to be around and willingly shared his talents with all of us in the Southwest Council and the fly fishing community. He will be missed. Yet, a part of him will live in our hearts forever. Every time I think of him, I will see his smiling face and remember his great soul.

Leigh Ann Craven-Swanson

Vice President, Southwest Council

SESPE FLY FISHERS OUTING FISHING THE BIGHORN

This year's Sespe Fly Fishers outing to Fort Smith to fish the Big Horn trip has been epic! Our guides mentioned that more large trout were being hooked than in the last four years, and we caught our share. Most of our trout were in the 19-inch range and most of us hooked about 15 each day. I will let our pictures do the talking!

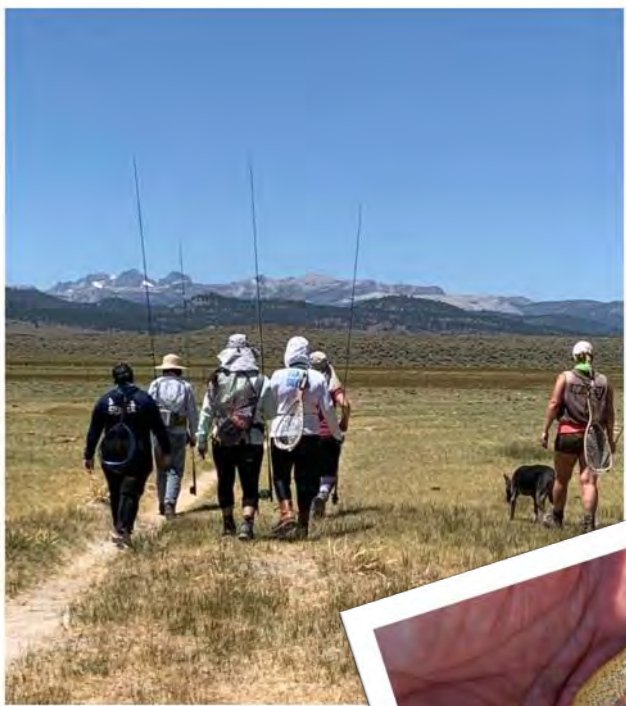
We booked our lodging at a new place, and it was superb. We found ourselves in a large two-story cabin with two bathrooms, three bedrooms, a huge living area, and a great deck overlooking the river. We were also isolated from other cabins so we had forty acres all to ourselves. Food was delicious served by the Big Horn Anglers at their dining hall behind the fly shop. Montana at it's best.

I promised Earl and Ann that we would reschedule another Big Horn trip next



WOMEN ON A MISSION GOIN' FISHIN'

The SUMMER HATCH TRIP for women (mostly), organized by Lesley Smith and Analiza del Rosario, SWC Social Media Director through SoCal Women on the fly was a huge success. There was one day of guided fishing with guide Beryl Rea at the Upper Owens River, organized by Karen Hall, SWC Women's Program Director, plus another day fishing the San Joaquin River. Nearly everyone caught fish, and everyone had a great weekend. Special Thanks go to Chiaki Haramic who paid the guide fees for members of Southern Sierra Fly Fishers.



OUTINGS 2020 - Sespe Fly Fishers Fall Outings

Kings River trip (Yucca Point) | September 18-20

Dates: Sept 18-20 **TRIP HAS OPENINGS**

- Backpack trip to the Kings River at Yucca Point. Just one night of camping, two days of fishing. Catch some big Kings River Rainbows.
- Costs: None
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Outing Leader | Steve Schalla, Stevenojai@aol.com, (805) 264-1950



Hole in the Ground (Kern River) Trip | October 5-9

Dates: Oct 5-9 **SOME SPOTS LEFT!**

- A pack trip on horseback to Hole in the Ground, Kern River. A 7 hour ride from Golden Trout Pack Station. 5 days, 4 nights. We share in the food and cooking. Camp Kitchen will be provided. Will be hooking into Kern River Rainbows and some Browns. Meet up at the Schalla cabin prior to departure from Pack Station.
- Costs: About \$700 plus tips to the wranglers.

Outing Leader | Steve Schalla, Stevenojai@aol.com,
(805) 264-1950

Stay Caught Up

To get the links for upcoming Webinars, or watch FFI Online seminars you missed from previous weeks visit the **FFI Online Learning Center** at: <https://flyfishersinternational.org/FFI-Online>



FFI Women Connect is hosting weekly zoom sessions for fly tying. FFI is mostly for the ladies, but if you are a guy and want to learn how to tie a fly, you will not be shunned, just outnumbered. Information on upcoming events especially for women is available on their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ffiwomenconnect/>



Photo by Gary Bulla

Baja's Brilliant Blues - I went fishing with 6 wonderful guys, including my husband Tom, in July. The whole week was simply incredible ... Nothing quite like feeling a giant Roosterfish slam your fly and race away. These Roosters were powerful and huge - couldn't even pick mine up. Add in new friends, delicious food and endless fun, surrounded by the beauty of Baja and, well you get the picture. If you haven't been on one of Gary Bulla's Saltwater fishing trips you've missed a million magical moments. Make time. Life is short.

Karen Hall

garybulla.com



Photo by Gary Bulla



Online Auction, PART II

August 17th - August 23 at 9:00pm

Visit : <https://www.sespeflyfishers.org/> to view Auction Items

Questions: Contact Frances Smith at Sespeflyfishersauction@gmail.com

Donations for the Auction | Fill out the online form & contact Frances

1. J. Ryall reel with two spools

Opening bid \$75.00 | Min. raise \$10



2. Redington Voyant 690-4 fly rod & case

6 wt - 9' - 4 pieces

- Opening bid \$125 | Min. raise \$10



3. Whiting Farms Coq De Leon Predator Pack.

Grizzly Pardo Shell Pink and Silver De Blue

Opening bid \$25.00 | Minimum raise \$5



4. Patagonia Women's Torrentshell 3L Jacket.

Size: Small | Color: Black.

May be exchanged for size

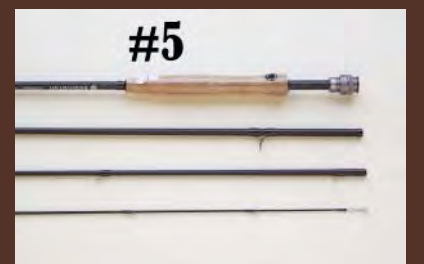
Opening bid \$75.00 | Minimum raise \$5



5. Redington Hydrogen 590-4 fly rod & & case.

5 wt - 9 foot - 4 pieces

Opening bid \$100.00 | Minimum raise \$10



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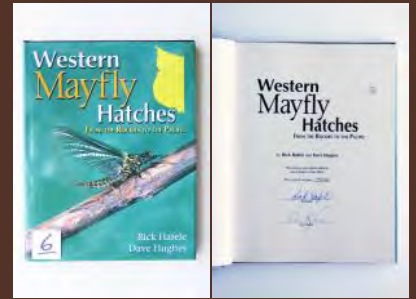
Going, Going, Gone!!

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6. Book: "Western Mayfly Hatches #140/190.

Signed by Rick Hafele and Dave Hughes.

Opening bid \$50.00 | Minimum raise \$5



7. G7. Lamiglas Series G1000

2 pc. 5' 9" fly rod. No case.

Opening bid \$25.00 | Minimum raise \$5



8. Patagonia Men's Nano-Air Vest

Size: Large | Color: Black

May be exchanged for size

Opening bid \$100.00 | Minimum raise \$5



9. Abel Point Five Trout Reel and Extra Spool / Gently Used

Set for left hand retrieve.

Fully serviced but has nicks on reel and extra spool. The reel is engraved with the name Michael C. Maloney.

Opening bid \$75 | Minimum raise \$10



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10. Redington Sonic-Pro Waders

Size: Medium-Long.

Color: Driftwood/Basalt

MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED

Opening bid \$100.00 | Minimum raise \$10



11. St. Croix Avid fly rod.

A904.4, 9' 4pc. 4 wt. in a canvas bag/case

Opening bid \$75.00 | Minimum raise \$5



12. Patagonia Men's Long-sleeved Capilene Cool Daily Fish Graphic Shirt

Size: Large | Color: Grey

May be exchanged for size.

Opening bid \$25.00 | Minimum raise \$5



13. Patagonia Men's Long-Sleeved Sun Stretch Shirt.

Size: Large | Color: Watershed Smolder Blue

May be exchanged for size

Opening bid \$45.00 | Minimum raise \$5



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14. Metz #1 Neck Variant

Opening bid \$30.00 | Minimum raise \$5



15. Free rod rental for week in Baja with Gary Bulla.

- Includes rod, reel and line for 10 and 12 wt. rods.

Opening bid is: \$30.00 | Minimum raise \$5



16. Patagonia Sun Mask | Color: Grey

OPENING BID: \$15.00 | Minimum raise \$5



17. Patagonia Men's Torrentsell 3L Jacket

Size: Large | Color: Black

May be exchanged for size

Opening bid \$75.00 | Minimum raise \$5



18. Island Packers Excursion Pass

for two people for a day trip to Santa Rosa Island.

Expires 1-31-21

Opening bid \$50.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



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19. Patagonia Women's Nano-Air Vest

Size: Medium | Color: Black

May be exchanged for size

Opening bid \$90.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



20. \$50 Gift Card to Fishermen's Spot

Opening bid \$20.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



21. Lightly used Echo SR 61010-4 / G11.01 fly rod with case.

6 wt - 10' 10" - 4 pieces

Opening bid \$150.00 |

Minimum raise \$10.00



22. Patagonia Lightweight Merino Daily Socks

Size: Large | Color: Navy Blue

Opening bid \$10.00 | Minimum raise \$1.00



23. Patagonia Long-sleeved Early Rise Snap Shirt

Color: Sage Khaki | Size: Medium

May be exchanged for size only

Opening bid \$75.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



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24. Patagonia Women's Long-sleeved Sol Patrol Shirt

Color: White | Size: Medium

May be exchanged for size only

Opening bid \$45.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



25. Patagonia Women's Torrentshell 3L Jacket

Color: Classic Navy | Size: Medium

May be exchanged for size

Opening bid \$75.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



26. Metz #1 Neck Barred Variant

Opening bid \$30.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



27. Patagonia Men's R1 Pants

Color: Forge Grey | Size: Large

May be exchanged for size only

Opening bid \$60.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



28. Metz #1 Neck Cream

Opening bid \$30.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



29. Whiting Farms Freshwater Streamer Rooster Cape

Opening bid \$25.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



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30. Island Packers Excursion Pass

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Expires 1-31-21

Opening bid \$50.00 | Minimum raise \$5.00



31. Metz #1 Neck White Splashed

Opening bid \$30.00 | Minimum raise \$5



32. 32. Redington Palix River Bootfoot Waders

Size: Large-11 | Color: Boulder

MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED

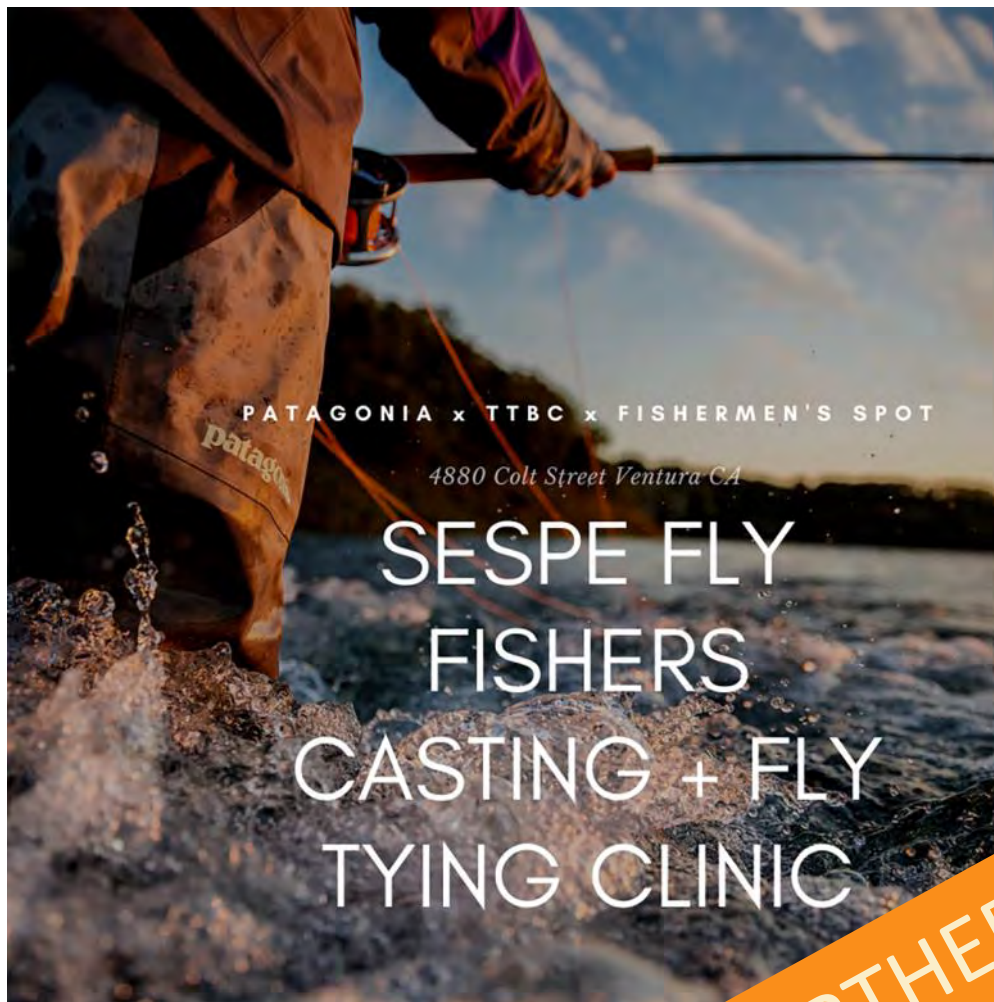
Opening bid \$100.00 | Minimum raise \$10



33. Sage 31 Inch Small Multi Rod Tube

Opening bid \$35.00 | Minimum raise \$5





Sespe Fly Fishers Casting & Fly Tying Clinic

Join us **Sunday, March 29th** at **Topa Topa Beer Company**, Colt St., Ventura HQ Taproom alongside Patagonia and Fishermen's Spot for a casting clinic and fly tying workshop hosted by **Sespe Fly Fishers**. **Snack**.

There will be two clinics: one from **12-2pm**, and another from **2-4pm**. Please sign up at the TTBC website. Registration is \$10 per class - space is limited so please sign up early.

Topa Topa Beer Company is providing chili for free to all attendees, and \$5 pints are available for attendees.

A portion of proceeds will benefit Sespe Fly Fishers. This is a great chance to help support a local fly fishing organization, a rad local fly fishing shop, and a fellow 1% for the Planet member.

First Clinic: 12pm - 2pm

Second Clinic: 2pm - 4pm

REGISTER ONLINE AT: <https://www.topatopa.beer/shop/sespeflyfishing>

SESPE FF OUTING SCHEDULE 2020

All outings are subject to change

Look for confirmation contacts in the detailed descriptions (scroll down)

New trips may be added throughout the year - visit our sespeflyfishers.com to check for updates



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OUTING LEADER:
**JOSEPH
NARKEVITZ**
CARPINTERIA, CA

**2ND SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

Salt Saturday Surf Fishing is back
Join us August 15!

- With appropriate social distancing -

Contact Jospeh Narkevitz at: 805-705-3208

Let's Go Fishing! —If you are a member of Sespe Fly Fishers and have an idea for an outing, or you'd like to host an outing, please contact **SFF Outings Chair Steve Schalla**. As noted above you can reach him at: stevenojai@aol.com, 805-264-1950

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FIRST SATURDAY CASTING

CASTING THE FLY ROD | AN INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING

SFF First Saturday Casting in April will be on April 4th

Nearly always the first Saturday of the month!

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- Chumash Park, Petit and Waco, in East Ventura (near the 101 and 101 Rd).

As usual, this is open to everyone interested in learning and becoming a better fly fisher. Bring your friends, buddies, family and of course your mother (if you can get her to come out cast you). Please help spread the word!

If you haven't tried it yet, here is your chance to learn the new FFI "Casting Skills Challenge". And what's in it for me you ask? Well, it's not only a chance to become a better caster and fisher as a result of mastering the skill challenges, and you can earn a certificate for each level you pass and recognition from Fly Fishers International. There are three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Learn all about the Casting Skills Challenge at: www.flyfishersinternational.org/Education/Learning-Center/Casting.

Bring your friends and family to come on out! There will be an introductory class on fly fishing and casting for others in the area who are interested in learning about our great sport so please pass the word and let people know of our outings. Invite them to join us.

If you have any suggestions as to how we might make our "First Saturday" outings better, in any way, please don't hesitate to share your ideas. We really want to know what you would like to review. If you have any questions give Bob Smith a call at 805-647-3522

Fly Tying 2020

This month, FLY TYING class for April is **CANCELLED!**

Rest of year: April 23 CANCELLED, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22.

Meet us at Eric's Tackle on Thompson, 6-8 PM WHEN WE RETURN!

Eric's Tackle has made a huge improvement on the tying space in his shop, so join us there and Dennis will again wow us with his latest and greatest! Next date is March 26 at 6:00pm.





*"This is an organization
making a difference every day."*

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MEET SCHEDULE:

at the Ventura Vet Center on the 2nd

THURSDAY of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 PM.

program serving disabled veterans in Ventura area. Join us!

Please contact me if you would like more information about
donating or helping with our program.

HEALING WATERS UPDATE:

**We got our fly rod kits so the next two months we will be building
rods at the Dudley House!**

Earl Arnold | Program Lead

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Ventura

earl.arnold@projecthealingwaters.org



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Sespe Flyfishers Membership Renewal

Dear Flyfisher,

Welcome 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.

Please complete this application and return it along with your membership dues today to the following address or **Renew on line at** SespeFlyFishers.org

Sespe Flyfishers
P.O. Box 5127
Ventura, CA 93005

Your support is appreciated.

NAME: _____

Please include names of Family Members that may participate in club functions:

Family Member: _____

Family Member: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please indicate if you are a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Residence	Age	Membership
Ventura & S.B. Counties	16 and over	\$40
Other Locations	16 and over	\$20
Any	Under 16	\$20

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Voluntary contribution to the Sespe Flyfishers Conservation Fund

\$ _____

Voluntary contribution to "Trout in the Classroom"

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Voluntary contribution to Ty Stork Memorial Fund

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If you have any questions, please contact Chris or Fran May at 984-1267 or chrismay5@msn.com