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Zoom Online Meeting October



Maury Hatch
"Bay Area and Beyond"
Oct 14, 2020

*Sespe Fly Fishers' Club
Meeting will be Online*



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President's Message 10-20

It's October already and I haven't been fishing in almost two months. Sound familiar? It's time to go fishing again. Fishing is good for you and good for your soul. Ann and I are headed up to Oregon for our annual trip to steelhead fish on the Rogue. We drive up and stay in a small town in a small cabin at an RV park, right on the river. The fly shop is across the street, restaurant is next door and you can cast into the river 50 feet from your front door. If that sound good to you, I would be happy to send you the information. Just email me at:

President@sespeflyfishers.org and I will give you all the contacts. If you don't want to drive that far, our speaker this month will tell us about fishing in the Bay Area.

Maury Hatch has been fly fishing the western United States and Mexico for 35+ years. After honing his skills with trout, he hooked his first Striped Bass in 1995, and has been chasing, catching, and releasing stripers ever since. As a Captain, he guides both out of the San Joaquin Delta in a center console bay boat in the fall and spring, and then on a jet sled on the Feather and the American Rivers in the summer for stripers, Small Mouth Bass and shad. This will be a great program on an area not too far away to drive to.

Although the virus has severely curtailed the club's activities we can still get together virtually via our Zoom meetings. If you haven't tried it, you should. It's way better than watching the news. One quick warning however. If it is warm Eric Kramer may show up shirtless again. You can also set up a casting lesson or workshop with Bob Smith and fly-tying lessons with me. Just contact us via the contact page on the website and we will get right back to you (in a day or so). I just finished last year's auction item, six hours of fly-tying lessons, and I am currently teaching a Tuesday morning 7 Deadly Spins class for this year's auction winners. I also have the ability to do classes via zoom if needed.

"Be all that you can be" in the club! We still need a **Membership Chair** and a **Conservation Chair**. Job descriptions can be found in this newsletter.

Go fishing every chance you get!

Earl



2020 SPEAKER SCHEDULE*

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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FISHING THE CALIFORNIA DELTA



BAY AREA AND BEYOND with MAURY HATCH

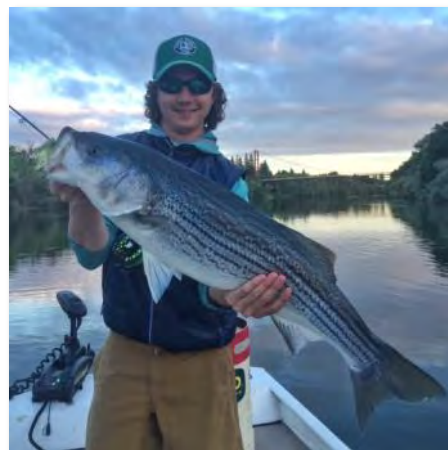
While many of us are still nervous about airline travel, what better time to consider a drive to our neighbors in the North. Fall season caters to all tastes from saltwater to fresh, and few people know the area better than our October presenter, Maury Hatch.

Maurice Richard Hatch was born in Marin County, CA and moved to Sacramento with his family when he was 4 years old. As the third child of four, he was always interested in animals of all kinds. His first love was birds, and then reptiles, before finally focusing on fish at the age of 15. He was fortunate enough to have a grandfather that had a private bass pond in the foothills of Northern California. He was influenced by his grandfather and uncles who were avid fishermen of bass and trout. As a senior in high school, he was introduced to fly fishing by some close friends. After that, he was hooked and decided to forget conventional fishing and only pursue fish on the fly. He also had careers as a ski instructor/coach and restaurant manager as well as racing road bikes before focusing his full-time attention on guiding. Maury has been fly fishing the western United

States and Mexico for 35+ years. After honing his skills with trout, he hooked his first Striped Bass in 1995, and has been chasing, catching, and releasing stripers ever since. As a Captain, he guides both out of the San Joaquin Delta in a

center console bay boat in the fall and spring, and then on a jet sled on the Feather and the American Rivers in the summer for stripers, Small Mouth Bass and shad. All trips include top-of-the-line equipment as well as custom-tied flies. Maury is also an ambassador level, pro-staffer for the following products: Costa sunglasses, Simms clothing, Sage rods, RIO lines and Galvan reels. He is the Co-event Manager for the Costa Bass-N-Fly Tournament and annually hosts trips to Baja with Gary Bulla, and at Tarpon Cay Lodge in the Yucatan and Christmas Island.

Web site: firstthatchguideservice.com



Hooking up on the LA River

Los Angeles is better known for it's hook-up bars than its great fly fishing, but there are some hidden wild spots in the City of Angels. One is the LA River, in spite of its neglected state.



"The 'thump' you feel when a fish takes your fly is a sensation like no other- it's what keeps Fly fishing junkies coming back for more. The tug is the drug"

George Daniels, "Strip Set", 2015

So, on Saturday I rose at 4:00 AM and headed down the highway to join fly fishing friends, Lino Jubilado, Analiza del Rosario and new friend Dinah White at Lino's favorite spot. We crawled down a rough concrete embankment in the early morning mist, to wade into the murky, smelly LA River along with 100 or so birds and water fowl. I had a feeling that this day was my day to catch and land a carp, and I managed, with lots of encouragement from my friends, to get the job done on my second cast. That brought a round of squeals and laughs and a happy dance from me! Part of the fun of fishing is the

chance to be a kid again!

After that excitement, things got quiet for a bit (our river antics mostly liked scared away the notoriously illusive carp) but it was Dinah White's turn next. She is a novice fly fisher, and a fish magnet (she credits her red lipstick as the attractor). She hooked about 4 carp and 1 mullet by the island in the middle of the river, but either she had trouble setting the hook, or they broke off in the rocks.

Lino went over to coach her and quickly brought in a nice carp himself. Finally, Dinah got a great hook-up, and she carefully brought that big boy in without breaking her leader. Analiza was quick with the net and we all cheered for Dinah, who was totally elated with her success.



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Hooking up on the LA River

It wasn't too long before my friend Analiza had a hook-up of her own. She nearly

got dunked in the river in the process of reeling it in, but she hung on and brought in a big 12-pounder. That beast was nearly as big as she is!

Our squeals and laughs went over the top with that catch, and naturally, the fish swam for cover. We decided to call it a day, taking our joyful memories and a big bag of trash out with us.

The LA river is a watering hole for a huge variety of migrating birds, and a wonderful place to fish and play if you make sure to disinfect yourself after leaving. I dream of the day when the river is reborn, free of pollution and trash so that all the wildlife can have happier lives. In the meantime I support 'Friends of the LA River' in all their efforts. Please donate at: <https://folar.org/>



GREEN RIVER

Jim Worden and Andy Smith recently returned from a trip to Utah fishing the pristine, Green River for 5 days. Hot temperatures and good fishig were the usual daily program while floating with the Old Moe Guides.



Why is the Green River green? Its chief tributaries are the Yampa **River**, in Colorado, and the Duchesne, Price, White, and San Rafael rivers in **Utah**. ... Originally known as the Spanish **River**, it was renamed in 1824, probably for its color derived in places from **green** soapstone banks along its course.



Pictured at here is Jim Worden with a couple of his fine Brown trout. Notice the size of the bug in the trout's mouth.

SESPE FLY FISHERS NEEDS YOU!

We have **Board positions opening up**, and we're looking for contributors to our monthly newsletter.

It may not seem like a lot is happening at the moment, thanks to COVID precautions, but there is plenty you can do to help our club move forward even from the comfort and safety of your home.

Volunteers make all the difference in our community. We're asking you to pitch in - you'll make new friends and have tons of fun, all while supporting your club and your community.

Membership Chair Description:

Great opportunity to get to know all the Sespe Flyfishers members. Responsibilities may include the following:

Meet and greet new members at monthly meetings and introduce them to the club. Meet with prospective members and meeting guests and answer any questions about the club. Maintain the online ClubExpress membership database. Only requires basic computer skills!! Record and process manual membership applications. (Over 75% of applications and renewals are made through the ClubExpress website, with more members using this option each year.)

If you are interested please contact Chris May , current Membership Chairman at (805) 216-6370 for further information.



Conservation Chair Description

The Conservation Chair job is to keep the club informed on fishing related national, state and local conservation efforts and programs. May help the club raise support for periodic Club Conservation Projects, like the Steelhead Habitat Restoration Project on the Ventura River or any other conservation project you might be interested in.



Please contribute to the Sespe Newsletter!

This newsletter is for all our members and we'd love to hear from you! Please send your pictures of wildlife, fish, scenery, people fishing, relaxing after a day on the water, even selfies! Whether you had an unusual catch or got skunked, we want to know.

Please email your submissions with a little description by the 5th of each month. ***Thank you!***

Karen Hall, Newsletter Editor
karencolehall@gmail.com



Online Auction, Closeout Sale

Auction Chair: Frances Smith at Sespeflyfishersauction@gmail.com

If you missed our recent nline auction, we have a few items left that are real bargains with no bidding required,. Just pay the price listed. **First Come First Serve!** Just call or text Frances in you are interested in one of these last 6 items. Phone: 805-647-3522 or email her at: Sespeflyfishersauction@gmail.co

2. Redington Voyant 690-4 fly rod & case 6 wt - 9' - 4 pieces Closeout price \$125

Excellent gift for a friend who might just be getting started!



10. Redington Sonic-Pro Waders

Size: Medium-Long.

Color: Driftwood/Basalt

MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED

Closeout price \$100.00

Just in time for Autumn fishing!



Online Auction— Closeout Sale

Going, Going, Gone!!

Contact Frances Smith at Sespeflyfishersauction@gmail.com

11. St. Croix Avid fly rod.

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

Closeout price \$75.00



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

6 wt - 10' 10" - 4 pieces

Closeout price \$150.00



25. Patagonia Women's Torrentshell 3L Jacket

Color: Classico Size: Medium

May be exchanged for size

Closeout price \$75.00



28. Metz #1 Neck Cream

Closeout price \$30.00



31. Metz #1 Neck White Splashed

Closeout price \$30.00



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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**2ND SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

Salt Saturday Surf Fishing is back Join us on the second Saturday!

- With appropriate social distancing -

Contact Joseph Narkevitz at: 805-705-3208

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

2021 Southwest Council News

PRESIDENT STEVE SCHALLA | president@swcffi.org

WILDFIRES, TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, MANY SETBACKS

As fly fishers, we've been adapting to the Covid pandemic by restricting travel, limiting group meetings, and adjusting to social demands within a divergent country during an election year. It gets taxing (pun intended!).

The last two months has been another record season for wildfires within California. Most of these wildfires start naturally through lightning strikes and this year we have been struck over 12,000 times. Just as the travel restrictions were being lifted from Covid, the wildfires have limited us from fishing many of our favorite streams and lakes. These fires have burned over 2.5 million acres in California and we still have another month of "fire season" ahead of us.



It has personally impacted me as the SQF fire came within a ½ mile of my cabin and burned almost all of my favorite local fishing sites. I had to cancel two fishing trips to the Kings River and the Upper Kern. The pack station I use for the Upper Kern lost two major buildings and will be closed the rest of the season. This is a minor setback for me when I realize how many thousands have lost their homes due to these fires and it has cost many lives as well.

HEALTHY FORESTS = HEALTHY CLIMATE

Fire has been a natural occurrence within the Sierra. It is estimated that a fire occurrence every 11 years existed within all of the acreage of the Sierra Nevada prior to 1850. These were low intensity fires that allowed older trees to survive and cleared the forest floor of litter for good seedling regeneration. Today, we have high intensity fires which have not burned many of our acres for over 100 years. Our forests and streams are not adapted to this change. Trees are lost and streams fill with sedimentation.



Part of the problem is global warming, our carbon dioxide levels have reached levels that the earth experienced during volcanic periods. A TU report shows that by 2080, we will have an increase of almost 9 degrees within the Sierra Nevada and will lose about 50% of our cutthroats in the Rocky Mountains. The other problem is management of our federal forestland which controls about 90% of the Sierra Nevada.

Our forests have become dense, slow growing, and weak. Bark Beetles killed over 25 million trees over the last few years within California. Our forests, rather than being a "carbon sink" has become a net "carbon submitter". More carbon is passed into our atmosphere by these wildfires in one year than over a decade of carbon saving programs that have been in place. Both of these problems need to be addressed and considered. We need to maintain a healthy forest to maintain a healthy climate. We cannot continue to allow our forests to convert into chaparral communities.

By Steve Schalla

2021 Southwest Council Upcoming Events

CASTING INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM ON ZOOM

On a more up-lifting note, Jody Martin, will be hosting an introduction to the Casting Instructor program via zoom on Oct 8th. This is a program that has been active within FFI for decades and we are fortunate to have two world class casting ponds at Long Beach and Pasadena. Look within this newsletter for additional details to the program.

VIRTUAL FLY BUY

Usually, we have our FlyBuy in January at the Long Beach Casting Club. This is one of our primary ways of fundraising and having fun. It does not look promising that we will be able to have this event at Long Beach due to Covid restrictions. However....we adapt and move on! We will be looking at a Virtual Fly Buy which will include auctions of fly plates, fly boxes, and plenty of fishing gear. We really need **club support** in donating used gear for these auctions. Please canvas your members and check your garage for any items that might find a home elsewhere. You can contact me personally and we will have someone drop by to pick up the items.

TROUT RODEO 2021 | Bishop, California

In February, we are putting together the first Bishop Trout Rodeo in Bishop, CA. This will be a trout tournament for both fly fishers and conventional fishers. The City of Bishop has been very supportive in bringing this event together, based at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Pleasant Valley Reservoir and the Owens River will be the focus of the fishing. Get your room reservations in Bishop or enjoy some of the available camping sites nearby. We will have an award dinner afterwards at the Fairgrounds. In addition, we are planning some fly fishing workshops featuring local guides on Sunday.

ONLINE CALENDAR FROM FFI

October			
10/12/2020	Monday	7:00 PM	Hatch Busters—Author Ann Miller
10/13/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Tying Tips and using Zoom
10/19/2020	Monday	7:00 PM	Zappy Hour! Live On Zoom! Roasting Hour—Heather Hobson
10/20/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Tying Tips and using Zoom
10/27/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Tying Tips and using Zoom
November			
11/3/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Tying Tips and using Zoom
11/9/2020	Monday	7:00 PM	Gary Bulla discussing fishing the Baja—FFI WEBINAR
11/10/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Tying Tips and using Zoom
11/14/2020	Saturday	1:00 PM	How to Design a Dry Fly
11/16/2020	Monday	7:00 PM	Zappy Hour! Live On Zoom!
11/17/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Tying Tips and using Zoom
11/23/2020			No Tying Holiday Week Break
December			
12/1/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying—Sherry Steele
12/4/2020	Friday	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Celebrating Women in Fly Fishing - Registration & Check-in
12/5/2020	Saturday	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Celebrating Women in Fly Fishing - A Virtual Expo
12/8/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying
12/14/2020	Monday	7:00 PM	Zappy Hour! Live On Zoom! - Santa Claus
12/15/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying
12/22/2020	Tuesday	OFF	No Tying Holiday Week Break
12/29/2020	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Holiday Jingle Hour

FFI WOMEN CONNECT PROGRAMMING 2020

FFI Webinars and Fly Tying class are for all FFI members. Zappy Hour is primarily a women's social hour.

FFI-Women Connect

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/ffiwomenconnect

Instagram:

@ffiwomenconnect

For more information about FFI Women Connect:

EMAIL:

womenconnect@flyfishersinternational.org

All women members of FFI are automatically members of FFI Women Connect.

For links to upcoming Webinars, or to watch FFI Online seminars you missed, visit the FFI Online Learning Center at: flyfishersinternational.org/FFI-Online



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 F (Phone Rd).

As usual, this is open to everyone interested in learning about fly fishing or learning how to flyfish. Bring your friends, buddies, family and of course, your fishing gear (we'll probably out cast you). Please help spread the word!

If you haven't tried it yet, this is a great time to get started. For the new FFI "Casting Skills Challenge". And what's in it for me you ask? Well, you will become a better caster and fisher as a result of mastering the skill challenge. You will go at your own pace and receive 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 <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Education/Learning-Center/Casting>.

Bring your favorite rod and come on out! There will be an introductory class on fly fishing and casting for others in our community interested in learning about our great sport so please pass the word and let people know of our outing and invite them to join us.

Note from our Casting Director, Robert Smith, CI:

If a couple of Sespe Fly Fisher Club members would like to get together to work on a casting problem, or maybe work on the Casting Challenge Course, I'd be happy to assist (to be safe, masks & social distancing are necessary of course). Call me at 805-647-3522 to set something up. Look forward to seeing you!

Fly Tying 2020

This month, FLY TYING class for October is CANCELLED!

Rest of year: We will let you know.

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



PROJECT
HEALING WATERS
FLY FISHING

*"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

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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: _____

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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

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