



# Sespe Fly Fishers

## NEWSLETTER

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### Zoom Online Meeting September



**Casey Cloud**  
**"Corbina on the Fly"**  
**September 16, 2020**  
*Sespe Fly Fishers' Club*  
*Meeting will be Online*  
*Details inside!*



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### *President's Message 9-20*

Fall is here, my favorite time of the year to fly fish. Low clear water, far and fine dry fly fishing. The fish seem to know that they haven't much time to fatten up before the lean days of Winter. This year is an exception, not to the fish but to the fishers. It has been a tough year for everyone. No one seems to be doing much fishing because for us, as it requires some travel, some contact with other people, some increased risk of catching something you were not wanting.

There is one exception to traveling for fishing. Surf fishing. We live within a few miles of a great fishery and a terrific species of fish that is great sport, Corbina, Annie calls them California Croaker. Which brings me to the subject of our next program, Fishing for Corbina. These ghosts of the surf are a terrific challenge to the fishers. Casey Cloud being a local, So-Cal Ventura resident and living minutes from one of the most productive beaches for chasing one of the most difficult fish to spot, cast to and bring in, the Corbina, will share his hands on experience in his presentation. Casey will talk about gear, flies, where and when to go. What to look for and how to spot corbina doing what they love to do -- eat!

Which brings me to the next topic, the annual picnic is canceled. Health regulations and the fact that the average Sespe member is in the age danger zone make it impossible for us to gather together.

Outings are canceled for similar reasons and because of the fires. Hopefully when you read this Steve Schalla's cabin in Ponderosa will still be there.

See you at the Zoom Meeting Wednesday Sept. 16, 7 PM

And go fishing every chance you get!

*Earl*

P.S. Note on Casting: Bob Smith is available for individual casting help/lessons for all club members. Just contact Bob at [bob.frances.smith@gmail.com](mailto:bob.frances.smith@gmail.com)



# 2020 SPEAKER SCHEDULE\*

**Sept 16 | Casey Cloud**

**“Corbina on the Fly”**

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**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.**

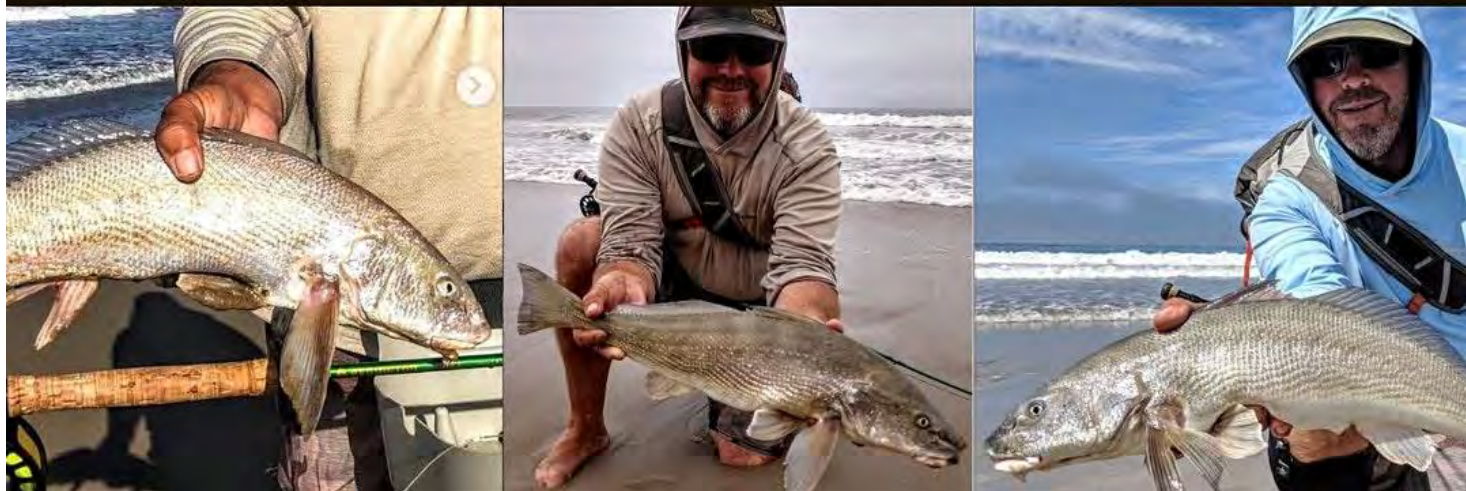
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**[Sespeflyfishers.org](http://Sespeflyfishers.org)**



# CORBINA ON THE FLY: CASEY CLOUD

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 | 7:00 PM - PACIFIC TIME



## About our speaker, Casey Cloud

Carpinteria resident **Casey Cloud** lives minutes from one of the most productive beaches for chasing one of the most difficult fish to spot, cast to and bring in, the Corbina. He owns and operates Cloudfly, an independent, instructional based guide service covering fresh and salt-water from Gaviota to Malibu. He focuses on what's fishing best at any given time of year. He is also under license with Sierra Fly Fisher and permitted to guide trout within Yosemite and Sequoia National parks.



The plan is to give a quick introduction and overview of his yearly program with slides, then go into corbina in detail. Will then touch on local fall fishing options, and finish a q+a session. He will bring his hands-on experience to our next zoom meeting/presentation. This is your chance to learn how to catch your first 'bean' while surf fishing our local waters.

Casey will talk about gear, flies, where and when to go, what to look for, and how to spot corbina doing what they love to do -- eat!



To attend, you can RSVP with your email address at Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zoom-event-speaker-casey-cloud-corbina-on-the-fly-tickets-119634330503>

The zoom link will be emailed out the Monday before and the morning of the meeting.

- **Zoom link will be emailed to club members.**

\* Non-members who'd like to attend, please email your request to: [president@sespeflyfishers.org](mailto:president@sespeflyfishers.org)



# Going for Gold at Horseshoe Meadows



## Fishing for WILD GOLDEN TROUT at Horseshoe Meadows | August, 2020 | Cece Rubin

Matt and I had been having problems with our camper fridge at altitude so once we completed a DIY repair, we were revved up to test out our handiwork.

So, we wondered, where can we go that's not as far as Yosemite? The answer came quickly: Horseshoe/Cottonwoods Meadows campground at 10,000 feet, a favorite overnight pre-Whitney altitude prep. spot for hikers. Also home to some of the most beautiful golden trout in the Eastern Sierra.



With the heat factor easily in the 90's in the Conejo Valley and most of the Eastern Sierras, it was also the best choice. Once we arrived to the campground, temps dropped by 15-20 degrees to the mid-70's and with night-time temps down to 50 degrees. Perfect, if you have a heavy down comforter or sleeping bag to wrap yourself up in.

Our one day to fish was Saturday so we had a late start after a hearty breakfast and hiked no farther than a ¼ mile to be on the stream, or what little there was of it with a drought – like season.

Most of the time wild trout are easy to please, but these little Golden were picky as heck! Our hoppers weren't hooking them, even during a big hopper hatch - but we finally figured out this might be a size problem— the hopper flies were just too big for these little golden. They get an A for effort as they tried and tried over and over to take a bite. Even size 14/16 flies were too large.

We finally downsized to 18 to 22 sized caddis and then we struck **GOLD!** Don't get me wrong, it still wasn't easy. We had trouble finding small pockets of water that were moving. A lot of the water was flowing ever so slowly or sat in a sad stagnant pool with "no action". And tying on a 20 or 22 size caddis, even with magnifiers, is a always tricky task.

We found one little section of the stream where the water was flowing and there they were. Hiding under the banks and the brush. It looked much like a normal stream but everything was downsized to the size of the fish - teeny, tiny. The trout were very timid and easily spooked, but that's what made it so fun. A level playing field!

After a few hours of catch and release fun, a typical afternoon storm came in, then a few minutes into the burst, the temps dropped so much so that the rain quickly turned to hail and we were ill prepared for that. Hail shows up at 32 degrees - "freeeeezing", so being soaked, pummel by small ice cubes falling from the sky and feeling the cold in our bones, we quickly hiked back to the campground as did several others who had been enjoying the meadows. Note to self: *Bring a rain jacket even on sunny days!*

After being lucky enough to get back to our camper and not a rain soaked tent (been there, done that plenty of times), we took hot showers and sipped hot tea while watching the busy campground as people scrambled to get out of the rain abandoning their tents to hunker down in their cars. One group of campers bunched up under a small canopy.

The therapy of getting out and fly fishing for California's state fish (fresh water) made for a satisfying fishing day coupled with the storm made our trip a perfect day for reminiscent stories that start with "remember when we . . ."

Our trip was a wonderful way to wrap up our Summer, and we now look forward to Autumn's changing colors. Oh, and our fridge did work better, but not 100%. Maybe another repair will provide a great excuse to go back with a smaller rod or Tenkara and hunt for those tenacious little golden trout in the mountain meadows where neither the fish or the fisherman feel the pressures of life!

Read more about why it is the California state fish | [READ MORE](#)

<https://statesymbolsusa.org/symbol-official-item/california/state-fish-aquatic-life/golden-trout>



## SESPE FLY FISHERS NEEDS YOU!

We have Board positions opening up, and we're looking for more 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.

## 2020 CALIFORNIA FLY FISHING OPEN



- DATE -

Saturday, September 26, 2020

- TOURNAMENT TIMES -

Fish anytime between 6:00am to 7:00pm

- SCORE CARD VIA FISH DONKEY APP -

All fish caught must be logged on the Fish Donkey App

- TOURNAMENT FESTIVITIES -

Will be help via Zoom, on Sunday, Sept 27 at 7:00pm

### 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 or any other conservation project you might be interested in.

If you are interested please contact Earl Arnold, Club President at (805) 701-1239 for further information.



## 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](mailto:karencolehall@gmail.com)**



# Online Auction, Closeout Sale

Auction Chair: Frances Smith at [Sespeflyfishersauction@gmail.com](mailto:Sespeflyfishersauction@gmail.com)

**Sespe Auction, Part II** netted **\$1800.00** for the **Sespe Fly Fishers**. We'd like to thank all our donors and bidders! Great job. The combined two auctions we've held made a little over **\$7000.00** which helps greatly to cover the Club's annual expenses, like the lease for the hall at the Church of the Foothills (which is sadly not being much used right now due to COVID-19).

If you missed the online auction, we have a few items left that are real bargains with no bidding required. **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.com](mailto:Sespeflyfishersauction@gmail.com).

***Note:** Frances has a Torrent Shell jacket and loves it, the perfect jacket to for Fall. Get yours before it goes!*

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



## 10. Redington Sonic-Pro Waders

Size: Medium-Long.

Color: Driftwood/Basalt

**MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED**

Closeout price \$100.00



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# Online Auction— Closeout Sale

## Going, Going, Gone!!

Contact Frances Smith at [Sespeflyfishersauction@gmail.com](mailto: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: Classic Navy | Size: Medium

May be exchanged for size

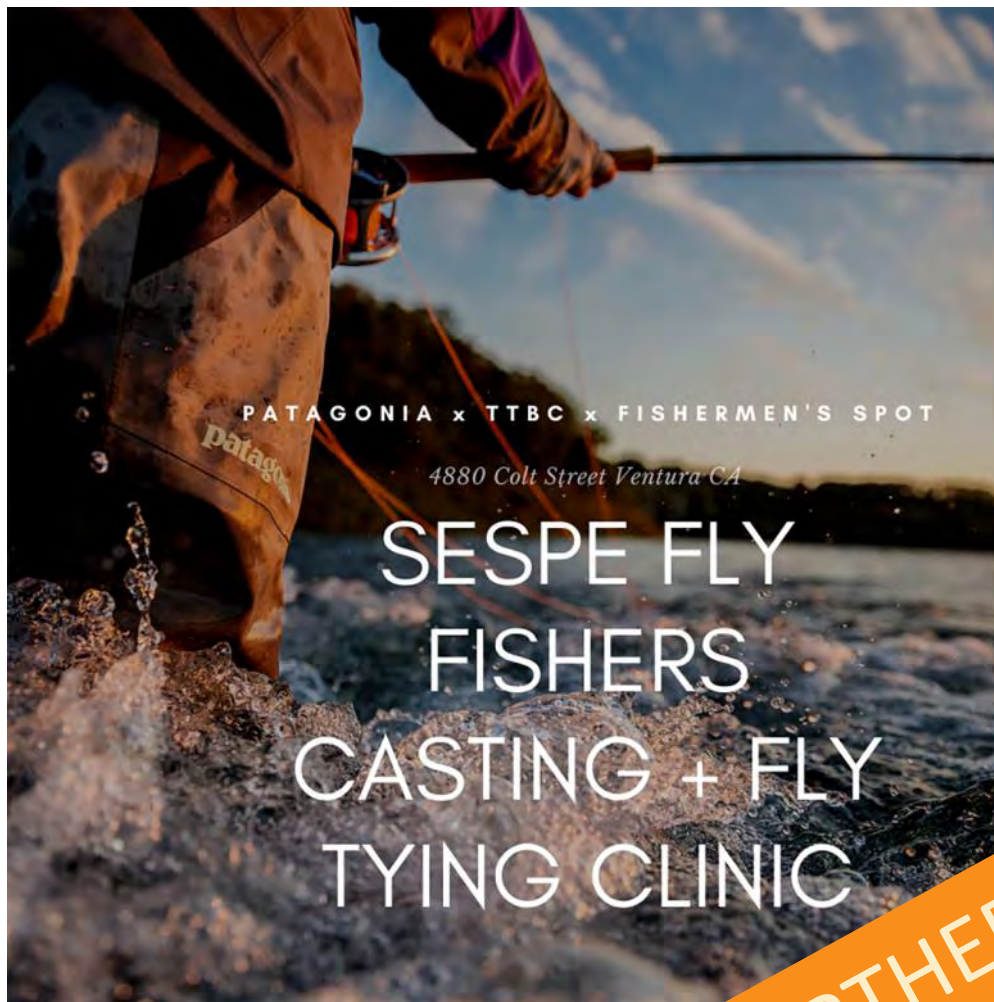
**Closeout price \$75.00**



### 31. Metz #1 Neck White Splashed

**Closeout price \$30.00**





# 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](http://sespeflyfishers.com) to check for updates



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& SESPE FLY  
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OUTING LEADER:  
**JOSEPH  
NARKEVITZ**  
CARPINTERIA, CA

**2ND SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH**

Salt Saturday Surf Fishing is back  
Join us Sept 12!

- With appropriate social distancing -

Contact Josphe 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](mailto:stevenojai@aol.com), 805-264-1950.



# 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 Encinitas (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 can 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 April is CANCELLED!

Rest of year: We will let you know.

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





*"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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## RENEW OR JOIN SESPE FLY FISHERS ONLINE OR USE THIS FORM!

### 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](http://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:

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Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Voluntary contribution to "Trout in the Classroom"

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Chris or Fran May at 984-1267 or [chrismay5@msn.com](mailto:chrismay5@msn.com)