



## Trophy Stillwaters of the Eastern Sierra

*with Ernie Gulley*

One of the most popular fly fishing destinations for southern Californians is the eastern Sierra, just up Highway 395. In addition to streams, rivers and creeks, this area has some of the finest stillwater fishing water found anywhere in the country. This month, our good friend Ernie Gulley will be guiding us on a mouth-watering trip to show us where to and how to catch the fish of a lifetime. He will be giving us details about primarily three different stillwaters, with each one of them having a unique history and story that helps us appreciate them even more than we do for the fish they contain. These are: Kirman Lake, which is the best trophy brook trout fishery in California and the west; Heenan Lake, which is the Lahontan Cutthroat brood stock lake for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Crowley Lake, considered by most to be the best stillwater in the golden state.



*Ernie Gulley*

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### October 2015 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October, 13th  
 Wet Flies: 6:00 PM  
 Dinner: 7:00 PM  
 Program: 8:00 PM  
 Place: [Olympic Collection, 11301 Olympic Boulevard, LA](#)  
 Cost: \$37.00 per person  
 Parking: \$3.50 underground – Free on the street.

**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: [RESERVE ONLINE](#)**

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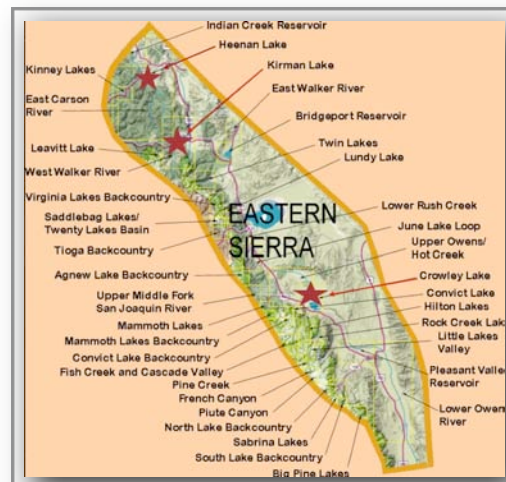
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## Trophy Stillwaters

Now the stillwaters covered in Ernie's presentation are no strangers to many SoCal fly fishers, as clubs often schedule outings to these destinations. All of them present the opportunity to land fish up to, and even well into, the 30-inch range.

Ernie will be breaking down the individual stillwaters by showing where they are, how to get there, when to go, what to bring, how to rig, what flies to use and how to fish them. And the waters he will focus on all present a chance for anyone to experience the fish of a lifetime, both in beauty and in size. He will use maps, explain when are the best times to go, how to prepare and what to do when you arrive. Ernie will show us his favorite fly patterns, leader set-ups and specific, secret and deadly techniques. Learning the best times of the year to plan fishing trips to these places can help give anyone the confidence he or she needs to enjoy a fly fishing experience even more.

Ernie was actually born in southern California, and started fishing with his Dad as soon as he could walk. However, at age seven, Ernie and his family moved to New Orleans where he learned how to fish Lake Pontchartrain for speckled trout. Later he moved back to SoCal and began fishing Crowley, Bridgeport Reservoir and many lakes in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. Ernie currently resides in Riverside with his wife Shannon and two children, Logan age 12 and Aidan age eight.



*California Stillwaters*



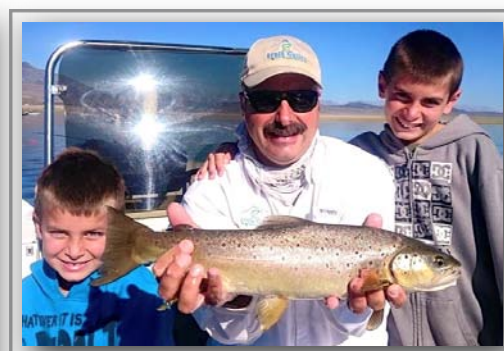
*Kirman Lake Brook Trout.*



*Kirman Brook Trout.*



*Heenan Lake Cutthroat.*



*Ernie & His Two Sons on Crowley Lake*

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## Trophy Stillwaters

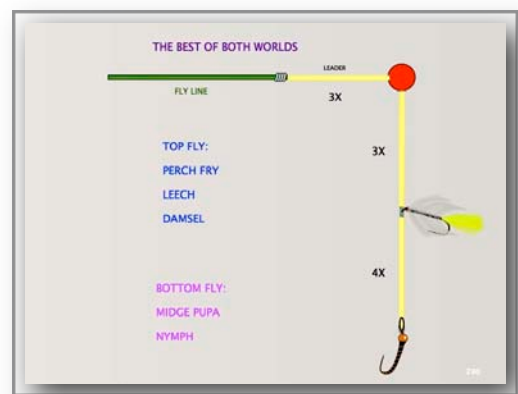
In 1998 curiosity about those long rods with thicker lines won out and he tried fly fishing. Well, a love affair was born and he has never looked back. In 2006 Ernie joined Deep Creek Fly Fishers, where he became a principal instructor for fly tying and classes on stillwater tactics. In 2007 he won the “Double Haul in the Fall” tournament at Crowley, both individual and team division titles and in 2008 and 2009, Ernie placed second in the “Stillwater Classic” team trophy. In 2008 Ernie joined the High Desert Fly Fishers where he has served as Vice-President and President.

Ernie is currently a professional guide in southern California and the eastern Sierra, known as one of the Sierra’s premier stillwater guides and often called a fly fishing “guru.” You can learn more about Ernie and his guiding by going to:

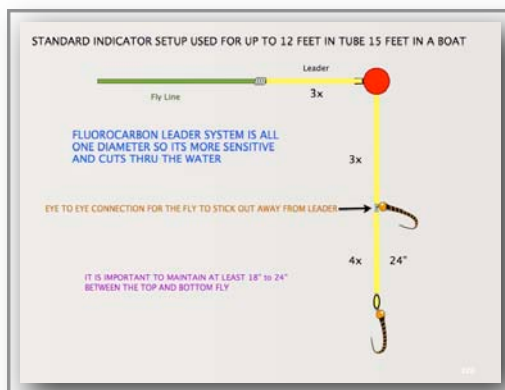
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*Heenan Lake Map*



*Best of Both World's Rig*



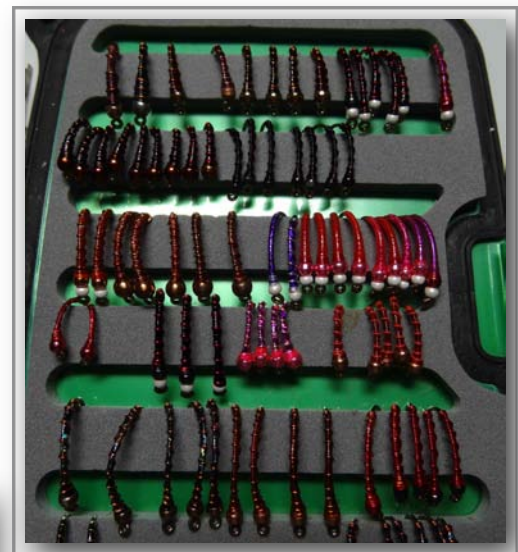
*Standard Indicator Rig*



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*Some Stillwater Flies*



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[www.wildernessflyfishers.org](http://www.wildernessflyfishers.org)






## Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting, held the Tuesday one week before the monthly dinner meeting, will be held at 400 Bonhill Road Los Angeles, Ca 90049. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 P.M. All members are welcome. New members are especially encouraged to attend. Come and see how your club runs and you might pick up some fishing tips, too.

## COMING EVENTS

For more information go to the WFF website [CALENDAR](#)

SWCIFFF Fly Fishing Fair Fri. - Sun. Oct. 16-18  
Hot Creek Ranch Fri. - Mon. Oct. 30 - Nov. 2

Monthly Raffle Items	Value
<b>Winston Passport</b> <b>6 Wt.</b> <b>9'</b> <b>4 pc</b> <b>Fly Rod</b> 	<b>\$239</b>
<b>Temple Fork Prism</b> <b>5/6 Weight</b> <b>Fly Reel</b> 	<b>\$95</b>
<b>Fishpond Maribou Vest</b> <b>Waxed Canvas</b> 	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Loon UV Kit</b> 	<b>\$29.50</b>
<b>Assorted Flies</b> 	<b>"priceless"</b>

## Holiday Party & Raffle

Wilderness Fly Fishers is happy to announce that its annual Holiday Party and Raffle, the 2015 editions, are going to be held once again -- for the *seventh* consecutive year -- at the lovely home of Trays Funk and Jimmy McAndrews in Pacific Palisades. This event is the true highlight of the WFF year and we all thank Trays and Jimmy for hosting this very special gala.

The date is Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The festivities start about 6 pm and the address is 15865 Asilomar Blvd, Pacific Palisades, 90272. The food and drinks are magnificent, the décor and home are warm and lovely and our hosts are the best in the world.

This is also when we have the drawing for the WFF Holiday Conservation Super Raffle, which always has valuable gifts of great two-for-one fly fishing trips, valuable equipment and gear, along with fantastic bottles of wine, Marcia Breskin's overflowing gift basket and other special gifts. See a partial list of these prizes following this article, with newer prizes to be added as they come in. Be sure to buy your tickets at our October or November meeting, or on-line. They're as always, one ticket for \$25, or five for \$100. The party itself is once again very reasonably priced at \$40 per person.

This is also when the winner of this year's Gary Lafontaine Service Award is announced and awarded. Need we say this is an evening you don't want to miss. See you there.

### 2015 HOLIDAY CONSERVATION SUPER RAFFLE PRIZES

**TAYLOR FLADGATE VINTAGE PORT, 1975.** Donated by Jerry Pierce. Approximate Value: \$150

**FONSECA'S FINEST VINTAGE PORT, 1977.** Donated by Jerry Pierce. Approximate Value: \$250

**ST. CROIX LEGEND ELITE 7 wt., 9 ft., 4 pc. FLY ROD** Value \$450 It has slim-profile ferrules and premium, high modulus, high-strain SCV graphite blanks. Add in SCVI graphite in the lower portion of the rod for added power and reduced weight along with FRS (Fortified Resin System) for strength and durability and it is every bit as functional as it is beautiful.

**GALVAN SPOKE 5 wt. FLY REEL, Green** Retail Value: \$410 Galvan reels are very highly regarded by professional fly fishers as well as consumers, solidly constructed and beautiful to look at and hold in your hand. (And Galvan has always been a friend and supporter of WFF.) This reel is lightweight, with a two-toned spool, green interior spoke with a solid black frame.

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## **2015 HOLIDAY CONSERVATION SUPER RAFFLE PRIZES**

**FISHPOND DELTA SLINGPAK, Cutthroat Green** Retail Value: \$150 Fishpond Cyclepond fabric, external water resistant zippers, sling strap comparable over left or right shoulder, cord loops, integrated guide net slot, detachable interior nylon pouch, 6 zippered pockets.

**STEELHEAD TROUT 12 inch NETSTAFF**, Retail Value: \$200 Three-in-one fishing tool: net fish up to 20 lbs., wading staff, and retrieval hook. Net hoop is 12 inches wide by 16 inches long with a deep bag and the wading staff is 54 inches and comes with a retrieval hook to retrieve flies and lures from trees and brush. Net deploys easily and has two netting positions, regular and an extended reach position. Includes one Geardock Kit.

**ECHO SHADOW II 3 wt., 10 ft., 4 pc. FLY ROD** Retail Value: \$250 **plus Echo Shadow II Competition Kit** Retail Value: \$75 Light long rod designed for all nymphing situations, including European-style, indicator, high sticking and wet fly. The Competition Kit includes two 6” extensions that add extra reach, either 6” or 12”, a screw-in fighting butt and counterweight washers that fine-tune balance.

**THE BLUE WINGED OLIVE “MILL CREEK RETREAT”, Livingston, Montana** Gift certificate offers one week (at 50% off) for up to four guests at the Blue Winged Olive “Mill Creek Retreat” cabin located in Mill Creek Canyon on the eastern edge of Montana’s famous Paradise Valley. This cabin has a fully outfitted kitchen and eating area. Located in the heart of Montana’s fly fishing country close to Chico Hot Springs, Yellowstone River, Yellowstone National Park. The Gardener River is close by as well as Slough Creek, the Lamar River, and the Madison River. Value at half price is between \$450 and \$625 depending on season. Lodging taxes, damage deposit, guide fees, rod fees on private waters, etc., will be the responsibility of the certificate holder. A cleaning/damage deposit of \$250 will be required and will be returned within two weeks of your departure less any fees. Dogs are accepted with a \$50 additional fee and are limited to two. Certificate to be used by December 31, 2016.

**BASKET OF CULINARY GOODIES FOR THE FLYFISHER** Created and donated by Marcia Breskin. Value of the individual items – over \$200, value after work and care to create this basket – priceless. Basket includes:

- Very nice bottle of wine

- Book of fish and seafood recipes

- Set of four wine glasses etched with a fly

- Glass cutting board with Arctic grayling painting

- Ceramic mug with brown trout

- License plate frame “Gone Flyfishing”





## WFF Member Corner

### Fishing Reports, Photos, Items Of Interest

Here is a new section for those of you who wish to let the club know where and how well the fishing has been. Please get them to me by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the next months newsletter.

Clay Dodder

Here are a couple of photos sent in by Rich Peters.



*Fishing on the Yellowstone Park stretch of the Gallatin River was uncharacteristically tough this summer. Nonetheless, Sue Woodyard of Ketchum, Idaho proved that perseverance pays off with a nice Gallatin rainbow.*



*You can fish the Gallatin on a day trip basis from Trouthunter Lodge on the banks of the Henry's Fork in Last Chance, Idaho. Wild flowers, sunsets over the River and great food are added bonuses of a visit to the Lodge.*



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## Notices

BISHOP, CA - The Southwest Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers will hold a reception and exhibition in celebration of the Golden Trout on Friday, October 16th, as part of the 2015 Fly Fishing Faire. The event will focus on celebrating over a half century of resource agency and volunteer efforts to protect California's official state fish, while highlighting an upcoming opportunity for public engagement on US Forest Service management strategies related to grazing on the Kern Plateau.

The Kern Plateau, the headwaters of the Kern River, is the only native range for the purest of golden trout. One of the biggest challenges in conserving this at-risk species is managing the impacts of livestock grazing, and coupled with the historic drought and a warming climate, these impacts deserve added attention. The Inyo Unit of the Forest Service is currently reviewing the four livestock grazing allotments on the Plateau, so the upcoming public comment period is an important time to advocate for this native species and ensure its survival in our region. Representatives from Trout Unlimited and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will also be on hand to discuss recovery efforts and opportunities to become involved.

The reception will take place at the Bishop Tri County Fairgrounds in the Patio Building. Complimentary beer, wine, and food will be served 3 - 6 PM, while the exhibits will remain on display through the remainder of the Faire.

Register online for the Faire at <http://www.swc-fff.org/Faire>.





# Notices



Something for everyone, all anglers and fly tiers.  
Classes available for beginners through advanced.  
The classes for beginners, the equipment will be provided.  
Many on-stream workshops available.  
Learn from the pros how to cast, tie and catch!



**Date:** October 16 - 18

**Location:** Bishop Tri-County Fairground

**Hours:** Friday and Saturday: 9-5 Sunday: 9-3

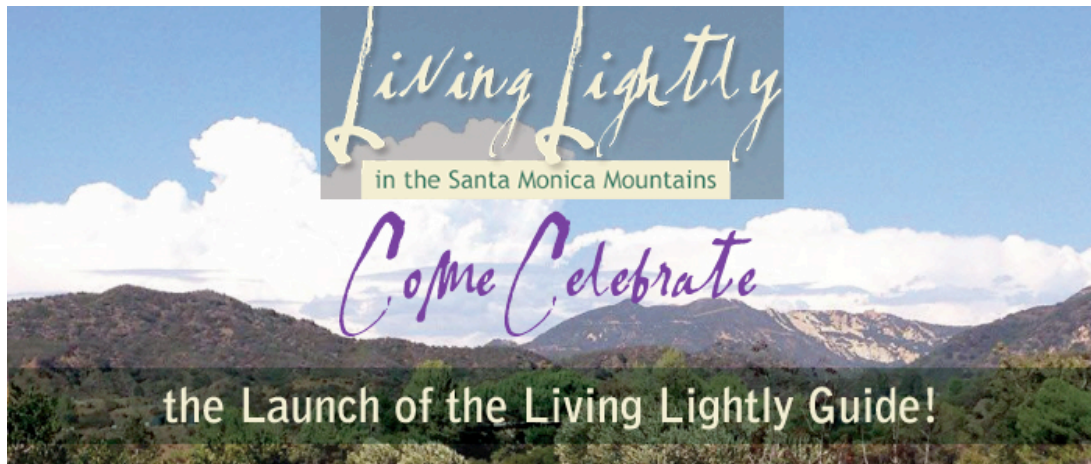
**Entrance fee:** \$15.00 for all three days, \$20.00 for families up to four members. Eastern Sierra residents get \$5.00 discounted admission.

**Online registration opens August 16**

For more information and registration for classes:  
[southwestcouncilfff.org](http://southwestcouncilfff.org) or Call 818/200/1499



# Notices



The Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains would like to invite our community partners to join us at the upcoming Living Lightly Guide Launch Event.

## The Living Lightly Guide Launch Event

Date: Monday, October 26, 2015

Start: 5:00 pm

Presentation: 5:30 pm

End: 6:00 pm

Location:

Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center, 27040 Malibu Hills Road, Calabasas, CA 91301

Coffee + Snacks provided.

RSVP at: [melinawatts@livinglightlyguide.org](mailto:melinawatts@livinglightlyguide.org)

Join us as we work to co-exist with nature so that we can share the landscape with all the other native species that live in California together. Help us to reduce negative human impacts on our ecosystems and increase positive impacts. Grow a bigger vision: live lightly.

Zero impulse control? Us neither. Come and take a sneak peek at: [www.livinglightlyguide.org](http://www.livinglightlyguide.org)

### What is the Living Lightly Guide?

a practical manual for how to care for the shared landscape upon which all our lives depend

This project was made possible by leadership, content input, design support, institutional vision and funding from the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, the Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, former Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Agoura Hills, The Bay Foundation, Calabasas, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Malibu, Metropolitan Water District, Patagonia, Westlake Village, West Basin Municipal Water District, Sempra Utilities, Southern California Edison, Thousand Oaks and Ventura.

Each of our community partners will utilize the Living Lightly Guide on their own websites so that we can share this vision of an environmentally proactive community. Feel free to link us in at your venue as well.

After our presentation the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains will hold its monthly meeting on site at the City of Calabasas, commencing at 6:00 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the RCDSMM Board of Directors meeting after the Living Lightly Guide Launch Event.

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## Wilderness Fly Fishers Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues: Starting January 1, 2015**

### New prices

- ☐ \$40 Single - Regular
- ☐ \$60 Single - Golden Trout
- ☐ \$50 Family - Regular
- ☐ \$70 Family - Golden Trout

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL enclosed

### Mail Check With This Form To:

**Wilderness Fly Fishers  
P.O. Box 3358  
Santa Monica , CA 90408-3358**

## Monthly Meeting Reservations

Please make your dinner [reservations online](#) or send in this coupon.

Your check must be in the club mailbox by the Wednesday, the week before the meeting.

Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner(s) x \$37 per person

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to W.F.F.*

### **Mail to:**

**Wilderness Fly Fishers  
P.O. Box 3358  
Santa Monica, CA 90408-3358**

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# October 2015

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