



Mending the Line

California Surf Fishing

with Al Quattrocchi

Did you know that you don't have to make a four or five hour drive to find great fly fishing in southern California? In fact, we have the largest saltwater pond right outside the door in our own back yard. The Pacific coast of California is an amazing and mysterious ecosystem that beckons to be explored with fly rod in hand. And we are going to see and learn all about it this month with a true expert.

Al Quattrocchi has been fishing the surf on three coasts of America for more than forty years. His presentation, which could be titled "Fly Fishing the Surf in Ten Basic Steps," will demystify this challenging environment and invite you, as well as show you, how to explore our largest fly fishing resource totally on your own.



Al Quattrocchi

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July 2017 JOINT MEETING at Sierra Pacific FlyFishers

Date: Tuesday, July, 18th (Our regular date)
Wet Flies: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM (Choice of Prime Rib or Broiled Salmon)
Speaker: 8:00 PM
Place: [Monterey at Encino, 16821 Burbank Blvd., Encino](#)
Cost: \$32.00 per person for dinner or \$5 for non-dining guests
Parking: Free (see map on page 12)

**IF YOU WANT THE DINNER OPTION, YOU MUST
MAKE A RESERVATION. PLEASE FOLLOW THE
INSTRUCTIONS [HERE](#)**

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California Surf Fishing

Al (known to almost everyone as Al “Q”) was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. There, early in his childhood, he developed his love for saltwater fishing while living in Sheepshead Bay, once home to the largest commercial fishing fleet operating in the U.S. As a teenager he spent his formative saltwater fishing years on party boats, piers, bridges, beaches and jetties in and around Sheepshead Bay as well as Breezy Point, Rockaway and Jamaica Bay.

After moving to California in the late seventies to attend college, Al was inspired to switch from plugs to the fly rod. Here he began his fly fishing journey after years of reading articles written by saltwater fly fishing luminaries such as Joe Brooks, Lefty Kreh, Frank Woolner, Bob Popovics, Lou Tabory and our own Nick Curcione.

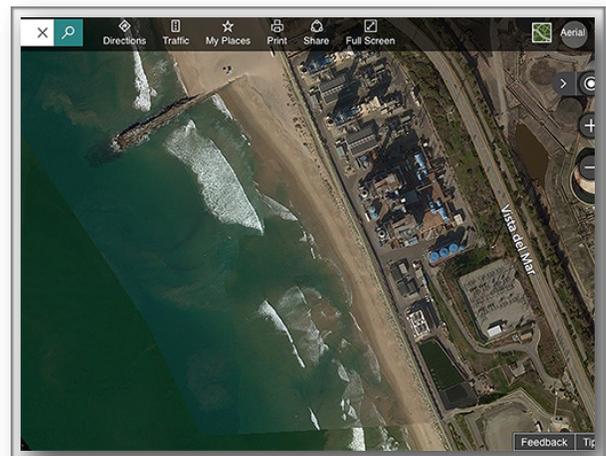
Al lectures and presents programs to many fly fishing clubs and fly shops in southern California. He founded the “One Surf Fly,” an event which he created to help promote his favorite sport along the SoCal coast. Al also created the “Double Haul Ball,” which is a free, educational and collaborative effort put forth by local fly fishing friends and Federation of Fly Fishers certified casters and is held once a year at the historic Long Beach Casting Club. Al and good friend Conway Bowman (of “Bowman Bluewater” and “Fly Fishing the World” fame) both host the Carp Throwdown at Lake Henshaw, San Diego each June. This Orvis sponsored event is mainly a sight-fishing tournament for carp-enthusiasts and has been widely recognized across the country. The tournament is timed around the hopper hatch so anglers can experience dry fly sight-fishing for cruising carp.



Al Q casting in Santa Monica and what we will learn



Al Q casting in Santa Monica



Bing aerial view

California Surf Fishing

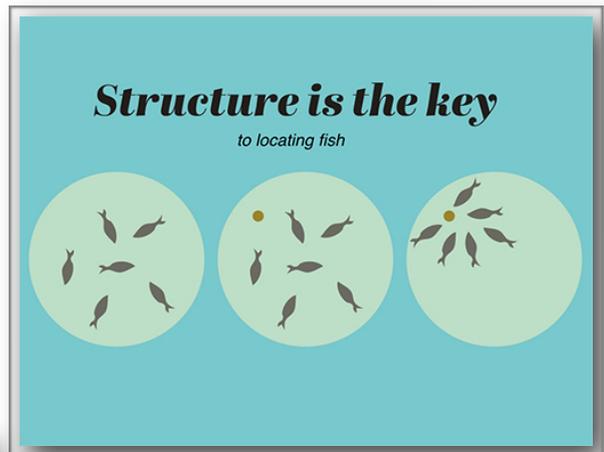
Al's articles and fly patterns have been published in *Fly Fishing in Saltwaters*, *Fly Tyer*, *California Fly Fisher* and *Saltwater Fly Fishing* magazines. He is currently on the pro tying staffs for Umpqua, Tuffleye and Enrico Puglisi. His *Beach Bug* pattern is one of the best selling SoCal surf flies in Umpqua's Surf Fly Series. Al's other commercial Umpqua patterns include *Qs Corbina Candy*, *Qs Thin Lizzie* and the *Qs Ghost Whisper*.

As an avid fly angler, fly tier, artist and photographer, Al continues to draw inspiration from the sea. He hopes to expand his passion and love of saltwater fly fishing through teaching and mentoring one angler at a time through "The Fly Zone," a comprehensive program he and his friend (and Wilderness Fly Fisher member) Jim Solomon created to help anglers learn to be better fly casters.

Al resides in Westchester, California with his wife Janet and daughter Quinn. He is a creative director at Tornado Creative, the award-winning design agency located in the historic Helms Bakery in Culver City.



Al Q with a surf perch



Structure is the key



Jim Solomon with a morning striper



Morning sight casting

California Surf Fishing

Al's fishing blog can be found at: <https://alquattrocchi.wordpress.com>



Having fun



Last cast



Tide cycles



Fly selection



Q's Beach Bugs



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To join WFF, Visit our website

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 2311 30th Street, Santa Monica, Ca 90405. Parking permits provided by hosts. 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.

Minutes of Board Meetings are available to members on the website's [Document Library](#)

COMING EVENTS

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

SWCFFI Quarterly Meeting	Sat.	July 15
Fly Tying	Sat.	July 29

Monthly Raffle Items

Value

Provided by Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers. Buy tickets at the door.

Kelsey Bass Ranch

by Celia Carroll

Bass fishing at Kelsey Bass Ranch the last weekend in April was challenging, but fly fishermen managed to bring to hand several impressive Florida strain largemouth bass. Rick Radtke landed 25 bass on Friday and Jerry Berman caught more bass than on previous outings. Rick and Jerry used traditional bass lures, e.g., plastic worms, etc., on fly rods. Larry's 'go-to' fly, the Woolly Bugger, was also effective. However, the top water action slowed through the weekend as the water cooled from water intake from the Merced River. Larry caught the largest bass of the trip on our last day of fishing.

Although springtime along the Merced River has been tempestuous, we had many spans of calm during which fishermen in float tubes, and fishing from lakeside, successfully attracted aggressive bass.

Good company around the campfire, and an excellent communal dinner Saturday night were highlights of this year's outing.

Camping beside Kelsey Lake and listening to the chorus of frogs, geese and birds, always offers a peaceful respite from our urban pace in LA County! I observed flocks of migrating birds such as white-faced ibis, and predatory ospreys, bald eagles, and common terns diving and over-flying the lake. It was the ninth year for Larry and me to camp and fish at Kelsey Bass Ranch, and it has never been a disappointment!



Kelsey bass caught by Michael Schweit



Kelsey bass caught by Jerry Berman



Jerry, Larry & Doug enjoying the Saturday evening bbq



Member Corner

I went out fishing on May 31, 2017, on Castaic with Larry Kurosaki. The Lake is fishing as well as I have ever seen it. The water level is finally up to about normal with lots of new structure and cover. There are tons of small bass with a few 4 and 5 pounders mixed in, large stripers are showing regularly, and even more than an occasional smallmouth. If you're looking for a local fishery, now is the time! In case you're interested Larry's phone number is (805) 660-1277. Tight lines.

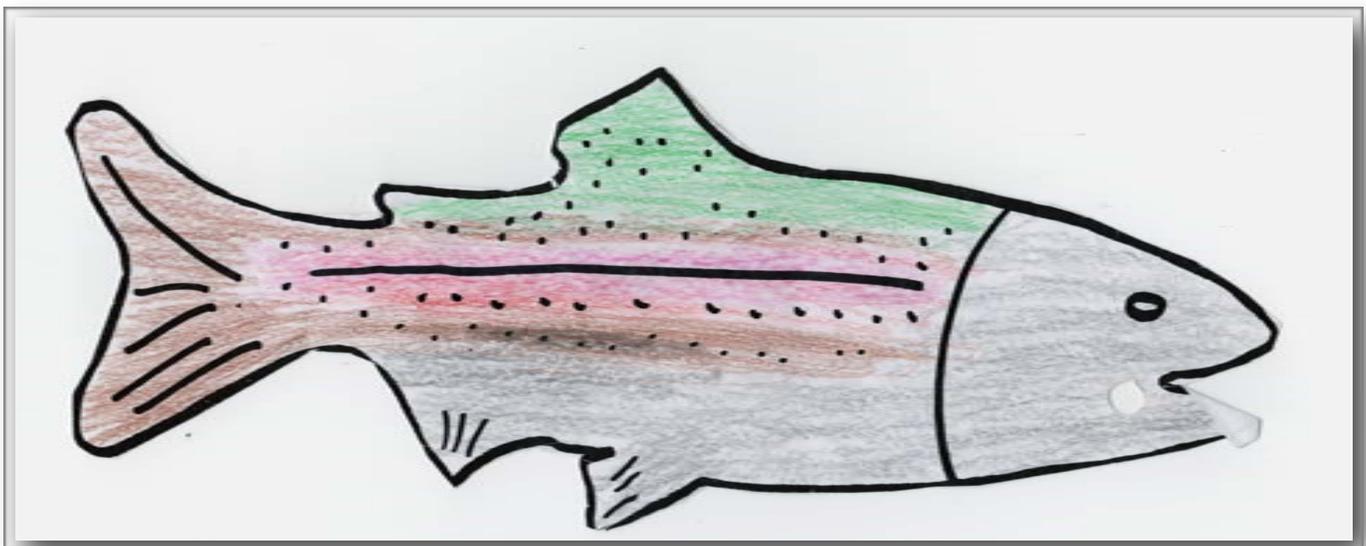
Rich



Rich Peters with a nice striper



Larry Kurosaki with a nice striper



Some Trout in the Classroom artwork



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**Take the California Fishing Passport Challenge
Explore All that California Fishing has to Offer!**

CDFW invites you to take a journey through California in pursuit of unrivaled fishing opportunities. Pack your bags, load up your tackle boxes, grab your favorite rods and reels, and prepare for fishing adventures across California's many lakes, rivers and ocean waters.

The California Fishing Passport Program challenges people to fish their way around the Golden State in search of 150 different finfish and shellfish species. This is a fishing incentive and angler recognition program and like a traveler's passport book, for each successful catch, participants receive special stamps in their books to mark their accomplishments.

Participants should take a photo of each new species caught and fill in the catch report section of the passport book with the date and location where the fish was taken. If no photo is taken, the angler can have a witness certify the authenticity of the catch. Anglers can receive passport stamps for each species they catch and document. To recognize the angler's achievements, the California Fishing Passport Program provides [awards](#) as anglers catch new species and gather more stamps.

Interested in accepting the challenge? California Fishing Passport books are available free of charge to all licensed anglers and children upon request from [CDFW license sales offices](#), [official partners](#) and [authorized stamping agents](#).

In an effort to recruit new anglers to the activity, the California Fishing Passport Program (with help from a federal Sport Fish Restoration Act grant) will hold several family friendly, free fishing workshops this summer.

The workshops will teach participants about many of the saltwater species in the passport book, fishing techniques, ocean conservation and angler ethics. Participants will also get to go fishing on a deep sea fishing boat, along with expert instructors, to apply the techniques learned in the workshops.

More details on the workshops will be available on the [CDFW website](#) by April 1, 2017.

[Take the Challenge >](#)



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Wednesday Fly Fishing for Summer Youth Camp (Run by the Salvation Army) on Malibu Creek
- Presented by Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers (spff.org)

Sierra Pacific FlyFishers is hosting a summer fly fishing experience for the Salvation Army campers along Malibu Creek.

GO TO spff.org , [Events Calendar](#), every Wednesday starting June 21 **AND REGISTER NOW!**

When: Two hours (10:30 am to 12:30 pm) every Wednesday for seven weeks starting June 21st.

Where: Malibu Creek upstream of Tapia Park, just off of Malibu Canyon Road.

Who: Twelve (12) fly fishers will be working each week with 25 Wilderness Campers aged 13-17 years old. Summer of 2017 total will be 175 youth.

What: Two hour program for casting, demonstration fly tying, knots. Most of the time will be spent on the water.

Description: Every year the Salvation Army raises money to bring thousands of inner city children to the Santa Monica Mountains for a week-long nature experience. <http://campmtcragsandgilmore.salvationarmy.org>

This year, in partnership with Mountains Restoration Trust's environmental education program, 175 Wilderness campers will be exposed to the art of fly fishing. If you enjoy teaching youth and give back to the community, then please sign up. Your reward will be engaging the youth of Los Angeles in the outdoors and fly fishing along Malibu Creek. Large mouth bass and carp inhabit the waters, as attested by Frank Jr several weeks ago (see photos). Lunch served at end of session.

Contact Debbie Sharpton at debbie.sharpton@gmail.com if you have any questions. THANK YOU!



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Thank you so much for your support over the past 4 years

It is difficult to put into words how much Casting for Recovery SoCal has meant to me. I have met so many amazing people and gained so many new friends. I learned about this awesome Fly Fishing Community we have in Southern California and know that without this community I could not have accomplished what we all did together for CfR SoCal.

As many of you know, I am moving to Missoula, Montana and will no longer be running CfR SoCal. But do not worry we have Carole Ontiveros and Teresa Adams who will be stepping in to run CfR SoCal. They are both exceptional people and are committed to continuing our work and strengthening the program.

Thank You to everyone that has volunteered and donated to Casting for Recovery Southern California. I admire your dedication to our program. I know you will continue to support the work CfR does in Southern California.

This is bittersweet as I love the CfR SoCal and our SoCal Fly Fishing community but I also know being in Montana has always been my dream.

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So this is not goodbye as I know I will see many of you in Montana. Please stay in touch and come visit. Lots of fly fishing to share.

Fish on and see you on the river,

Bonnie

Announcing the SWCIFFF Riptide Rendezvous!

Calling all fly anglers! On Saturday, October 21, 2017, the SWCIFFF will hold its first annual “Riptide Rendezvous”, a fly-fishing-only surf fishing contest. The event will be held at Rincon Beach Park in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County.

There is no cost to enter the event, which will follow a format similar to Al Quattrocchi’s previous One Surf Fly events. Anglers are restricted to the use of just one fly during the allotted fishing time, and all fish will be measured, photographed, and released. In addition to awards for first, largest and most fish caught, there will be a great raffle of fly-fishing and outdoor gear, with all proceeds benefiting the Southwest Council, International Federation of Fly Fishers and their related outreach programs.

Past surf fly fishing events have been a great place to see old friends, make new friends, and share a tale or two, on top of helping raise money for a worthy cause. Make sure you mark the date on your calendar!

More details to come. We’ll be launching a website and social media page soon with the details as they are announced.

John Loo
Rendezvous Director



Print & Mail Coupons

If you prefer not to use our website, mail in a coupon with your check.



Wilderness Fly Fishers Membership Application

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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Email: _____

Annual Dues:

- \$50 Single - Regular
- \$70 Single - Golden Trout
- \$60 Family - Regular
- \$80 Family - Golden Trout

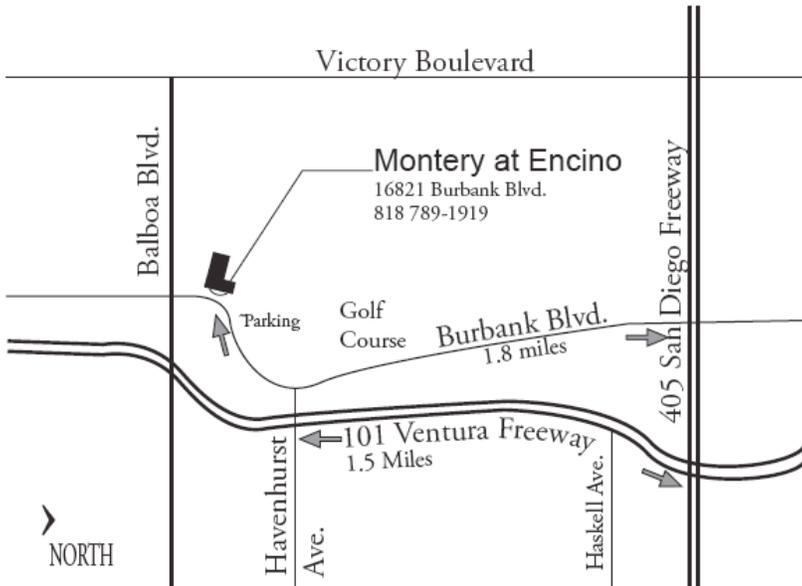
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Make your dinner reservation by emailing the venue at montereyatencino@gmail.com with your name and "SPFF Dinner Reservation" on the Subject line of your email and your entree choice in the body, before the end of business on the Monday preceding the meeting date. The charge for dinner is \$32 or \$5 for non-dining guests, payable at the door by cash or check. If you do not wish to dine, that's fine - there are lots of people to meet and talk with all the time. Raffle tickets will also be available at the door.

Join us online, Visit our website www.wildernessflyfishers.org



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