



## Club Show & Tell Meeting

*By Larry Carroll*

At this month's dinner meeting we will have our traditional "What I Did On My Summer Vacation" program. This is when fellow WFF members show us photos of all the wonderful places they've been, the great people they've met and maybe even some of the terrific fish they caught. Or at least a good story about the one that got away.

We will have a projector, speakers and a laptop. So all you have to do is sort through your digital photos and bring them on a flash drive. But be sure to test your flash drive ahead of time to make sure we will be able to access and advance the photos. Also make sure all of your photos are in the order you want to display them. You may need to rename them with a number in front of the name or just a new number.

We do ask that you keep your show to no longer than 5 minutes so that others can have their opportunity to wow us as well.

To reserve a spot on the program, contact Clay Dodder at 310-315-1800 or [claydodder@verizon.net](mailto:claydodder@verizon.net) and let him know you are ready for unlimited admiration and fame, all due to your talents as a fly fisher and as a presenter. This is always a fun show, in addition to being one that's really informative about terrific places to go on your next fly fishing trip.

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### September 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 19th  
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: \$4.00 underground – Free on the street.

**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: [RESERVE ONLINE](#)  
OR CALL THE HOT LINE 310 280-3459  
OR MAIL IN THE FORM ON PAGE 11**

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## Club Show & Tell

If you are planning to participate,  
check out the  
'Show and Tell: How To' page.



*Rich Peters with a nice striper*



*Rich Peters, with a tarpon*



*Peter Haight w/ a nice Rainbow*



*Kelsey bass caught by Michael Schweit*



*Marcelo Reynoso w/ a nice Rainbow*



## Board of Directors

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## Club Activities & Committees

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	Art Siegel
	Clay Dodder
Conservation Super Raffle	OPEN
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Casting Classes	OPEN
Fly Tying Classes	Peter Haight
Trout in the Classroom	Celia Carroll
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To join WFF, Visit our website

[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 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](#)

Fly Tying

Sat. Sept. 23

## Monthly Raffle Items

## Value

Suspended for the rest of the year.

# Keep WFF Great Again

**Step up now: Wilderness Fly Fishers Needs Board Members and Officers!**

*by Celia Carroll*

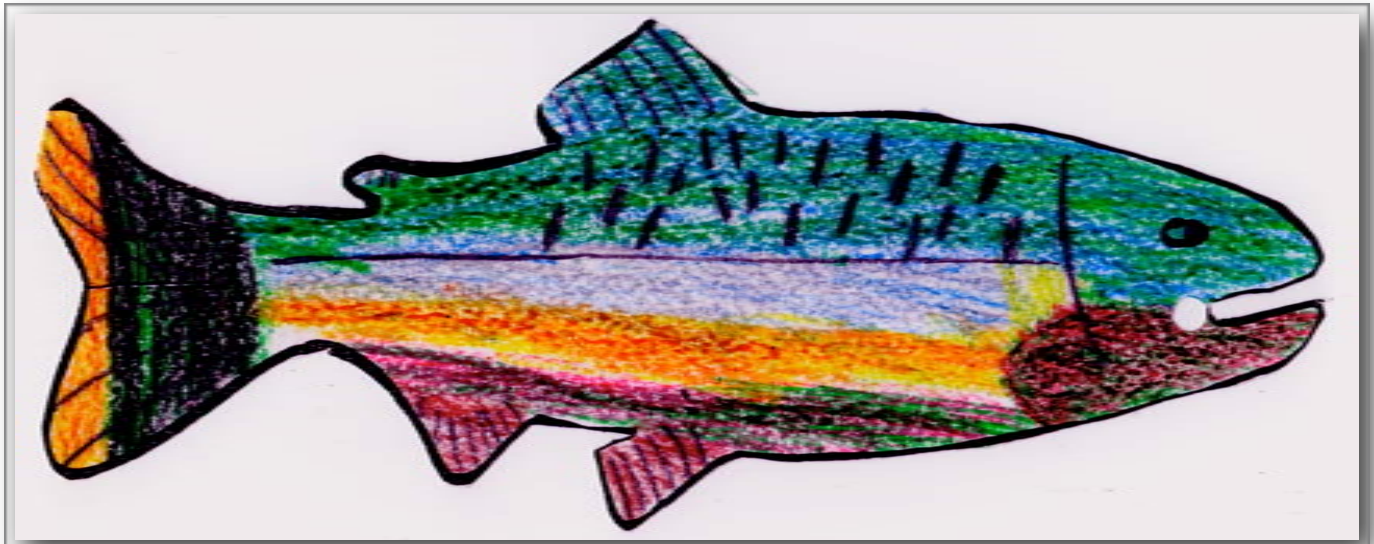
The heart of a healthy organization is the people who make things happen. For Wilderness Fly Fishers it includes conducting meetings, leading the business of the club, working with program presenters, paying bills, producing 'Mending the Line,' managing fundraising efforts, organizing fly fishing outings, promoting the club and attracting new members.

Officer positions are listed in Mending the Line each month. Ideally, each officer serves only a two-year term before handing off the baton to his or her successor.

At this time, we need volunteers for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Southwest Council Representative, Outings Chair, Conservation Chair, and one Treasurer position. Some responsibilities can be shared in the event of scheduling or work conflicts. All terms begin January 2018 and run for two years.

If you enjoy the camaraderie of the Club but would like a more meaningful participation, consider taking on an officer position; you won't regret it. Please consider how you can contribute toward the future of our club and let me know how you are willing to help.

Celia Carroll  
ccarr10186@aol.com.



*Some Trout in the Classroom artwork*



## Member Corner

### *November 3 - 6: Hot Creek Ranch*

Make your reservation ASAP - we only have room for eight anglers!

Although the trip isn't until November, full payment (\$415 per person) is due no later than October 3, 2017. If you pay by check, your reservation is not confirmed until we receive payment. (Please write Hot Creek on the memo line.) Visit the website's Event Calendar for more info about the Hot Creek Outing.



*Rick Radtke & Guide from 2016 Hot Creek trip*

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## *Save the Date*

### **WFF Holiday Party – December 10**

Fellow WFFers - - - mark your calendars now. The annual Wilderness Fly Fishers holiday party is scheduled for Sunday, December 10 at the home of John and Mary Jo Dalton in Santa Monica. This is one event that you don't want to miss. Details to follow in next month's *Mending the Line*.



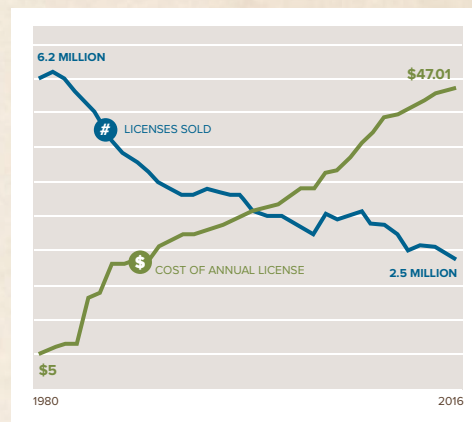
# Notices

## Vote Yes on Senate Bill 187 (Berryhill), Fishing License Reform

**Senate Bill 187, sponsored by the California Sportfishing League, aims to increase fishing participation rates, license sales and state revenue by making annual fishing license sales valid for a full 12-months from the date of purchase.**

Today, California fishing licenses expire on December 31st of every year, regardless of when purchased. This provides anglers little incentive to purchase licenses late in the year. When this calendar-based system is also the costliest in the country, you know why annual fishing license sales have declined over 55% since 1980!

A 12-month license provides anglers greater value which is critical to increasing license sales that fund state conservation and fish stocking programs, and protect recreational fishing's \$4.6 billion annual contribution to outdoor tourism and local jobs.



### Labor, Business, Local Government, Travel Industry & Anglers Support SB 187!

American Sportfishing Association, **CalAsian Chamber of Commerce**, California Aquaculture Association, California Association Boutique & Breakfast Inns, California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains, California Association for Recreational Fishing, California Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds, **California Chamber of Commerce**, **California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**, California Hotel & Lodging Association, California Independent Lodging Association, California Lodging Industry Association, California Parks Company, California Parks Hospitality Association, **California Travel Association**, California Waterfowl Association, California Yacht Brokers Association, CityPASS, Coastal Conservation Association of California, Congressional Sportmen's Foundation, Dogtrekker.com, Fred Hall Show, Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, **International Union of Operating Engineers**, **Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed)**, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Marine Recreation Association, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, Mono County Fisheries Commission, National Federation of Independent Business, **National Marine Manufacturers Association**, Orange County Business Council, Orange County Visitors Association, Oxnard Chamber of Commerce, **Rural County Representatives of California**, Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Regional Chamber, San Diego Tourism Authority, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, San Joaquin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, **San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce**, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, **Service Employees International Union (Local 1000)**, Sportfishing Association of California, Team San Jose, Trout Unlimited, Visit Huntington Beach, Western Outdoor News, Worldwide Boaters Safety Group and Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau.

**Reform California's Antiquated Fishing License System.  
Protect Tourism and Jobs!**

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## Western Native Trout Initiative Adds California Golden Trout to Educational Series

The [Western Native Trout Initiative](#) (WNTI) works to save the iconic native trout of the American West. The group has created a series of four-part courses full of tips and tricks for chasing western native trout. WNTI recently expanded the series to include eight additional species including the [California Golden Trout](#). While some of the trout species cross numerous states, each email-based course focuses on just one state in order to provide specific and helpful information on where and how to fish, and to highlight the state's offerings for fishing for that particular species. As part of each course you will receive one email per week chock full of information for planning your next great adventure. You can pick one series or all of them and get tips and tricks about native trout from New Mexico to Alaska and everything in between. Each adventure is as varied as the trout themselves: Apache trout in Arizona Gila trout in New Mexico Colorado River cutthroat trout in Wyoming Dolly Varden in Alaska California Golden trout in California Coastal cutthroat trout in Oregon Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Idaho Redband trout in Idaho Westslope cutthroat trout in Washington Bonneville cutthroat trout in Utah Lahontan cutthroat trout in Nevada Rio Grande cutthroat trout in Colorado Native trout live in some of the last wild places in North America. Getting there can be an adventure in and of itself. Get outdoors this summer, take your fishing gear and experience these iconic fish and landscapes.

[Start Your Adventure](#) ➤



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## California's Native Trout, Salmon, and Steelhead in Peril

Fish and watershed advocacy group California Trout (CalTrout) and University of California Davis, Center for Watershed Sciences recently released key results from an in-depth report detailing the status of 32 types of salmon, steelhead, and trout that are native to California. The report entitled “State of the Salmonids II: Fish in Hot Water” (SOS II) paints a grim picture of the future of our state's native salmonids: if present trends continue, up to 45 percent of these native species will likely be extinct in 50 years. The study is a completely updated edition of the first version of this report produced in 2008. Due to the drought and the increasing effects of climate change, the scientific findings in SOS II show that conditions are much more dire for our salmonids: 81 percent of these species are worse off today than they were less than a decade ago.

The report includes an analysis of key threats to the survival of each species, starting with the overarching threat of climate change, which is likely to reduce the availability of cold water habitat that salmon, steelhead, and trout all depend on for survival. It also highlights various human-induced threats such as dams, agriculture, estuary alteration, urbanization, and transportation.

The loss of these iconic fish would be an epic tragedy. Native to California and uniquely adapted to our diverse landscape, they are more than just resident fish. By flourishing they signify that California's legacy of cold, clean water has been preserved, an asset as vital to our state as epic coastlines, magnificent Sierra Nevada range, towering redwoods and beautiful deserts.

The SOS II report not only tells the story of the fish. Its findings lay out a clear set of actions and a path forward. To reverse the trend toward extinction, the report suggests prioritizing protection and restoration efforts in three general areas:

1. **Protecting the most productive river ecosystems** remaining in California, such as the Smith and Eel Rivers, must be a priority. These strongholds, among others, have the capacity to support diversity and abundance because they retain high quality habitat and are not heavily influenced by hatcheries, supporting the persistence of wild fish.
2. Increasing **focus on source waters will keep more water in streams** and reduce stress on fish during drought, buffering the effects of climate change. Sierra meadow restoration, springs protection, and progressive groundwater management all contribute to this effort.
3. **Restoring function** to once productive – but now highly altered – habitats can greatly improve rearing conditions for juvenile fish, especially floodplains, coastal lagoons, estuaries, and spring-fed rivers.

CalTrout has devised an action plan to return our rivers and salmon, steelhead, and trout back to resilience, and it starts with implementing on-the-ground conservation projects in key geographical areas where wild fish influence the community. CalTrout is leading projects such as:

- **Barrier removal from Eel River** tributaries, opening up miles of quality habitat for steelhead and salmon.
- **Working with ranchers in Shasta and Scott Rivers** to improving irrigation methods and leave more cold water instream for endangered salmon.
- Advocating for water infrastructure investments in the Central Valley to improve floodplain management for fish and people.
- Reconnecting fragmented habitat in Orange and Ventura counties **benefiting endangered Southern steelhead**.

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- Meadow restoration in the Sierra Nevada to improve snowmelt holding capacity, **improving habitat for fish such as the California Golden trout.**

These projects will take years. CalTrout is in it for long haul, ready to scale up and do more. The science-based SOS II report is clear: If we don't act, we risk losing our native fish species to extinction.

Fly club members can take action to support these efforts. Consider becoming a CalTrout donor and contribute to their mission ensuring resilient wild fish in healthy waters for a better California.

Our fisheries face mounting threats, and it is up to each of us as Californians and fly fishers to stay informed and support efforts to protect the species we love to pursue in California.

A special offer is available for California fly club members to join CalTrout. With a gift of \$35, you will receive a California native salmonids poster featuring illustrations by Paul Waters. With a gift of \$50, you will receive the glossy printed *SOS II: Fish in Hot Water* report with detailed species accounts for all 32 California native salmon, steelhead, and trout.



## 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**

# Notices



The Pasadena Casting Club has generously sponsored an Intermediate Casting Clinic at the PCC clubhouse and pond this coming November that will be open to enrollment from all South West Council FFI club members. Enrollment is limited to forty of which twenty are reserved to the PCC.

The clinic starts with the question “What does it mean to be an intermediate caster?”. The answer, in a word, is “control”. This clinic will first explore how to add control to your casting in terms of loop shape, distance, plane and angle. Secondly, these principles and skills will be applied to a series of fishing presentation casts.

Qualified students will be able to false cast thirty feet with a three-foot-wide loop with roughly parallel legs.

An A Team of casting instructors is being assembled including veteran FFI Certified Casting Instructors and Master Casting Instructors as well as an ACA National Tournament champion.

Scheduled for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to Noon.

Cost: \$50.00

Registration and payment: Pasadena Casting Club [website](#)

Contact: C. Eric Callow, [ecallow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ecallow@sbcglobal.net), (818) 219-2276



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### Annual Dues:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation

\_\_\_\_\_ 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**  
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# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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10	11	12 WFF Board Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 WFF Monthly Meeting Members "Show & Tell"	20 WFF Deadline for Newsletter Articles	21	22	23 WFF Fly Tying
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