



“Ghost of the Coast” Sightfishing for Corbina

with Glenn Ueda

In July we welcome a newcomer to the 7-Club speaking circuit with an exciting and very timely program. Holder of multiple IGFA world records, please join guide / instructor Glenn Ueda for an informative seminar on sightfishing for the coveted California Corbina in our local Southern California surf. Learn the basics including seasonal patterns, food sources, tidal cycles, structure recognition and approach, balanced rods, reels and tackle, proper leader construction, and effective fly patterns. If you are already an avid bonefish or carp fisherman, or simply looking to try the wonderful world of surf fly fishing, this is for you! If not, there is no better time to get in on the summer action – the season is now.



Glenn Ueda

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July 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 17th [Joint Meeting with SPFF](#)
 Wet Flies: 6:00 PM / Dinner: 7:00 PM / Program: 8:00 PM
 Place: [St. Augustine By-the-Sea Episcopal Church](#)
[1227 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401](#)
 Cost: **\$30** per person with dinner or **\$10** per person program only
 Parking: [City parking structure across the street](#) is most convenient.
 Posted rates first 90 min. free, \$2 first add. ½ hour, \$1.50 -
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[1234 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401](#)

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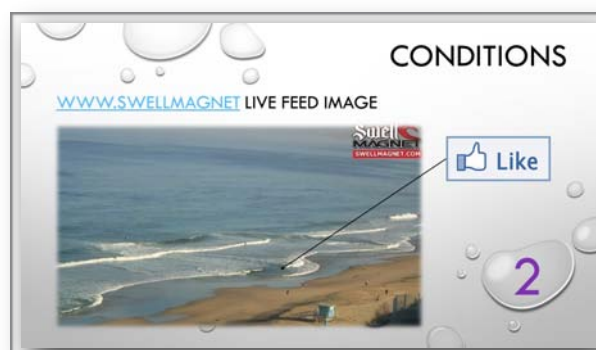
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Glenn's Biography

With pajamas doused by foamy surf, I began my fishing career at age 5. Saturday was always for fixing cars to make ends meet but come Sunday we were hurling pyramid sinkers for barred perch off the many beaches throughout Southern California. We would catch our sand crabs below the old Redondo Beach pier and I can remember for my first contact with an especially large silvery fish. I yelled to my dad and all he could do was shake his head and murmur, “Oh, those are corbina.” At the time I did not understand the level of impact that these formative experiences would have almost five decades later. Years later and still relegated to spin fishing, I remember reading a fly fishing article in Sports Afield and soon found a burning need to explore the wonderful world of fly fishing. I even joined the dollar book club and bought “Trout Fishing” by Joe Brooks. Noting my extreme interest, my father obtained a fly rod and reel from one of his customers that just happened to work for Daiwa. I was in luck! The planets really began to align as a relative of a close family friend was none other than the president of the Long Beach Casting Club. I can still remember Mister Nakasuji picking me up at our home in Gardena on Tuesdays so that I might learn how to cast in that still beautiful pond. I have to say, even at age 10, my roll cast wasn't all that bad! Initiated, I would spend hours at Alondra Park flogging the water but still catching bluegill, bass and crappie, and I would again peek into the future as these monstrous carp cruised nearshore. Now licensed, my friends I would venture up to the West Fork of the San Gabriel River and marvel at the beauty of these delightful natives. Saltwater still running through veins, my interest would shift almost entirely to larger game such as King Harbor bonito and yellowtail, and occasionally I would take one on my trusty Fenwick Fenglass 108-9 that I hand built in high school. I still have that rod and it still works great! With an affinity towards the creative, I was soon commissioned by my dentist to custom wrap a complete set of Fenwick HMG fly rods!

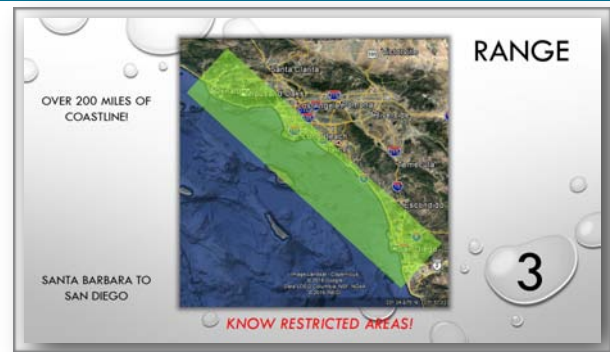


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Following high school, I wallowed at the local junior college until I enrolled in my first architecture class and it was then that I found something that moved my head and more importantly my heart. I then went on to Cal Poly Pomona where I obtained my Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1984. During those years, I rarely fished but made up for it during the summer on days when I wasn't working shifts at Art's Fishing Tackle and 22nd Street Landing. Upon graduation, I began a satisfying thirty-two year career with WLC Architects, a nationally recognized firm specializing in educational facilities. I was the twelfth person hired. Upon my retirement as a partner in 2014, our firm had grown from a single office to five statewide with over one hundred employees. I miss my second family and seeing the positive impact our facilities had on thousands of students throughout California.

I spent the better part of my 30's and 40's riding the San Diego-based long range boats where ten to sixteen day trips were the norm venturing deep into Baja Mexico for giant yellowfin tuna, speedy wahoo, colorful dorado and hard-pulling yellowtail. Though extremely fun, and with numerous two-hundred plus pound tuna landed on conventional gear, the trips however became almost routine. It was then that I sought something different. In 2007, my wife and I experienced Belize and our lives were changed forever. We stayed at El Pescador Lodge, caught tons of bonefish, and even visited Mayan ruins!

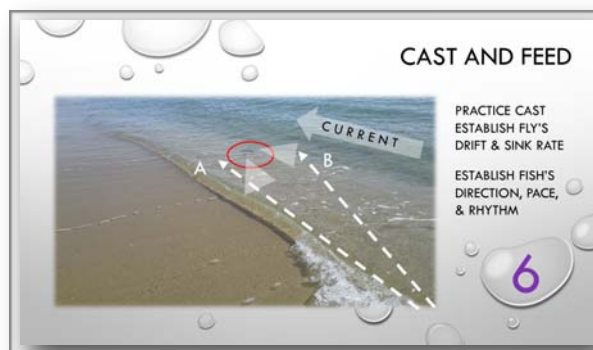
Since that first trip, I have had the good fortune of experiencing unbelievable fly fishing in some amazing places. They include domestic and international destinations; huge peacock bass in the Brazilian Amazon, giant trevally and triggerfish on Christmas Island, tailing bonefish in ankle-deep water on Andros Island in the Bahamas, insane



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tarpon and fussy permit in Belize, surfside snook on Sanibel island Florida, massive redfish in Louisiana, double-digit bonefish on Oahu, amazing smallmouth bass in Montana, huge mirror carp at world-famous Blackfoot Reservoir in Idaho, and of course, our own waters here in California. For 2018, I hope to add to the one hundred eight species landed thus far. As much as I enjoy travelling to out-of-state waters, most of my 200+ annual fishing days since retirement are spent pursuing our local species. I enjoy a variety of species including bonito and yellowtail at Catalina Island, coastal nighttime calico bass, carp in our local drainages, and of course, the coveted California Corbina. Enamored, I have obtained three IGFA world records for the aforementioned species. Such a worthy species, they exhibit many of the qualities that I enjoy most; extremely hard to entice, can be sightfished in very shallow water, readily available, and once hooked, fight well. Between trips, I enjoy fly tying and designed the Loco Moco, a versatile carp fly that has been used effectively throughout the United States as well in places as far away as Spain and Japan.

Coming full circle, I now enjoy sharing my passion for fly fishing by conducting store and club seminars throughout Southern California. A budding writer, I had my first article ‘Ghost of the Coast’ recently published in California Fly Fisher. With numerous inquiries and always seeking new challenges, I launched “So Cal Flats Fishing Guide Service” in the spring of 2017. A resounding success, I learned as much about myself as my clients did about corbina. My mission is to have those that I guide learn not only the finer points of pursuing corbina but to also raise their awareness of access to public waters, many of which are walking distance from our home in Huntington Beach. My wife Mona along with our two dogs Kai and Mac have lived in “HB” since 2015.



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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](#)

WFF Fly Tying

Sat. July 28

Green River Utah with Gordon Tharrett

By Rich Peters

The Green River tailwater below Flaming Gorge Dam in northern Utah has long been a favorite destination among Wilderness Fly Fishers and I am no exception. So when we were fortunate enough to win a high priority draw during the holiday raffle we wasted little time selecting guide Gordon Tharrett's generous donation of a 2-for-1 guide trip during the 2018 season. Since this destination has been written about previously (several times) I will try to focus on a few things that distinguished our visit from those of other WFF members.

First, we visited during a time of year when the River was amazingly uncrowded – mid-May. Although fishing can be outstanding right on through the entire summer and fall, the river, especially "A"-Section (the 7-mile stretch immediately below the Dam) does get very crowded not only with fishermen but also recreational rafters in all variety of watercraft. In April there is a daily floatilla of drift boats fishing the famous Baetis hatch and beginning in June fly fishers start focusing on cicadas, Mormon crickets and lots of other terrestrials. So, we were somewhat caught in between hatches, which, as it turned out, was not a problem fishing wise and a fair tradeoff for the lack of hordes of other anglers. And saying that we were there "between hatches" is a bit of a misnomer. While the peak Baetis hatch had passed several weeks earlier, there were still periodic hatches of Baetis mayflies, along with the very reliable daily midge hatch. Indeed our largest fish of the trip was a lovely 17" rainbow caught walk-and-wade fishing above Little Hole on an adult Baetis imitation.



Rich with a nice Green River brown



Sue with a nice brown of her own

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Water releases from Flaming Gorge Dam will often dictate where and when the fishing will be best on any given day. An early morning release will generally flush moss and other debris into the flow starting in A-Section and gradually working its way down to B-Section. Fortunately Gordon carefully watches the water managers' expected flow releases for each day. In our case we were scheduled to float A-Section on day one when my phone rang on the preceding evening. Gordon gave us a choice to stick with A-Section and take our chances, or begin by floating B-Section starting seven miles downstream from the dam before the higher water releases would catch up with us. We did B-Section our first day following Gordon's suggestion and his advice was right on the money. Before we even left the vicinity of the put-in at Little Hole, Sue had boated four nice rainbows. That was a great start to a thoroughly enjoyable day on B-Section.

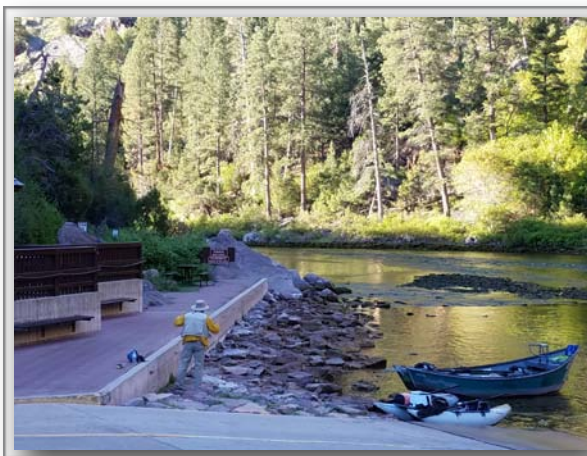
The next day, we did indeed fish A-Section (how could you not?) but got a very early start around 7:00 a.m. before the water releases began. We were the only boat at the put-in along with one local fisherman in a single person pontoon. There were lots of midges already in the air and on the water surface and it wasn't long before we started catching fish. I saw no sign of cicadas and was surprised when Gordon suggested switching to cicada patterns with and without a dropper. I was even more surprised when a few minutes later we had our first hook-up of a 16-inch brown that was holding within one foot of the bank and cleared the water to gobble the dry fly. Gordon's explanation – even though it was early season, there may have been a few cicadas that we didn't see, but more importantly the fish are simply "expecting" these big bugs to be on the water this time of year. This was totally unexpected and good advice as we spent the rest of the day hooking rainbows, browns and cuttbows on the surface, during a non-hatch period, with large cicada patterns that were easy to see for both Sue and myself.



Gordon Tharrett and Rich beaded down section B



Nice trout



7:00 a.m. preparing to launch at the A section

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For our accommodations, again on Gordon's recommendation, we chose the Alpine Cabins at Red Canyon Lodge. This turned out to be a great choice. The cabins are large with spacious bedrooms, and are newly renovated. They are equipped with microwaves and small refrigerators (sorry, no TVs) but no cooktops. Although the Lodge is located about 20 minutes from the river (there are closer accommodations at Dutch John), we were very pleased with the comfortable cabins, the beautiful grounds surrounding the Lodge, and a very decent small restaurant (no breakfasts were served, however). And, at the risk of letting the cat out of the bag, the Lodge also has its own private lake that just happens to be full of rainbows and tiger trout of very large proportions. In the evenings as we were walking to the Lodge for dinner, the surface of the lake was dotted with rising fish. You needn't ask - off course we tried it, just as a warm-up naturally. Sue caught one smallish 15-inch rainbow on a streamer before it was time for dinner. About a half mile or so beyond the Lodge the road ends at Red Canyon overlook. The scene here will absolutely take your breath away – sheer red vertical cliffs straight down to an arm of Flaming Gorge reservoir 1700 feet below and separated only by a low chain link fence.



Nice Green River trout



Sue with Red Canyon Lodge private lake rainbow



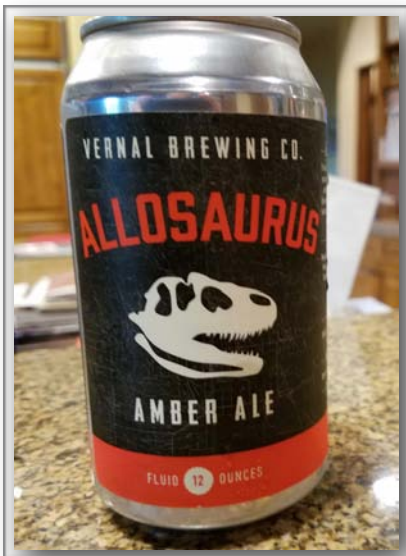
Sue on the trail above Little Hole



Lunch stop on B - Section

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In closing, I also want to give a shout-out to our guide, Gordon Tharrett. Gordon spends his winters in upstate New York not far from the Canadian border, and has been guiding on the Green for over 28 years. He has also fished all over the world. He is a gentleman, smart, articulate, knowledgeable, direct without being offensive, and patient. Sue felt that she learned more from Gordon in two days on the River than from all of our other guides combined. I especially appreciated Gordon's personal touch on everything from fly patterns, to nymphing techniques, to the lunches he prepared for us on the river (smoked chicken Caesar wraps made with fresh ingredients while on shore that he had prepared himself). There are a number of excellent guides on the Green River but none better than Gordon Tharrett. I would highly recommend giving Gordon a call before your next visit to the Green River. You will end up learning a lot about the history and geology of the Green River, and probably catching all the fish you want during a supposed non-hatch period. [Gordon's contact information is: www.ontheflyutah.com; (801) 541-4113; ontheflyutah@aol.com].



Local Brew from nearby Vernal, Utah (Dinosaur country)



Beautiful scene for lunch on section A



Typical run on section A



WFF Member Corner



Clay Dodder fishing off of the boat docks while working on Father's Day at Lake Piru



Notices



The poster features a green background with a blue border. At the top, the text "SOUTHWEST COUNCIL" is written in white. Below this, a large banner with a red and orange fish pattern contains the year "2018" in white and the words "FLY FISHING FAIRE" in red. To the right of the banner, the text "Glendale Civic Auditorium" is written in white. Below the banner, a white box contains a globe icon and the text "FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council". To the right of this box, the dates "October 20-21" are written in white. At the bottom, the text "FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL" is written in white.

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL

2018

FLY FISHING FAIRE

Glendale Civic Auditorium

October 20-21

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Save the date and the SWC FFI is looking for volunteers to work the fair. For more info click above.



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Tuesday, June 5, 2018
9:00 a.m. MDT**

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Names _____

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July 2018

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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