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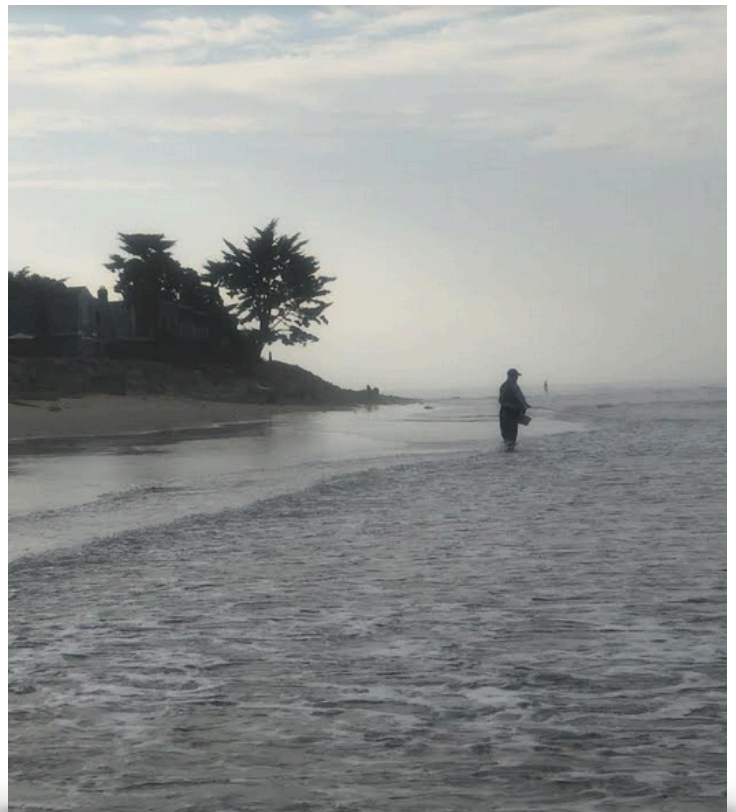
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CASTING CLUB
FLYFISHING



Casting Times

Calendar of Events

Watch for email announcements, and also visit the club website for activities that are underway and being planned.





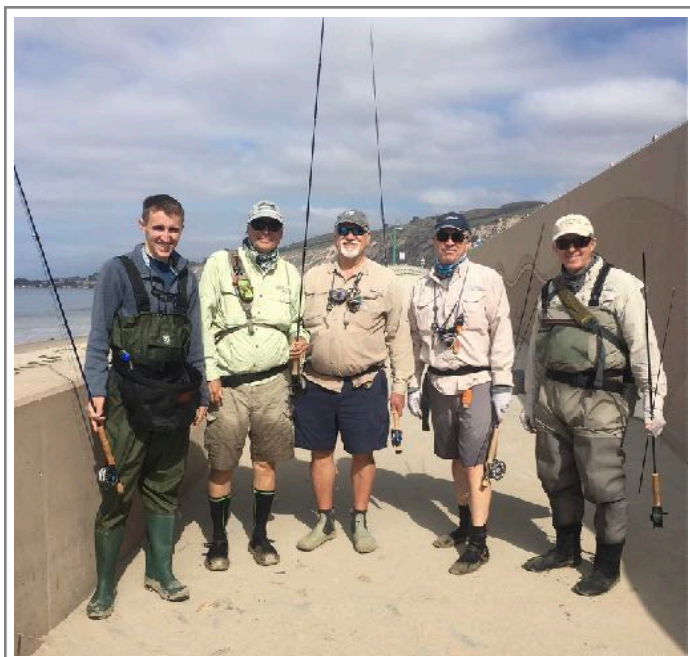
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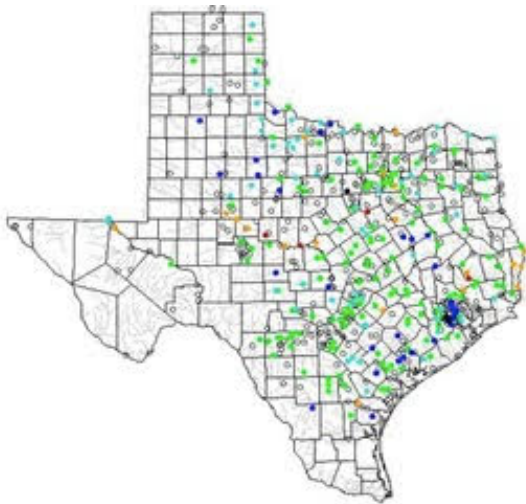
The Riffle

by Dick Harris

Everything's Bigger in Texas!

My wife, Paulette, and I, followed our son, Matt, from Cape Cod to Santa Clarita 15 years ago where we've made our home and found a great fly fishing club. Now, my prodigal son and family, finding more fertile business opportunities this summer, have relocated to a beautiful little Texas town called Flower Mound north of Dallas. Yes, now we plan to follow him again —

this time to the Lone Star State. It's all about family as we all know. But from the all-important 'angling side of my life,' this has implications.



The second largest state after California and taking up most of the south central part of the country, Texas is dotted with warm water lakes, ranch ponds, small streams and big rivers. Texas does have a lot of water as seen on the left.

Wikipedia tells us there are 205 bodies of water in the state. And, of course, many of these are large because . . . everything's bigger in Texas.

Raised in Eastern Massachusetts, I'm used to warm water fishing. Here in the Valley these past years, dabbling my 3-wgt rod into pocket water and small pools of Piru and Cottonwood Creeks for those wonderful 6-inch rainbows, I will now need to up my





game. I spoke with someone on the phone from the Dallas fly fishing club who warned me that, "The largemouth bass down here get reaaaaaaly big." Going to have dust off my 8-wgt Sage when I make it down to the Lone Star State.

And, below-average-fly-tier that I am, I finally mastered assembling a few midge and nymph patterns that I love to fish with. Alas, now with the pending journey east, I will need to move into the world of woolley buggers and big poppers to attract those promised bass. Again, as they say, "Flies always need to be bigger in . . ."

Wanting to do my due diligence and necessary research, I have reached out to the local club, Dallas Fly Fishers. They sport a membership roughly the size of the population of Rhode Island. But like all angling clubs and member fly fishers, they look to be a great group and have invited me to an outing in December. Will report back.



So . . . everything may be bigger in Texas, but in my experience with this club, it always comes down to the little things that

make a good club great. The one-on-one friendships, the time spent with a new member new to the sport, the reaching out to a member who can use some help. The SCCC may be small in number, but big in spirit.

Membership Matters

by Bill Creitz

“When I am tempted to give too much credence to what the news cycles pump out, I remind myself of the quote by President Abraham Lincoln: *‘Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.’* It really is a conscious decision—one that you have to make each and every day.”

While planning my annual fall Oregon steelhead fishing trip, I began to think about all that has happened in the last 11 months since my last trip to the Rogue River: the COVID-19 menace has increasingly dominated the world’s conversation; economic challenges have taken an enormous toll on every nation; elections (what can be said about our elections that hasn’t already been said?); recalls of politicians; caravans of friends and family moving out-of-state; fishing in the southwest that has been less than noteworthy, compliments of the drought, etc.—it can get a little overwhelming. As a consequence, hope, expectancy, peace, and optimism are sometimes in short supply.

Through it all, however, there remains friendship, camaraderie, concern for others’ welfare, being, selflessness, kindness, and generosity. When I am tempted to give too much credence to what the news

cycles pump out, I remind myself of the quote by President Abraham Lincoln: “Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.” It really is a conscious decision—one that you have to make each and every day. And good friends can help you find balance and your happy spot.

Another way to stay balanced is to make an intentional decision to be positive and thankful for each day. That is made easier when you know that you are surrounded by helpful and encouraging family and friends—many of whom are right here in the Santa Clarita Casting Club. A man named Earl Shoaff once said, “Never underestimate the power of influence.” As such, it is vital to remember that, “You are who you associate with.” Carefully and consciously determining who you associate with is pivotal when it comes to cultivating optimism and a right perspective on life and the myriad issues we face on a daily basis.

The first thing I try to do each morning when I wake up is to adopt an attitude of gratitude and to consider the following four things that I learned from Dr. David Hegg, a local pastor:

- Know that each day is unique ("Yesterday is a canceled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is cash, so spend it wisely," someone once said)
- Consider that we don't know how many more days we'll have ("Each day presents one more chance to leave a useful and significant mark on the world.") Dr. Hegg—I would add that it's one more day to go fishing)
- Love what you get to do each day ("There are two kinds of people: those who get up looking to get something from the day, and those who get up looking to offer something to others through their lives.") Dr. Hegg
- Remember that there is nothing more satisfying than playing a significant part in making the lives of those around you a little better. "Sooner or later we learn that the best things in life aren't things; the best things in life are people." Dr. Hegg

The members of the Santa Clarita Casting Club exemplify the traits I mentioned above.

There is no limit to the consideration shown by and generosity of our membership. As a case in point, one of our members recently went through a fairly common surgery, but one that, nonetheless, requires a moderate

amount of rest and recuperation time. To that end, several members, when the word went out, immediately volunteered to take this person to the hospital, pick him up, take him to follow-up doctor appointments, call to check in, provide meals, and generally give him a hard time about being too feisty to stay in bed long enough to heal. That's simply what friends do. It's about who we associate with; it's also about "benefitting by association."

It's those kinds of characteristics that shine through even the murkiest of days and the foggiest of nights of despair that we all too often experience when dealing with life's ups and downs. I like what one author said about how we affect others: "People forget what you said; people forget what you did; but they never forget how you made them feel."

For those reasons and others, I am thankful for the great members we have in the Santa Clarita Casting Club. Whereas fishing is what we are about, friendships are what we cultivate, what we benefit from, what we leave as a lasting legacy.

Oh, about that steelhead trip. Come to find out, the Rogue River is predicted to be a bit low for the fall spawning runs, so March may be the best time to go. But be assured, I will have photos (hopefully) and a favorable fishing report for you in an upcoming Membership Matters column.



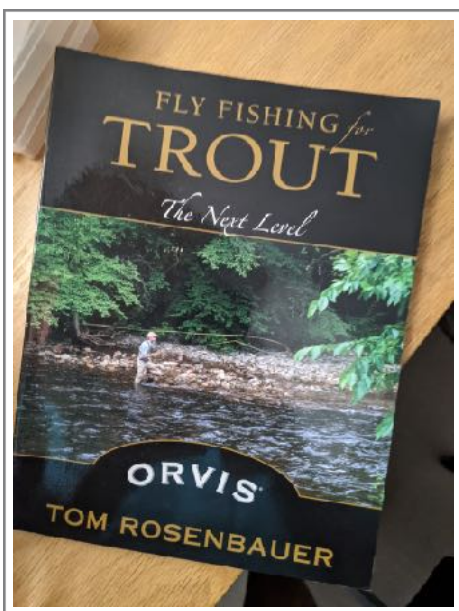


Ed. Note:

Many thanks to Jon Simle for sending along Club information and the photos!

Here are a few photos for the newsletter. Ray has brought donated flies for SCCC. We are selling them ten dollars for 12 flies. (This is a great opportunity to fill your fly boxes with quality flies at a bargain price!)

Post 395 is moving ahead with our first meeting to call on future Explores to join Post 395 next month.



We just finished reading the Tom Rosenbauer book, **Fly Fishing for Trout**, in our SCCC book club. We're always looking for more members to join us. Contact Bill Creitz if you're interested in Zooming along.

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There have been a few of us venturing into the surf lately. Surf fishing has not been as good as other years. This photo is from before covid.



Coming Soon!

We will be starting a “Lend to Buy” rod program from the Fisherman's Spot. I will bring used rods from the store for club members to try out. Most of these rods will be priced way below their original value.



Connie Bullock
Membership Chair

There are several upcoming events to be aware of. For details, please check the SCCC website at www.scflyfishing.org and go to the calendar section.

9/25 – Celine’s Fly Gal Weekend sponsored by Southern Sierra Fly Fishers in Kernville

9/29 – Fly Tying with Steve Fernandez sponsored by Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers

10/5 – Book Reading Group with Bill Creitz reading John Parmenter Dana Fork Revisited first 8 chapters

10/6 – Fly Tying at Jamie Barber’s house with Jon Simle

10/16 - SWC Quarterly Meeting and all are invited. Location TBD

10/17 – Casting Training Session with Jody Martin at Valencia Meadows Park

10/19 - Book Reading Group with Bill Creitz reading John Parmenter Dana Fork Revisited finish last 7 chapters

11/5 – Fly Fishers International Virtual Expo goes through 11/7. It has Workshops, Seminars, Auctions, and Raffles, so check it out. <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo>

11/13 – SWC Fly Buy held at the Long Beach Casting Club from 9:00 – 4:00, you don’t want to miss this one.

Connie Bullock

Membership Chair/SWC

Club Representative



FALL 2021 FLYBUY

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2021
9:00AM – 5:00PM
LONG BEACH, CA**

WANT TO CATCH
SOME NEW SPECIES?

**CHANNEL ISLAND
FLY FISHING EVENTS!**

DATES - August 31 (Tues) and October 30 (Sat)
Anglers - Trip is limited to six (6) anglers and the host
Cost is **\$250.00** per person
Contact - Michael Schweit (818-601-9702)

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Southwest Council Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

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FALL QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 2021
7-9 pm Via ZOOM

FALL QUARTERLY / GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2021
10 am-12:30 pm via ZOOM

REPORTS DUE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 2021

Southwest Council Update

BISHOP, CALIFORNIA



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BISHOP Trout Rodeo

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council

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1st Vice President: Jamie Barber

2nd Vice President: John Malerba

Treasurer: Jill Field-Duerr

Correspondence: Bill Creitz

Membership: Connie Bullock

Senior Director: Jon Simle

Financial: Aran Dokovna

Senior Consultant: Ray Bianco

Club Committees

Casting Clinic: Paul Riegert & Ray Bianco

Communications: Connie Bullock

Conservation: [Open](#)

Social Media: John Parmenter

Fly Tying: Rotating Members

Fund Raising: [Open](#)

Rod Building: [Open](#)

Newsletter Editor: John Parmenter

Raffles/Merchandise: [Open](#)

Trip Organizer: [Open](#)

Club Roster: Connie Bullock

SWCFFF Rep: Connie Bullock

Website Admin.: Jason Pai

Our Value Promise

To bring together people of all ages who share a passion to develop their knowledge and skills in the wonderful sport of fly fishing, through education, conservation, and fishing events, while serving as a proud steward of our community, our local waters and wildlife areas.