



NEWSLETTER

May 2023

(Vice) PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Tom Battle

Note: Tom is sending this month's newsletter, as PFF President Allen Cary is traveling.

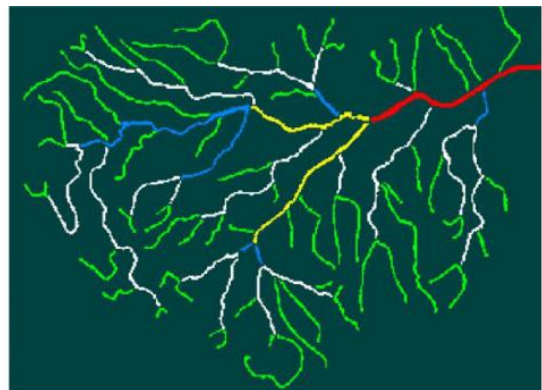
"Many Rivers Flow to the Sea"

While watching the final series of *Star Trek: Picard* a few weeks ago, that phrase from their script stuck in my head. At first I wasn't quite sure of the meaning, but for some reason it seemed worth noting. After more thought and a bit of digging, at least one meaning emerged: Just as many rivers flow to the sea, fly fishing has a way of connecting people from all over the world.

A small number of us have recently been working to move the PFF website to a new service provider. In doing so, we've been looking at websites of other clubs in northern California, and it has been remarkable how similar they are and how much we think alike! We all value the beauty of the outdoors, the water, the fish & wildlife. We learn from those who guide on the same waters, who tie realistic fly patterns, and who teach us to build a rod even though we already have too many. We enjoy the camaraderie of meeting others who share our values, as well as an occasional beer.

In these times when our environment seems threatened, and the grayness of our hair seems to increase with each meeting, one might feel our sport is slipping toward a bygone era. But I have confidence that these values are shared far too widely and commonly to disappear. As dams are removed, water flow & quality restored, and salmon runs returned we'll see growing curiosity from young men & women who set aside their game consoles long enough to marvel at what's in front of them. Each one shares with us these same human values, even if they don't realize it yet.

Our flyfishing instruction at Hillview Middle School is underway, and classes are starting small. Perhaps the topic isn't cool enough to attract everyone at first. But let's see what happens as these kids begin describing what they've learned and experienced to their friends. They are to discover that flyfishing isn't about taking away from the environment; rather, it's about restoring and nurturing for their future.





Hillview Middle School Program

CASTERS & FLY TYERS NEEDED!

We're looking for PFFC volunteers to help with the Hillview Middle School Intro to Fly Fishing after school course. We need volunteers with some basic casting and fly tying knowledge, specifically for the following dates from 2:30pm-4pm:

Weds, May 10 - Intro Casting Lesson (2-3 members)

Weds, May 31 - Fly Tying Basics (2-3 members)

Ron Beltramo and Chip Blundell will be organizing and leading the lesson, they just need additional members for hands-on assistance.

Contact Info:

Chip (650) 218-5414

Chipblundel@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed for VP and Director Positions

In last month's newsletter, Allen Cary made a club-wide call for volunteers to help lead PFF. Specifically, we seek to fill the Vice President and perhaps some Director positions. While some members have expressed curiosity, we're still waiting for that firm commitment.

There are time constraints at work here, as well. The process calls for the Board of Directors to vote in May on the makeup of our Board for the coming year. Then in June, the vote extends to the entire membership. Finally, we hold our Installment Dinner for the new Board in July.

The Board has also discussed the role of VP and Directors moving forward. We would like to increase the delegation of responsibilities within the Board, to make it less of a review-and-approve body. In doing so, some responsibilities could be shared through small Director-led groups. We think this will energize the Directorships, while making the VP and President's roles less encompassing. In turn, Directors would be encouraged to broadly include members of the club. Examples of these new responsibilities might include:

Invited Speaker Selection

Workshop Planning

Hospitality Planning

Instruction & Training

Conservation Initiatives

We already have "chairman" roles for Hospitality, Fishouts, Conservation, Trout in the Classroom, Fly Tying, and Casting. Some of these roles could potentially be elevated or consolidated as appropriate. **Allen Cary and Tom Battle would appreciate hearing thoughts from our members on this topic.**

And again, please consider raising your hand as a candidate to our Board for Director or VP!

JULY INSTALLATION DINNER AND PARTNER MERCHANDISE AUCTION

Please block your calendars for July 15, 2023 for our annual July Installation Dinner. Among the festivities will be our open auction, in which attending members may bid on popular gear and merchandise from the industry's leading manufacturers!

The list of participating gear manufacturers is below so if there's a new rod, reel, pair of waders or fly line system you're thinking of buying, now is your chance!



Additionally, we have expanded the program from not only the partners participating in the Fly Fishers International (FFI) incentive program, but also the popular gear manufacturers from Far Bank Enterprises (Sage, Redington and Rio) and lastly from Simms Fishing.

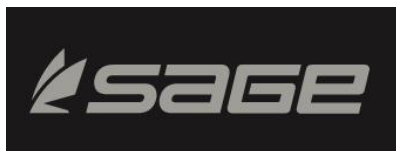
Below are participating manufacturers and links to their sites. Please review in detail the instructions below before you request any merchandise!

Fly Fishers International (FFI) Partners

(click any logo to the right to go to the FFI site for more information)



Far Bank Enterprises (click logo below for manufacturer's site): Note that the minimum retail price of the product must be \$150, so for Rio Fly Lines, it could be one of their spey fly line Versatip systems.



Simms Fishing



The way it works:

1. Go to any of the qualifying manufacturers' sites (see list and links below) and identify the specific item(s) in which you're interested in bidding. The minimum retail price of any item must be \$150. Also, you must be willing to commit to a minimum bid of 80% of the MSRP of that item including tax.



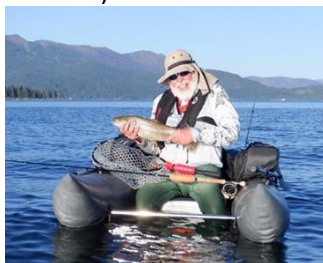
2. Send your desired merchandise, including specifics like rod or reel line weight or length, or wader model, to PFF President Allen Cary (president@peninsulaflyfishers.org) no later than **Friday May 12**.
3. PFF will inquire with the manufacturer on the specific merchandise availability. We will also determine if it's a popular enough item that will attract multiple bidders. (Sorry, you can't order some esoteric equipment that only you want to buy!) If we have any questions or the product is not available, we will get back to you.
4. PFF will purchase the item and you and other Installation Dinner attendees can bid for the item, as long as the bid meets the minimum bid amount. (But of course, depending on demand, it could go higher.)
5. Bottom line – you have a chance to purchase brand-new fly-fishing gear that you want at a discount and help raise funds for PFF at the same time! Talk about a WIN WIN!

MEETING AND FISHOUT CALENDAR

Note that [plenty of space remains](#) for the shad fishouts on the American River, both for May and June. And again, reserve July 15 on your calendars for the PFF Installation Dinner & Auction.

	WORKSHOP – 1 ST THUR	GEN MTG – 3 RD THURS	FISHOUTS/OTHER
May	May 4 - Sean Cochran update on Pescadero Creek	May 18—Paul Wilson— Euro Nymphing	May 19 - Shad on American, Swinging
June	June 1 - Fly tying program starts	June 15—Brandon Worthington—Klamath dam removal project	Jun 2-4 Yuba private waters with camping & guide Clay Hash June 9 - Shad on the American, all techniques June 23-25 - Dunsmuir Upper Sac July 7-9 - Lake Almanor Hex hatch with Lance Gray
July	July 6 – Fly Tying class continues	July 15 - PFF Installation Dinner at Ladera Oaks 3249 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028 www.laderaosaks.com	July 8 - Hex Hatch Tour / Fishout, Lake Almanor with Lance Gray

Members interested in serving as fishmaster for future outings may contact Patrick Stauter (415-509-2731) or Bill Uyeki (650-483-0772)



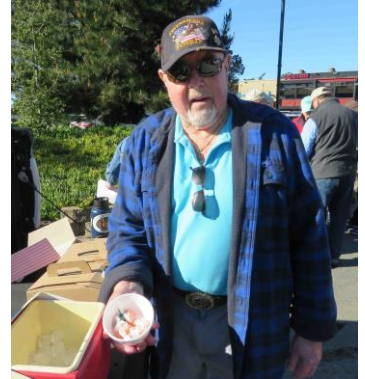


Spring 2023's Trout in the Classroom Program

Les Junge - TIC Chairperson

Hello PFF members, I would like to share with you this year's successful Trout In The Classroom program which the PFF club is involved in. We had 8 teacher's, from kindergarten to the 12th grade who participated.

We supplied an insulated 10 gal. fish tank with a chiller unit and filter system. With the help of my support person, Gary Trott, whose last name fits the program we delivered 50 Eagle Lake strain Rainbow Trout eggs to each classroom. This year's survival rate of the eggs was high, between 42-50 small fish per tank. We had many happy teacher's and student's, and enjoyed talking to students about the life of the trout and the challenges the fish go through. Over the 15 yrs. the club has been involved with the program, we have been able to talk with over 3500 students. That's a lot of kids who have taken a step into the life of Mother Nature. Thanks for your support.



Introduction to Spey Casting Class – Continued Impact



The near-record rain and snowpack of last winter forced us to postpone additional Spey classes. Now the spring snowmelt threatens to further impact plans. Nevertheless, you may contact Allen (allencary@icloud.com) if you would like to participate in future classes. Include your contact information, Spey experience, and whether you will need to borrow a Spey rod.

Conservation Corner & NCCFFI Event Updates

Ron Beltramo, Past President & Conservation Chair

From a conservation perspective, we are looking forward to the update on Pescadero Creek to be presented by Sean Cochran (District Fisheries Biologist/California Department of Fish & Wildlife) on Thursday, May 4 th. We will get an update on the progress toward designation of Pescadero Creek as a Wild Heritage Trout Stream, plus learn about potential volunteer opportunities for our club members.

In addition, there is a great article from FFI Conservation Board Members – A New Conservation Paradigm - that is well worth a read. Click [HERE](#) to download the white paper that speaks to conserving fish & wildlife habitats for the planet.



NCCFFI Upcoming 2023 Events

NCCFFI has a number of events coming up over the next six months that warrant our club members' consideration for attendance and participation. If you have any questions about these events, please feel free to contact me at rjbeltramo@aol.com Look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming NCCFFI events!

Rotary Day of Service/Protecting the Environment – May 13, 2023 at Golden Gate Park/Bison Paddock (9 AM to 2 PM). NCCFFI Attendees: Tom Hogye & Anne-Marie Bakker to spearhead the event, Mark Likos (Tentative). Will also have a contingent from PFF (Allen Cary, Tom Battle). Working casting program with GGACC during/after event (pending discussion with Libby at GGACC).

BAYFF Event – May 21, 2023 at GGACC. NCCFFI Attendees: Ron Beltramo (others TBD). Need to talk to Libby at GGACC and Dave Roche and solicit help from NCCFFI Board Members and local fly clubs (PFF, SJ Fly Casters, Diablo Valley, Mt. Tam, etc.).

NCCFFI/FFT Fishing Technical Waters Workshop - June 17, 2023– Browns Valley (9 AM to 4 PM). NCCFFI Attendees: Clay Hash (others TBD). Clay to provide more details on this. Market this to FFI Members in NorCal and through clubs.

FCSD Event – June 24, 2023 at Los Gatos Creek County Park, Campbell, CA. Attendees: Clay Hash, Ron Beltramo (others TBD). Train the Trainers from 9 AM to 11: 00 AM/Fly Casting Development Session from 12 Noon to 3 PM. Note Zoom Meeting for Train the Trainers on June 8th. Need to market this (and Into to Fly Fishing on 6/25)) to the public – Work with SJ Fly Casters, PFF, Santa Cruz clubs.

NCCFFI Intro to Fly Fishing – June 25, 2023 at Los Gatos Creek County Park, CA (9 AM to 4 PM). NCCFFI Attendees: Clay Hash (others TBD). Need to get help from NCCFFI Board Members & SJ Fly Casters and Peninsula Fly Fishers.

Women's Connect 3 Day Float Trip from June 29 th through July 1st 2023. Please see this [attachment](#) for details. Limited to 10 Women on the trip. Cost is \$1,690. For information contact Anne-Marie Bakker at ambconsulting@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 707-721-6184

BAYFF Event – July 9, 2023 at GGACC. NCCFFI Attendees: Ron Beltramo (others TBD). Need to talk to Libby at GGACC and Dave Roche and solicit help from NCCFFI Board Members and local fly clubs (PFF, SJ Fly Casters, Diablo Valley, Mt. Tam, etc.).

FCSD Event – September 30, 2023 at YubaFest/Sycamore Ranch County Park. NCCFFI Attendees: Clay Hash (others TBD). Train the Trainers from 9 AM to 11: 00 AM/Fly Casting Development Session from 12 Noon to 3 PM. Note Zoom Meeting for Train the Trainers on September 28th. Need to work with Clay & Gold Country to coordinate Yuba Fest Event

NCCFFI FFT Swinging Workshop/Soft Hackle/Trout Spey Workshop – October 1, 2023 at Sycamore Ranch County Park, CA (9 AM to 4 PM). NCCFFI Attendees: Clay Hash (others TBD). Need to get help from NCCFFI Board Members & Gold Country (and potentially Granite Bay & CFFU).



BAYFF Event – October 29, 2023 at GGACC. NCCFFI Attendees: TBD. Need to talk to Libby at GGACC and Dave Roche and solicit help from NCCFFI Board Members and local fly clubs (PFF, SJ Fly Casters, Diablo Valley, Mt. Tam, etc.)

Rotary Bay of Service - Protecting The Environment - Saturday, May 13, 2023. Location: Golden Gate Park San Francisco Bison paddock

9am-12pm Habitat Restoration

12-2pm Lunch for all volunteers and Environment Friendly Exhibitor Fair

To register or for more info including sponsorship, scan this QR code or go to

www.rotary5150.org/page/dayofservice



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JUNE 9, 2023
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

2023 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON!



FORTY FIVE YEARS AGO it was my pleasure to meet two enterprising young men with a dream, Mike Michalak and Brad Jackson. They knew what they wanted. They understood Redding was the prime spot to open a fly shop, with the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 299 pointing the way to world-class fishing in every direction – north, south, east or west! I was in real estate at the time, and by the afternoon of the first day we met we found a small commercial spot behind a pizza parlor, and The Fly Shop® soon opened its doors. What started as a two-man operation has grown to what it is today, with the latest and greatest retail store, knowledgeable guide service, local private waters, and a world-class international travel service second to none!

None of this would have been possible without the support of all of you, our valued customers. We want to say thank you by having a free luncheon on June 9th, between 10 am and 3 pm.

With the heavy snowpack we have had this year, our local rivers look to be in fantastic shape by early June. Hat Creek, Fall River, Pit River, and the McCloud will be among the favorites. The Lower Sacramento River, one of our country's finest trout fisheries, will be ideal. Keep your fingers crossed for the Upper Sacramento.

We are grateful that several of our vendors will be here with the gear they sell, and happy to answer any questions you may have. Our local fly club, Shasta Trinity Flyfishers, will serve the luncheon. Be sure to sign up for door prizes when you get here! If you have any questions or need further information, please call:

Sandy Watts at 530-222-3555 or
email: sandy@theflyshop.com

As part of our continuing efforts to support our fly clubs/conservation groups, we are again offering to donate a \$50 Gift Certificate to those California fly fishing clubs who mention the event in advance in their on-line or print newsletter. Just send a copy of the announcement to the event coordinator, Sandy Watts, here at The Fly Shop® or email: sandy@theflyshop.com and we'll get the certificate sent immediately.

** If your club has received a donation, we hope that will suffice in place of a \$50 Gift Card.*



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Get out and enjoy the warming weather, everyone!

Tom Battle, Vice President
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