

Northern California Council, FFI Report to Clubs
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Hi All: Just a short note to let you know what is happening this coming month within your Council of Fly Fishers. We are continuing our efforts to engage clubs to start teaching the ***Fly Casting Skills Development Program***. We started this teaching program at the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton with several clubs attending our "Teach the Teachers" event on Saturday morning. 12 club casting teachers attended and learned how to set up the casting course, good teaching techniques, and the testing required for a caster to receive a passing grade for the three levels - Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Prior to this "on-the-ground" teaching session, we held a PowerPoint session with several club level teachers where Russ Carpenter & Sarah Trenchel, the program leaders, went over the content of the program, tasks required, lay-out of the course, and why club members love the program. Our next session of this program in the Sacramento Region is as follows:

PowerPoint Training Session: April 27th at 6 p.m. - Zoom meeting
Train the Trainers session in Sacramento Region: Saturday May 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Contact Person: Clay Hash, clayhash.ffi@gmail.com, 530-913-1334

Those who are in the clubs close to Sacramento should take this opportunity to come and learn. We are sure your club members will enjoy this program. If interested please contact Clay at the above email or phone #. **Space is limited, so registration is required!!**

April 21st - 23rd is another great event - The 21st annual ***Jimmy Green World Championship of Spey Casting*** - what we also call the ***Spey-O-rama***. It will be held at the world renowned fly casting ponds at the **Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club** in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco (on John F. Kennedy Drive, across from the buffalo paddock). In addition to showcasing product exhibits and casting demonstrations, the best Spey Casters from a variety of countries will be competing in this two-handed distance casting completion. This is the **World's best spey casting competition!**

Practice is on Friday, with competition on both Saturday & Sunday. Awards to follow the end of completion on Sunday.

This event is open to the public and free to attend!

If you want to compete there is a \$140.00 entrance fee, and you must register. Here's the link to get more info and register: <https://www.ggacc.org/spey-o-rama>

NCCFFI will be there to talk with visitors and connect with those interested in fly fishing. We will be taking names & contact info from visitors interested in Fly Fishing, and we'll pass that along to the clubs closest to their homes. We want to connect interested people to our clubs to help with membership and to get people started in our sport.

Premium fly fishing rod and reel manufacturers will be present so you can check them out and do some casting on the club's ponds.

You owe it to yourself to come and watch and just have some fun. ***We'll see you there!!***