

# The Flyline

Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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## Southern California



Bonnie Anderson is the Volunteer Program Coordinator for Casting for Recovery of Southern California (CFR). Bonnie came to Casting for Recovery in March 2013 looking for an opportunity to help others, bringing together her love for the outdoors and fishing. CFR holds a special place in Bonnie's heart as her better half is a two-time breast cancer survivor.

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She has volunteered as a therapist working with at-risk teens and counseled families of victims of homicide. Bonnie has also worked in the corporate world for over 20 years.

Bonnie has a BA in Business Administration and Management and a MA in Counseling. She has been a corporate trainer and has used her skills to help others.

Bonnie has spent her entire life fishing but had never touched a fly rod. Bonnie is now learning and loving fly-fishing and went on her first fly-fishing guide trip in Montana this summer.

Bonnie is a Southern California native, as she puts it, once removed. Although she has an absolute love for fishing, she had rarely fished in California waters. She is now learning about the great fishing in Southern California with the help of members of the fly fishing community.

She has spent her entire life fishing the rivers of Montana. Bonnie enjoys camping, hiking, and fishing.

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## The Leader's Line

Craig Porter, President

A summer to remember. I have fished the Frying Pan, Colorado, Roaring Fork, Green, Alaskan creeks and rivers (2 weeks), and some smaller rivers and creeks in the Eastern Sierra. Tonight the family is eating one of the Saltery Lake Lodge Sockeyes that was caught in Alaska on Kodiak Island. I refurbished a bamboo rod with Chuck's help. I went backpacking in the Cascade Valley (Fish Creek Area near Mammoth) with friends a few weeks ago. I just got home last night from a Rim-2-Rim backpacking trip in the Grand Canyon. Tomorrow I am going to help with the SWC-FFF Fly Fishing Faire at Mammoth. Finally, I have plans to do 4 days of fall fishing in the Mammoth area (Hot Creek, Upper and Lower Owens, and etc.) at the end of next week. This summer has really gone by fast. I hope each of you has had as good a summer as I have.

There is still fall and winter fishing coming up. There is a group going to the Trinity River in October and I think in February to fish for the Grey Ghost - Steelhead. The details for the October trip were in the September Newsletter if you still want to sign-up. The Lower Owens offers good winter fishing for Browns and Rainbows. Get out there and get fishin.

Gary Davis has been very busy this summer with Aguabonita Flyfishers work. The Club is very fortunate to have Gary prepare a framing of the print Fishing Buddy (Golden Retriever with a fly rod in its mouth) that was donated to the IFFF by the Aguabonita Flyfishers for Auction/Raffle at the conclave in West Yellowstone 24 - 28 September 2013. Thank you Gary - your work is special and demonstrates your continued service and dedication to the Club.

The contingent from the Club who participated in the SWC-IFFF Fly Fishing Faire at Mammoth (20-22 September) deserves a special shout out for their efforts to introduce folks to the sport of fly

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## Refreshments for our Monthly General Meetings

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fishing. The Faire also had old hand at fly fishing getting reinvigorated by the event. Be sure give a thumbs up to the contingent (John and Barbara Linder, Gary Ahr, Bob Ziesler, and Craig Porter – these are the guys who signed up as volunteers) who helped. I am writing this before the event – so may have missed someone.

The Club has been contacted by the new “Southern California Field Coordinator” for Trout Unlimited, Jessica Strickland. Jessica hopes to partner with us and other Fly Fishing Clubs to work common interest areas on near-by public lands in the Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests. Jessica is preparing and seeking comments on updated planning documents for these National Forests. She also has noted possible common interest areas in youth education, veterans outings, stream restoration and etcetera. I look forward to a working relationship with Jessica and Trout Unlimited.

Tight Lines!!!!  
Craig



*Fishing Buddy*

We're taking sign-ups for our upcoming monthly meeting “Goody Providers.” Cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, you name it, club members will be more than happy to eat whatever you bring. This is a perfect opportunity to bring your wife's, the girlfriend's, or the significant other's favorite dessert to share. Heck, even some of you guys can probably whip something up that's probably edible. Worse case, head to the local bakery.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the next few monthly meetings where you can choose which month to bring the goodies. Right now, we need goodie providers for January through June and September through November of 2014.

## On the Hook

### Weekend Fly-Tying Coordinator

The next weekend fly-tying session, “Ties & Lies,” will be Saturday, October 12th from 9:00am to noon at the Aguabonita's classroom, 145B Panamint Street.

As always, these fly-tying sessions are open to all. If you need help or assistance to solve a tying problem, then plenty of assistance will be available from the other tiers. You don't have to tie flies either, just come on in and kibitz or listen to the fish stories; maybe swap a few of your own stories.

This is also an opportunity for club members to have access to the club's library to review, check-out and/or return any of the books, reference material, VHS tapes and DVDs that are available.

At the September 3rd meeting, there will be a sign-up sheet for contacting the Weekend Fly-tiers. Please add your name to the list.

## Up Around The Bend

Craig Rae, Programs

Our tentative 2013 schedule for upcoming general meeting speakers and events is listed below:

**October** Bonnie Anderson  
Casting For Recovery - SoCal

**November** TBD

**December** Sportsperson Festival

If you have suggestions for future speakers or you would like to do a club presentation yourself, please drop me a line and we'll discuss it.

You can contact me, Craig Rae, at (760) 375-3707 or email me at [cakdrae@aol.com](mailto:cakdrae@aol.com)

## Club Outings for 2013!!!

Hardy Tyson, Outings Coordinator

**October 5th** Owens River Gorge

**November 9th** Upper Kern River



### October Club Outing

Our October club outing is to the Owens River Gorge. I've never fished it but I have climbed some of the climbing routes in the gorge so I know that access to the river needs to be accomplished with care because it is steep with loose footing.



👍 **Federation of Fly Fishers** - Since 1964, the Federation of Fly Fishers has been an organized voice for fly fishers. The Federation of Fly Fishers and its Councils are the only organized advocate for fly fishers on a national and regional level.

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>

👍 **Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers** - The Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers represents all of Southern California and Nevada. The Federation of Fly Fishers is a 48-year old international non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through conservation, restoration and education.

<http://southwestcouncilfff.org/>

👍 **CalTrout** - Since its establishment in January, 1971, CalTrouts mission has been to protect and restore wild trout, steelhead, salmon and their waters throughout California.

<http://caltrout.org/>

👍 **Trout Unlimited** - Since 1959, Trout Unlimited has worked to conserve, protect and restore North America's cold water fisheries and their watersheds. We have protected more than 10,000 river miles nationwide and pioneered new scientific, legal and legislative tools to make America's rivers cleaner and healthier.

<http://www.tu.org/>

<http://www.tucalifornia.org/>

## Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Director

### Making A Plan!!

This year has been a real pain. The weather has been hot and humid. All the rivers I love to spend my time on are much too low and warm for me to fish. It seems like all I've been able to do is stay at home and work. At least now there is football to watch. Soon things are going to change though. It's almost time for my next vacation. As I've started to make the plan, I can't help thinking of past trips I've been a part of. Every time I make a plan for a new adventure, I always remember my first trip.

The first real fly fishing adventure I was a part of was to St. Regis, Montana. We went to David DeBeaupre's father's lodge on the Clark Fork River. A nice sized group mainly from the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers all went together. Donn's lodge was hand built by David and his friends when they were in high school. They are right on the river and very homey. The fishing on the Clark Fork is pretty good. As the locals told us, it can be a long boat ride, but if you catch the river when it is 'on' there is no place like the Clark Fork. They were right. We had days that we hardly caught anything. Then you would have that one day that made the trip. Fish behind every rock, every place they should be, they were. Those were the days that made the trip.

Day after day, fishing long hours, sitting on Donn's deck listening to the river and sharing the stories of the day over a nice cold beverage, I could see myself becoming addicted to this. As a matter of fact, this is where I got my email address, where I officially became 'The Addict'. It was on this deck, my friends informed me I needed my own email account. I'd been sharing my wife's with her. I agreed and the search for a proper name began. I just hoped it would be quick, before the Crown Royal level became too low. Someone called me a fly fishing addict, and that stuck. I'll never forget the memories of fishing the days away. The more tired I got, the better I fished and the more I enjoyed being out on the river with my friends.



*Starting another day*



*Setting up the fish camp*

Really though, as I learned the hard way, these trips aren't really about catching a bunch of fish. Actually, new water, new techniques, drifting for the first time, made fishing difficult. I was at first disappointed with the fish count. This is where I learned that counting fish was a sure way to ruin a good day of fishing. These trips were about the people I was with. I wish I'd realized that then as much as I treasure the memories now. I was so intent on fishing well, I didn't take enough time to check out where I was and

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appreciate all it's wonders. I wish I'd spent more time visiting with those around me than worrying about how to catch the next fish. I've since forgotten most of the fish, but I'll never forget the cool people I spent the time with.



*My favorite memory from all trips, coffee in the morning and trying to get a picture of one of the many eagles flying at eye level on the river*

We never did really get a good picture, but I sure have good memories. That's what these trips are really for anyway. I'm making a plan. I'll have a good trip again no matter where I end up going. This one started out to Carbondale and the Frying Pan. Colorado seems to have a state wide rain issue going on. Last report from friends is that they are building an Arc. I've started the plan, I'm just not sure how the plan will be finalized. We may not know where we are fishing until we turn off the car and declare the fishing to begin. That may not have happened a few years ago, but with the help of many people that care about me, I've learned to be more mellow, just to sit back and enjoy the ride. Well, maybe I'm still not able to be mellow and laid back through anything, but at least I put that into the plan.

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies, Allen

## June Lake Loop Outing

Hardy Tyson, Outings Coordinator

Another successful Aguabonita outing is in the books! Camping at Silver Lake Campground on the June Lake Loop has the advantage of having access to lots of good fishing. Three club members made the weekend Bill Hutmacher, Dale Harper, and Hardy Tyson.



*Campsite Club Advertisement*

I fished Rush creek on Friday night after we set up camp. There was a huge hatch with lots of feeding activity when I got to the creek. After tangling my new leader trying to get it out of the package, breaking my new leader trying to get the curl out of it and botching my knot to tie on my fly three or four times, I was finally able to get the fly in the water and land one fish before it got too dark to see.

We set out for Fern Lake at about 8:00 am. on Saturday. After a short drive from the campground, it took us about an hour and a half to hike to the lake. Once we found the fish we had a ball. What made this trip so fun was the aggressive strikes the little Brookies provided.

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*Bill Hutmacher, Hardy Tyson, and Dale Harper at Fern Lake*



*Bill Hutmacher at the Fern Lake inlet*



*Dale Harper with one of many*



*Fern Lake Brookie*



*Hardy Tyson with another little beauty*

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On Sunday we fished Rush Creek. Fishing the riffles and runs was a neat contrast to the lake fishing we did the day before. We caught rainbows and brookies till about noon when we left for home.

## Classified Section

– CLUB COMMITTEE OPENINGS –



👍 **Newsletter Editor** - We are currently looking for an individual to take over the duties as editor of the club's newsletter. For additional information please contact our current editor, Neal Barry, at the following email: [frugalflyfisherman@gmail.com](mailto:frugalflyfisherman@gmail.com)



👍 **Web Master** - We are also looking for an individual to take over the duties as web master of the club's web site. For additional information please contact our current web master, Neal Barry, at the following email: [frugalflyfisherman@gmail.com](mailto:frugalflyfisherman@gmail.com)

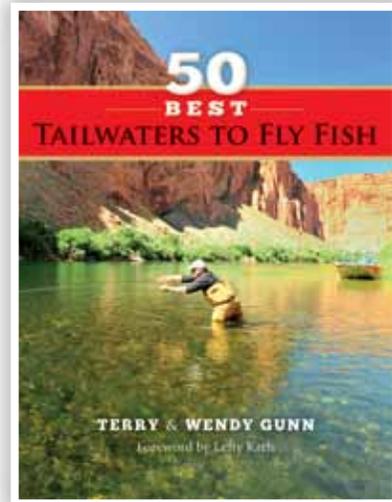


👍 **High Sierra Flyfisherman** - Chuck has some left-over shop inventory, including some fly-tying materials (including hooks), flies (dries, nymphs, streamers, and terrestrials), rod building components, and leader and tippet materials. 20% to 50% off to club members. To set up a meeting at the club house, you can contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or [hisifly@iwvisp.com](mailto:hisifly@iwvisp.com)

👍 **Sierra Fisherman Magazine** - The Sierra Fisherman is now publishing classified ads. Sell your old stuff and use the money to buy new stuff. Ad prices:  
Photo & 15 words                 \$25.00  
Photo & 30 words                 \$35.00  
Send ad information to: [sales@sierrafisherman.com](mailto:sales@sierrafisherman.com)

## SWC-IFFF News

Bennett Mintz, VP Communications



BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - A detailed look at North America's 56 best fly-fishing tailwater destinations by Terry and Wendy Gunn is the newest title by fly-fishing book publisher Stonefly Press. The 272-page, 4-color softcover book is the work of the guides and outfitters with "boots in the water" on each of the respective tailwaters.

"We named it 50 Best Tailwaters to Fly Fish, but after compiling everything, there was just no way to eliminate any, so we wound up with 56 chapters on individual rivers throughout the United States and Canada," said co-author Terry Gunn.

The concept of the book is best summed up by fly-fishing icon Lefty Kreh in his foreword: "Tailwaters are the salvation of fly fishing for trout. These are the streams or rivers exiting from dams with the flow dependent on the amount of water released. They furnish a constant supply of clear, cold water necessary for trout and their food.

"Many trout fishermen believe all major rivers are located in the West. But some of the finest are in the East, created when the Tennessee Valley Authority dammed so many southern rivers to furnish the region's power during late-1920s and Depression era 1930s. Some of these tailwaters are among the best trout rivers anywhere in this country and within easy

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driving distance of thousands of anglers.”

According to the Gunns, the book’s chapters are divided first by region, and then from south to north within each region to accommodate travel and road trips. In addition to detailed contour maps of each tailwater, which include local roads and river access points, there are suggestions for gear, regulations, fly patterns, seasonal hatches, and wading areas. The book also includes contact information for local fly shops, outfitters, and lodges, along with suggested best bars, restaurants, hotels, campgrounds, and emergency medical services.

“We feel fortunate that so many good friends and well-known outfitters – folks like Pat Dorsey, Craig Mathews, John & Amy Hazel, Tim Linehan, Mike Mercer, Mike Lawson, Lefty, and so many others – contributed to the book. We all agreed that there is no other one like it in the field, which made it an even greater responsibility to take on. And we couldn’t be happier with the final product!” said Wendy Gunn.

50 Best Tailwaters to Fly Fish is the go-to tailwater bible for fly-fishing enthusiasts. It is priced at \$34.95 and available from flyfishing shops, book dealers, or directly from Stonefly Press (Go to <http://stoneflypress.com> for more detail.)

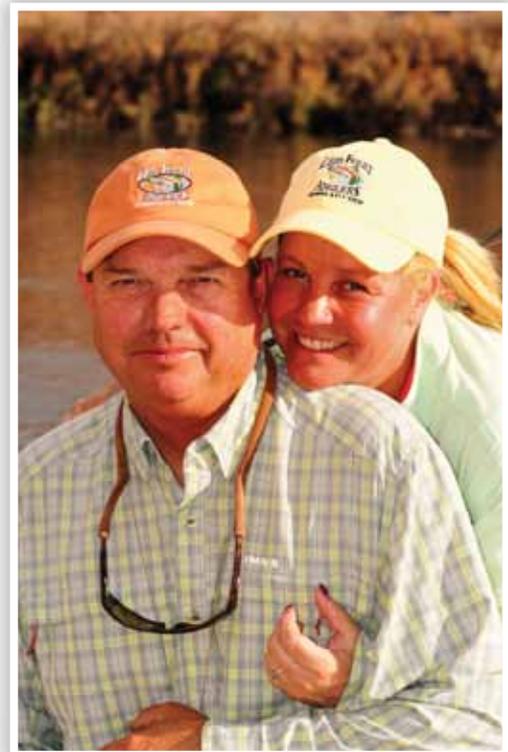
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Authors: Terry & Wendy Gunn  
Foreword: Lefty Kreh  
Publisher: Stonefly Press, Bloomington, IN  
<http://stoneflypress.com/>  
Pages: 272 pp.  
Photos: Over 200 4-color  
Maps: 56 4-color, contour maps  
Price: \$34.95  
Available: October 2013  
Chapters: 56 chapters drafted by guides and shop owners who know the waters best  
Quote: Nothing like this has ever been published and serious trout fishermen will find this one of the most useful books ever. – Lefty Kreh

## STONEFLY PRESS

Stonefly Press, founded in 2011, is the publisher of fly fishing books, guides and maps, including An Introduction to Fly Fishing for Trout (Williams/McPhail) and The Orvis Guide to Fly Fishing for Carp (Deeter). Stonefly Press publishes in both print and digital formats for fly-fishing devotees across the globe and actively partners with both authors and customers to provide guided fly-fishing excursions and retreats. Their mission is to advance the work of authors and increase the quality and sustainability of wild fisheries for future generations.

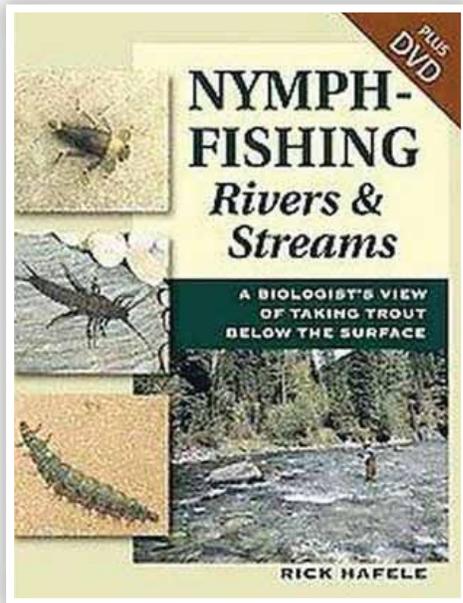
## AUTHORS

Terry Gunn, a full time guide since 1983, and his wife Wendy started Lees Ferry Anglers Fly Shop and Guide Service on the Colorado River tailwater below Glen Canyon Dam (Lake Powell) in 1989. They acquired Cliff Dwellers Lodge in 2001. They are the longtime co-hosts of the TV program, Fly Fish Television Magazine. To schedule an interview, phone (800) 962-9755.



## Book of the Month

“Silent Auction”



The Book of the Month for the October meeting is “Nymph-Fishing Rivers & Streams” by Rick Hafele.

In “Nymph-Fishing Rivers and Streams”, aquatic entomologist and longtime fly fisherman Rick Hafele gives you what’s necessary to successfully decipher the mysteries of trout life. He starts by explaining their feeding patterns - where trout feed, when they feed, how they feed, and what’s available for them to eat. Sections on tackle and pattern selection help anglers sort through equipment and imitations to find the most desirable outfit for their nymph-fishing needs.

(Cover of book says “plus DVD”, but that is not included.)

**Minimum bid: \$20**

## Aguabonita Flyfishers Rod & Reel Inventory

### FLY RODS:

1.	Cabela’s	9’0”	6wt
2.	Cortland	8’0”	5/6wt
3.	Fisher	8’6”	3/4wt
4.	Fisher	9’0”	6wt
5.	Fisher	8’6”	5/6wt
6.	Fisher	8’0”	6/7wt
7.	Fisher	9’6”	7/8wt
8.	Fisher	9’0”	10wt
9.	G. Loomis	7’9”	2wt
10.	G. Loomis	8’0”	3wt
11.	Powell	9’0”	5/6wt
12.	St. Croix	9’0”	3wt
13.	St. Croix	9’0”	6/7wt
14.	Sage	9’0”	4wt
15.	Sage	9’0”	5wt
16.	Sage	9’0”	6wt
17.	Winston	8’6”	6wt
18.	Winston	9’0”	8wt

### FLY REELS & LINE:

1.	Berkley	DT2F
2.	Cortland	DT3F
3.	Cortland	DT4F
4.	Cortland	DT5F
5.	Cortland	DT6F
6.	Cortland	WF7F
7.	Cortland	WF9F
8.	STH	10 F/S

### WADERS:

1.	2 pair	Size-10
2.	1 pair	Size-14

To check out a rod or reel, call Lew Albright at (760) 375-8725. The club requires a nominal fee of \$5.00. The money will be used for maintenance of the equipment.

When you check out a rod or reel, please return the item as soon as possible so other club members may use them too. If you break a rod or reel, let Lew know so that it can be repaired.

## Monthly Club Meeting

General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcome to attend! Our meetings feature guest speaker presentations, brief club news, refreshments, a raffle and a silent book auction.

## Annual Cost for Membership

General membership	\$ 20.00
Associate membership	\$ 5.00
Youth membership	\$ 5.00
Life membership	\$200.00
One time initiation fee	\$ 10.00

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors usually meet at 7:00pm on the last Tuesday of each month. The board meetings are held at the club classroom located at 145B Panament Street and are open to anyone with agenda items to share. To be placed on the next meeting's agenda, please send your request to Dave Calvert at [dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com](mailto:dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com)



*Fishing puts me in touch with another of nature's species, in beautiful surroundings that are old as time. That is where I want to be; this is how I am renewed.*

*Joan Salvato Wulff,  
Joan Wulff's Fly Fishing, 1991*

## Board of Directors and other Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Craig Porter	(760) 446-3400
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<b>Director SWC FFF</b>	Jim Hoover	(760) 371-2149

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<b>Publicity</b>	Barbara Linder	(760) 377-5750
<b>Trout In the Classroom</b>	Jay Crawford	(760) 375-8275
<b>Webmaster</b>	Neal Barry	(760) 301-2098
<b>Weekend Fly Tying</b>	Oscar Felsen	(760) 446-7103
<b>Youth Coordinator</b>	John Linder	(760) 377-5750

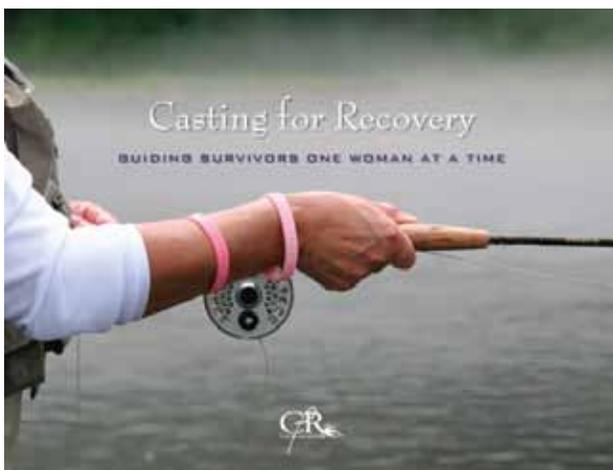
# National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

# October 2013

Goodies for the October Club Meeting  
— Craig Rae —

Goodies for the November Club Meeting  
— Craig Porter —

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Yosemite NP Created 1890 ABFF Monthly Meeting 7:30pm - 9:30pm			New Moon 	Club Outing Owens River Gorge
6	7	8	9	10	First Quarter 11	Weekend Fly-tying "Ties & Lies" 9:00am - Noon 12
13	Columbus Day Holiday	15	16	17	Full Moon 18	19
20	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP Created 1999	 22	23	24	25	Last Quarter 26
27	28	ABFF Board Meeting 7:00pm 29	30	31		



*"It was the most healing experience I have had in the two years of my journey with breast cancer and lymphedema. I came home with a new sense of strength and hope."*

*~ Participant Quote  
Casting For Recovery*

# The Editor's Spool

Neal Barry

Ok, I admit it, sometimes I'm cheap. I'd rather buy a lesser known brand if I know I'm going to save a buck or two. Take for instance this month's "The Editor's Spool" article, it's pretty much the same as last month's. Why reinvent the wheel, right!

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You may have read in the "Classified Section" on page 10 of this newsletter, that we're advertising for a new "Newsletter Editor" and a new "Web Master."

The best qualification for either of these positions is a willingness to devote time each month to either layout the newsletter and publish it or maintain the web site with fresh content.

Both of these positions will require a fair amount of computer literacy. Of course having access to a computer is obviously beneficial and having some sort of page-layout software would also come in handy when doing the newsletter. For the web site, no special software is required because everything is done

completely online and no special "coding" skills are required. The web master position could also be handled whether you reside in Ridgecrest or not. Like I said, the web site is handled completely online.

Keep in mind that several people could join forces and work on either the newsletter or web site together.

Anyhow, if you think you might be interested or know someone who might be interested then drop me an email at: [info@abffclub.org](mailto:info@abffclub.org)

If you haven't been to our web site and poked around then go to: <http://www.abffclub.org>

So many thanks to those who have been contributing to the newsletter, especially this month.

Keep'em coming!!!

Tight Lines!!! Neal



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The Aguabonita Flyfishers is an affiliated club of the International Federation of Flyfishers (IFFF) and its affiliate, the Southwest Council of the Federation of Flyfishers (SWC FFF). The Aguabonita Flyfishers is also affiliated with California Trout (CalTrout) and Trout Unlimited (TU).

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## Aims and Purposes of the Aguabonita Flyfishers:

- To improve and increase the sport of fly fishing
- To promote and work for the betterment of fishing waters
- To provide assistance to club members to help them become more effective fly fishermen and to promote the fellowship of the membership
- To encourage and assist others to become fly fishermen and true sportsmen
- To encourage and advocate conservation of fisheries, waters, and watersheds

