

The Flyline

Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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FLATS FISHING IN ASCENSION BAY, MEXICO



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International Federation
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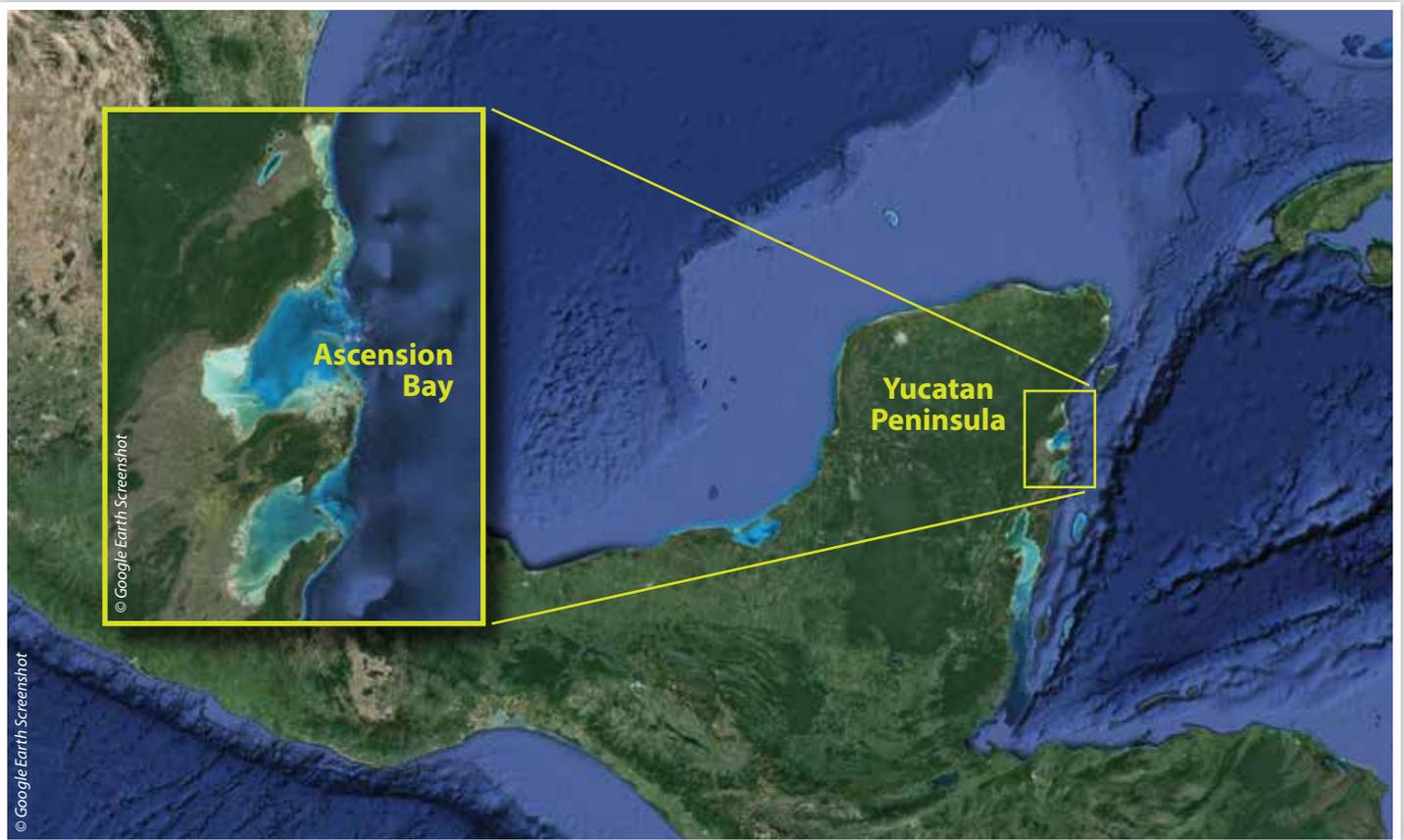
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Flats Fishing in Ascension Bay, Mexico

Michael Schweit has been fishing since the age of 8 (catch and release as he dropped his first trout back in the Kern) and took up fly fishing over 30 years ago. His passion is saltwater fishing because he likes to see his backing knots. 5 years ago, he landed a world record White Seabass on 8# tippet at the Channel Islands, after casting for the elusive critters for 4 years. When not fishing and running a tile contracting business, he is president of the Southwest Council, International Federation of Fly Fishers, a role he has held for the last 6 1/2 years. His goals with the Council and the member clubs are to bring greater visibility to fly fishing and encourage the general public to participate in the sport we love.



TROUT FEST 2016

TOUCH A FISH ~ TASTE A FISH ~ FEED A FISH ~ CATCH A FISH



Saturday
9am - 1pm

APRIL 9
MOCCASIN CREEK HATCHERY

15300 Hwy 49, Moccasin, CA 95347
At the junction of Hwy 49 and Hwy 120

APRIL 30
KERN RIVER HATCHERY

14415 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA 93238

JUNE 25
HOT CREEK HATCHERY
121 Hot Creek Hatchery Road, Mammoth Lakes CA 93546

Casting • Fly Casting • Trout Tasting • Fish Printing • Kid's Fishing
Aquarium • CDFW Displays • Dissection • Trout Touch Pool • Aquatic Insects
Feed the Fish • Trout Cleaning • Rigging • Fly Tying

LEARN TO TIE ~ LEARN TO CAST ~ LEARN TO CLEAN ~ LEARN TO COOK



All Activities are Free
All Gear is Provided
Fishing for 15 years and under only.



troutfest@wildlife.ca.gov



Leader's Line

Dale Harper, Club President

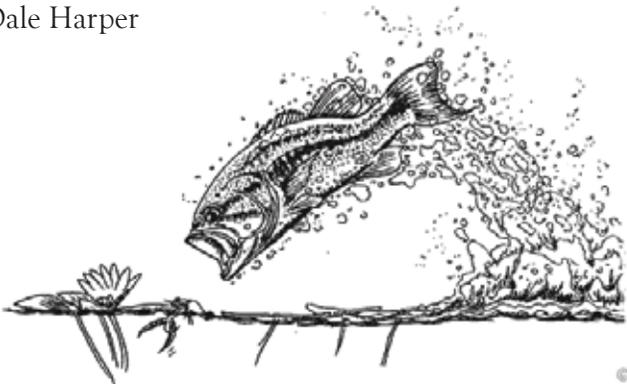
First off, a big thanks to everyone who organized, donated, and participated in this year's installation and awards banquet and auction. Also many thanks to the officers we installed and to all that serve the club throughout the year. Congratulations to our award winners, John and Barbara Linder, Lew Albright and Don Winters who took home the Chuck Newmyer, Bob Cherry, and Mel Smith awards. Their efforts are much appreciated by the club and the community.

March also saw club members hard at work sprucing up the Historic Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. Members painted, raked, and cleaned on what was a beautiful day in the Sierras. Thanks to Lloyd for organizing the event and to Lew Albright, Pat and Patrick Zawchenuk, and Dave and Logan Calvert for making the trip and for all of their hard work.

The speaker for April's general meeting will be Michael Schweit, President, SWC-IFFF, who will speaking on fly fishing the flats in Mexico and will also gladly answer any questions about the SWC-IFFF. Also during the April meeting we will be reviewing the financial health of our club and our path forward.

Lastly, on April 23 @ 1000 we will be meeting at the Hot Creek Kiosk and turn too on clean up and repair, I expect this effort will take no more than three hours. After that we can do some fishing in Hot Creek or the Owens. I hope to see you there.

R/s
Dale Harper



The Chuck Newmyer Commemorative Fly Plate

Lloyd Smith, Membership Chairman

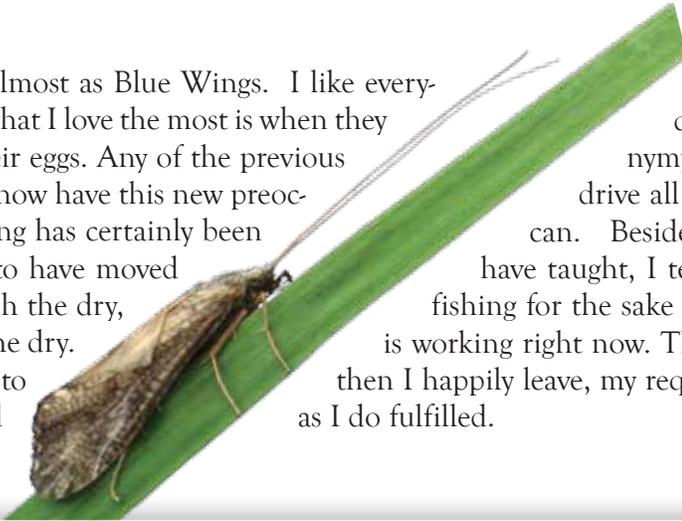
We were successful in selling all 104 cards for chances for the fly plate. The fly plate was produced by Gary Davis with the club paying most of the cost of the materials. The winning card was from the **Blue Deck 3 of Diamonds**. The winner has not been identified. Please check your card halves and notify Lloyd Smith at (760) 377-3542 or lloyd.smith@hughes.net if you have the winning card.



DANCING CADDIS!!

Tippets From The Fly Addict - Allen Bell

I love Caddis. I love them almost as Blue Wings. I like everything about Caddis, but what I love the most is when they emerge, hatch and lay their eggs. Any of the previous will do nicely, thank you. I somehow have this new preoccupation with dry flies. Fly fishing has certainly been a progression, and now I seem to have moved on to the point of wanting to fish the dry, the whole dry and nothing but the dry. I've caught myself driving to Bishop for a one day trip and when the dry bite stops around



1:30, I'm ready to leave. I don't, I force myself to fish nymphs because after all, I did drive all this way, I should fish all I can. Besides, in every fishing class I have taught, I teach that you should enjoy fishing for the sake of fishing and do whatever is working right now. That lasts about 15 minutes, then I happily leave, my requirement to do as I say not as I do fulfilled.

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Owens Missing Caddis!!



Owens Caddis!!

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I spent the month of February tying Caddis. I tied some nice Emergers, mainly though, I tied dry flies. I have a couple different patterns I like. The point of all this is to chase the hatch as I have been spending much time of late doing. There is nothing like a Caddis hatch. You can be the best dry fly fisher during a caddis event and be standing alone, no company

“I cast one more time and turned to find the best way to get out of the water. As I turned, I skated my fly and WHACK!!!”

from the fishes. What!! Try harder, make sure you are getting the perfect drift. Nope, not a look. Try fishing downstream. Nope, fishes are not interested. I had such an afternoon going a few years ago. I was standing behind many rising fish, exploding out of the water. Why couldn't I catch any of these fish?? So, frustrated, I decided to go find some fishes I could catch. I cast one more time and turned to find the best

way to get out of the water. As I turned, I skated my fly and WHACK!!! I quickly released one of the nicest Brown trout I had caught in some time. What just happened, that was a terrible drift, I knew it was. I had pulled the fly across the water so carelessly, not like me at all. Well, kind of like me, but that is another story for another day. I had to sit and think about this for a minute. Ok, explosive rises, fish completely exiting the water like they were chasing something. Then it hit me, the words from Fontaine's book were clearly in my mind. Caddis emerge quickly. The fish have to chase them. Also, they hop around on the surface drying their wings and laying their eggs. They Hop Around!!! They Dance!!! If the caddis wanted to dance, I was a willing partner. I skittered the fly, I hopped the fly. I cast and picked up immediately and cast again. All these methods worked and in a big way. The best part, I was catching the biggest fish I ever had

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in the Lower Owens. I had no idea there were this many quality fish in this little stream.

So from then on, I was more than interested in Dancing Caddis. I tied a special fly, the Owens Caddis, it's hackle tied forward to help it hop around. I put a light wing on it to allow the body of the fly to be a little deeper in the water. That fly really works and is simple to tie. I'm not sure whether the changes I made help that much. I know the movement on the water does. Want to do something really fun? Tie a small Caddis Emerger behind the dry. When the drift is over, gently raise your rod, bringing that emerging pupa upwards through the water column. Hold on to the 3wt, it is about to experience a sudden bend!!!

Since those early days of figuring out the how, I have concentrated on the where and how often. I'm doing better all the time. I seem to be able to sneak out just when the Caddis are going strong. I can usually find where the fishes are on the attack and all is good in the world, at least the Addict's little piece of

it. Recently, I was out doing my Dancing Caddis thing, all was great, except for a definite lack of Caddis...and the fish that accompany them. I did raise a few fish, but maybe I just needed my fishing helper to show up and give me that edge I'm missing.

***"If the caddis wanted to dance,
I was a willing partner."***

I don't know if she really was that much help or not, but she is a nice helper, certainly worthy of a gratuitous mooing cow picture. The nice thing in all of this is the absolute joy I get from watching the fish take a dry fly. If it is an all out assault, the more aggressive the better. I've had days that I cut off the hook and just watched the fish hammer the fly. After all, how many fish do you really need to catch to consider it a great day. Then, I've had days like the recent one, when I had many fish attack my Dancing Caddis and

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Lower Owens Fishing Helper!!



Jewel of the Owens!!

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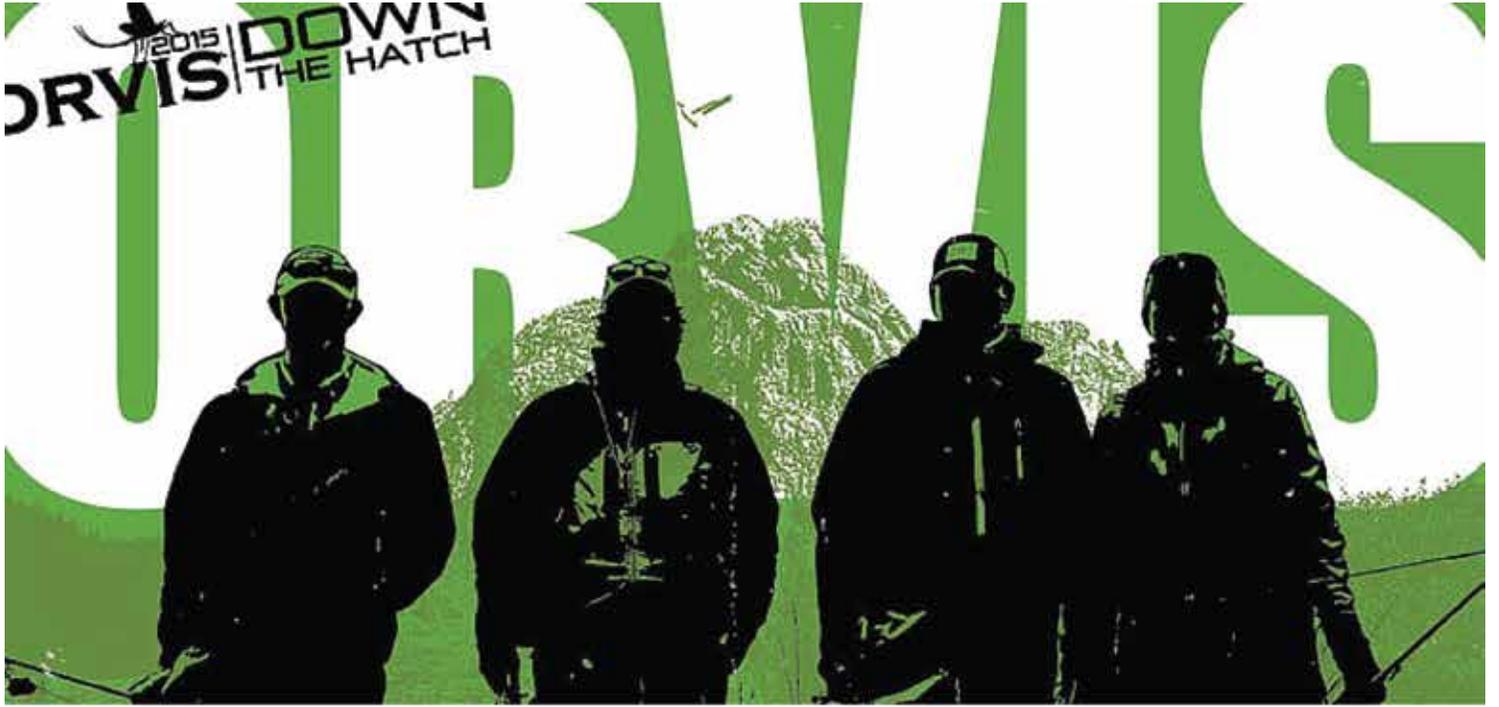
***“All trails lead to the river.
Then somehow, the river becomes part
of me and I a part of it.”***

only hook a couple. To tell the truth, that day was as enjoyable as any I have ever had. If I have learned nothing else of value from fly fishing, it is, the best way to ruin a good day fishing is to count the fish you have caught. I think this is the reason I enjoy chasing the Caddis, the Blue Wings, the Salmonflies, the PMD's, whatever.

If it brings the fish up, it brings me with them. I come running to catch, to watch, just to love where I am and what I am doing. Life simply does not get better than that. All trails lead to the river. Then somehow, the river becomes part of me and I part of it. We become one, just me, the river and hopefully a few fish. We together will then, Dance with the Caddis.

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies,
Allen

2015 **ORVIS** DOWN THE HATCH



Saturday, April 2, 2016
4 p.m. | Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

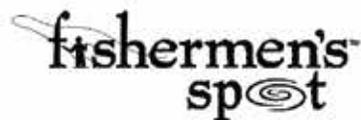
FILM FESTIVAL & DINNER • \$20

FILM FESTIVAL | LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE | DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 P.M.
5800 FULTON AVE, | VALLEY GLEN, CA 91401

DINNER AND RAFFLE AFTER THE FILM FESTIVAL | FISHERMEN'S SPOT
14411 BURBANK BLVD | VAN NUYS, CA 91401

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT RECOVERY PROJECT

PURCHASE TICKETS AT: [HTTP://WWW.SOUTHWESTCOUNCILFFF.ORG/DOWN-THE-HATCH](http://www.southwestcouncilfff.org/down-the-hatch)



ORVIS Down the Hatch 2016 - Film Festival & Dinner

Nicholas Blixt, Southwest Council IFFF

Saturday - April 2nd

Pasadena Casting Pond

7:30 - 10:30AM Come cast the Switch, Spey and Bamboo Rods!

Orvis Representative Hutch Hutchinson
"Casting and Fishing Spey and Switch Rods"
"Casting Bamboo Fly Rods"

"Fishing from a Kayak" Jackson Kayaks On The Water Demonstration.

Fishermen's Spot

10:00AM - 2:00PM "Buz Buszak Award Winner Steve Fernandez will be sharing his extraordinary fly tying talents".

11:00AM "Eastern Sierra Stillwater, Crowley and Beyond"

Joe Contaldi / Performance Anglers

12:30PM "Bishop to Bridgeport",

David D'Beaupre / Sierra Trout Magnet

2:00PM "West Slope Cutthroats and Monster Bull Trout in Canadian Rockies"

Dave Brown Outfitters

4:00PM - 5:30PM Movie: "Orvis Down the Hatch Flyfishing Film Festival"

Valley College Theater

6:00PM Big Raffle! / Dinner / Oscar Blues Brewery providing beverages (all included with movie ticket).

Sunday - April 3rd

Fishermen's Spot

8:00AM - 3:00PM "Orvis Flyfishing Tackle" Hutch Hutchinson will have the Orvis Flyfishing gear on display and be able to answer any of your questions. We will have casting area set up so you can test out any of the rods. Also the guides presenting programs David D'Beaupre, Dave Brown, Joe Contaldi and Gary Bulla will be around all day to answer your questions and book a trip if you like.

8:00AM - 10:00AM "Ladies Orvis Morning at the Spot." Our local lady experts Leigh Ann Swanson and Kelsey Gallagher will be offering free casting instruction for all levels! Join us for pastries and coffee. We also will have a large selection of ladies waders, wading boots, sportswear and outerwear from Orvis that the ladies will be happy to assist you with.

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Joe Contaldi / Performance Anglers

1:00PM " Baja, Flyfishing the Edge"
Gary Bulla's Flyfishing Adventures

Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Recovery Project

Debbie Sharpton, Conservation VP, SWC-IFFF

Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii*) have the most extensive range of any inland trout species of western North America, and occur in anadromous (migrating from salt to fresh water to spawn), non-anadromous, fluvial (river- or stream-dwelling), and lacustrine (lake-dwelling) populations. Differentiation of the species into 14 recognized subspecies occurred during subsequent general desiccation and isolation of the Great Basin and Intermountain Regions. Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT)

historically occupied large freshwater and alkaline lakes, small mountain streams and lakes, small tributary streams, and major rivers of the Lahontan Basin of northern Nevada, eastern California, and southern Oregon, including the Truckee, Carson, Walker, Susan, Humboldt, Quinn, Summit Lake/Black Rock Desert, and Coyote Lake watersheds. LCT evolved in a variety of habitats which resulted in resident, fluvial, and lacustrine life histories. Like most salmonids, LCT require relatively clear, cold waters to maintain viable populations. LCT reproduce

in the spring and are obligatory stream spawners, sometimes migrating large distances to find adequate spawning areas. Unlike most freshwater fish species, LCT tolerate relatively high alkalinity and total dissolved solid levels found in some lake environments. LCT evolved in the absence of other trout and they are highly susceptible to hybridization and competition from introduced trout species. (taken from the USFWS 5 year review plan)



Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii*)!!

The western migration of settlers into the Great Basin during the mid to late 1800s modified the streams and lakes to such an extent that currently LCT occupy less than 6% of its pre-settlement range.

LCT populations plummeted due to loss of habitat and introduced trout species enough to cause the resource agencies to list it as a federally endangered species in 1970. Recovery plans took over 20 years to develop. The CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has been leading the efforts to recover pure strain LCT populations on several Walker

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Basin streams. Silver Creek, a tributary of the West Walker River, was identified as a refuge for the LCT.

Silver Creek was historically stocked with non-native recreational fish. Creation of the LCT refuge required removal of the non-native fish and introduction of the LCT. CDFW accomplished its goals in 2004 and was prepared to open the stream to zero limit angling when someone illegally dumped brook trout into the waters. CDFW regulations required it to close the waters to angling and due to budget problems could not immediately implement a non-native trout removal project.

When brook trout invade streams occupied by cutthroat trout, the native cutthroat trout decline or are displaced. Competition with brook trout reduces recruitment of cutthroat trout and reduces inter-annual survival of juveniles, leading to a reduction of population size. When LCT occur in the same stream as brook trout, LCT typically occupy the colder, headwater reaches and the nonnative trout occupy areas downstream. In a study performed on Abel Creek (Quinn River watershed) where brook trout and LCT co-occur, 55 percent of the brook trout gained weight over the study period while 75 percent of the LCT lost weight. (USFWS)

In 2012 the Southwest Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC) assisted CalTrout and CDFW in a one-day event electrofishing brook trout out of Silver Creek. The LCT to brook trout ratios were running about 1 to 400. The fly

fishers response to the condition of the refuge and lack of government funding spurred a grassroots effort to help the LCT in Silver Creek. Every summer since 2012 SWC has partnered with CDFW and either CalTrout or Trout Unlimited in systematically removing brook trout from the headwaters down to a natural barrier, over 8 miles of mountain meadow stream. Progress is being made, but not without setbacks. Barriers protecting cleansed upstream sections were breached during winter flows necessitating rework the following year. The recovery effort is expected to take about 4 more years.

The SWC grassroots effort helped form critical partnerships between CDFW, Trout Unlimited and CalTrout, providing match for significant funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and for the first time in 4 years, a substantial commitment of labor from CDFW. The project's heart and soul is the deep personal commitment of CDFW restoration biologist Dawne Emery. Without her unwavering commitment the LCT would not survive.

SWC plays a critical role in the recovery effort. The SWC presence insures continuity of the project when funding and implementing partners ebb and flow. Continued financial and volunteerism is critical to the long term success of restoring LCT for future generations to enjoy.

***Watch the CalTrout Video:
Walker River Basin LCT recovery 2014***

Click or paste the link below!
<https://vimeo.com/111070804>



2016 WOMEN'S ANNUAL FLY FISHING CLINIC

Ladies:

Come join us for the Women's Annual Fly Fishing Clinic.

This clinic covers all the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, equipment selection, fly tying, knots, landing and releasing fish. Whether you are a neophyte or simply want to hone your fly fishing skills, this is a fun and engaging clinic that will teach you everything you need to know to embark on a lifetime of angling adventures.

Space is limited so register early!

***All net proceeds from this event will be donated to Casting For Recovery.**

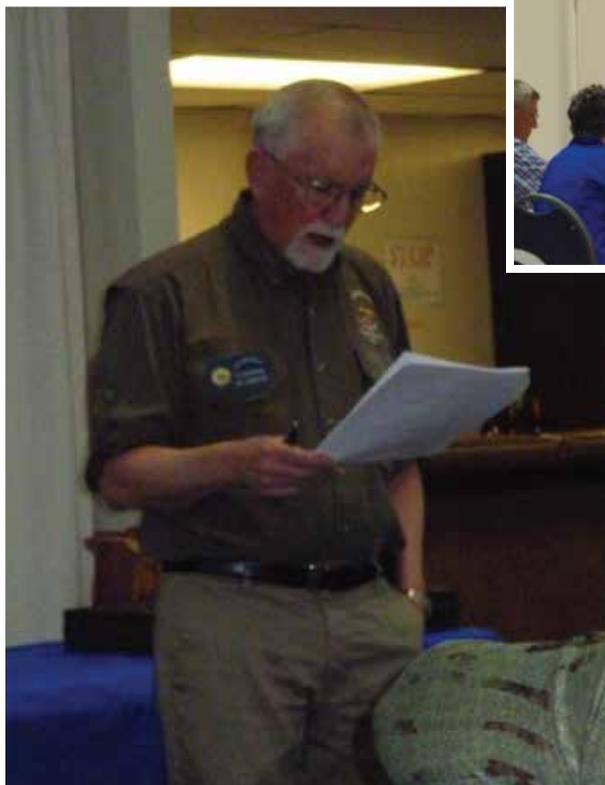
When: April 30th, 2016, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Where: The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool.
For directions: visit www.pasadenacastingclub.org
Cost: \$95 (Lunch included!)
To register: Contact Leigh Ann Swanson
Phone: 310.741.7645
Email: lacraven22@hotmail.com



**Casting for Recovery is a nationally recognized not for profit program established in 1996. It provides an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by breast cancer to experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through retreats in a beautiful natural setting, and learn the art of flyfishing, a sport for life!*

37th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser held March 19th

Photos courtesy of Gary Davis



Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery Spring Cleanup Report

Lloyd Smith, FotMWFH Coordinator

We had a very successful cleanup on March 12 with seven participants. Aguabonita Flyfishers now have a reputation as outstanding exterior painters. We painted the high east facing windows, beams on the north porch, the big sign at the front door, valve covers in the driveway, and the back door. We also raked, and raked, and raked to cleanup grounds. We had two helpers in training, Logan Calvert and Patrick Zawchenuk. Dale Harper reached new heights spending the entire time on a ladder painting. Lew Albright, Dave Calvert, Pat Zawchenuk, and Lloyd Smith contributed to a great day assisting the hatchery in preparation for the Spring season.



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Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery Kids Fishing Day - May 14th

Lloyd Smith, FotMWFH Coordinator

Kid's fishing day at the Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery is great fun for all. Hauling in those brood fish is a once in a life time experience for the youngsters. Aguabonita Flyfishers helping kids fish (flyfishing or otherwise), showing kids how to tie flies, helping with their casting, and telling them about fishing are all rewarding activities. Kid's Fishing Day at the hatchery will be 14 May 2016 starting at 0900. Aguabonita Flyfishers helpers need to be there to setup by 0830. A sign-up sheet will be out at our April and May general meetings.



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In Loving Memory

Gerald “Jerry” Nobuo Fujii

Gerald “Jerry” Nobuo Fujii passed away Sept. 10, 2015. He was 72.

Jerry was born in Rohwer Relocation Center, Arkansas, the only son of Harry Shigeru Fujii and Tomiko (Dobashi) Fujii. He lived in Arkansas for a short time but spent most of his early years in Los Angeles, California.

Jerry attended Occidental College, Notre Dame, and CSU Humboldt, where he completed degrees in physics and fisheries biology. He then taught at Chatsworth High School for 20 years.

In L.A., Jerry and his first wife, Nancy, had two children, Erin and Jeff. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Nevada City, where Jerry taught for nearly 20 years at Nevada Union High School.

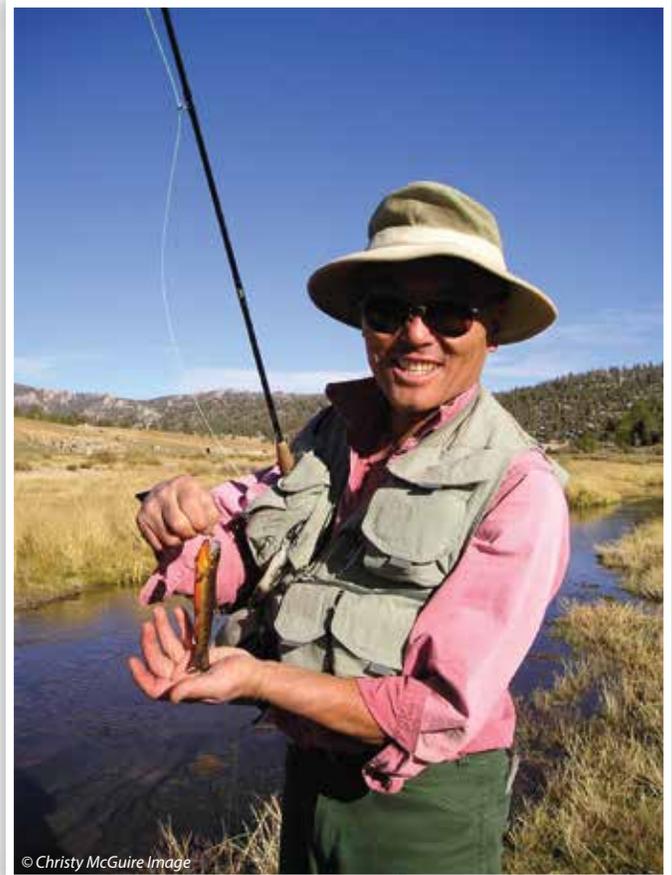
He inspired many students by emphasizing the elegance and fun of physics and science. He spent his free time fly-fishing and skiing in the Sierra Nevada mountains, perhaps the real reason for moving to Northern California.

Later in life, Jerry met Christy, a loving partner with whom he shared his passions for fish, food, wine, and the outdoors. When he retired from teaching, he moved to Kernville, California, to share a life with her and continue his adventures.

In retirement, he happily contributed many volunteer hours to golden trout research and restoration.

Fly-fishing was Jerry’s defining lifelong passion. He ventured on extreme hikes and backcountry trips in search of good fishing. Friends who accompanied him usually returned with hair-raising tales of an adventure or “shortcut” that was routine for Jerry.

He was fortunate to travel the world in pursuit of his favorite sport and there were few, if any, locations that he wanted to see that he did not experience.



© Christy McGuire Image

His fishing skill earned him the respect of many fishermen, though Jerry would probably call his own ability “adequate.”

Jerry passed away during his second encounter with lymphoma. Prior to his passing, he eagerly anticipated teaching his grandchildren, Charlie, Sylvia, and Morgan, about “a four-count rhythm and the hope that a fish will rise.” (Norman Maclean)



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World Travels With Jack Trout Fly Fishing

Jack & Carola Trout

Howdy Folks! Many great adventures in Chile & Argentina this year. Check out my blog for lots of fly fishing stories and pictures on the many destinations we visited. You can get to my blog at: <http://www.mtshasta.com>

So, I'm heading back to guide the Mount Shasta area on April 1st. Check out the new Jack Trout Fly Fishing boat with the famous Michael Salven painting on the sides for luck!

We're having a tremendous demand for guided trips this season with all the increase in water and snow pack around Mount Shasta.

Call early this year to book your trip!!!
(530) 918-8879

McCloud River trips into Shasta Lake are going to happen this year. I have the only permit to do this trip, approved by the Wintu Indians and the USFS Shasta Lake District.

Steelhead have been found in the Alameda canal for the first time in decades! They say they need to make a fish ladder. I say it's what we've been waiting for more than five years! Yahoo!

Can't wait to be back. Just to sit here in South America and dream about those Upper Sac raft trips with Beef Dog, it's like a dream from yesteryear.

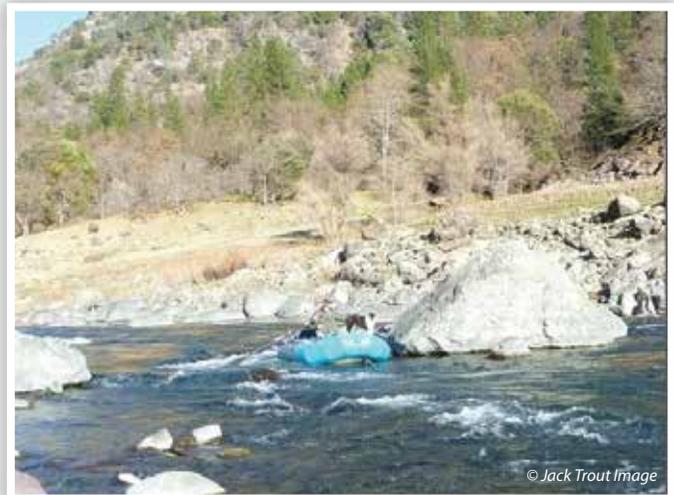
Many Rivers to You!
Jack & Carola Trout



The "New" Jack Trout Drift Boat!!



Michael Salven Painting!!



Beef Dog...1st Mate and Navigator!!

CalTrout: Fish Water People

Keepers of the streams

CalTrout is pleased to share this short video about their work...what they do...and why they do it. Watch it and you'll understand why their work is crucial to ensuring that there will always be resilient populations of wild trout, steelhead and salmon thriving in clean, cold-water streams. They believe abundant wild fish indicate healthy waters and healthy waters means a better California.

Watch it and you'll understand how they're committed to helping solve the state's complex resource issues while balancing the needs of wild fish and people.

Watch it and enjoy! Click or paste the link below!

<https://vimeo.com/123240067>



Help CalTrout continue their good work. Support CalTrout by making a donation or becoming a member today.

<http://caltrout.org/>



Up Around The Bend

Fred Freiberg, Programs

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

April 5th **Michael Schweit**
"Flats Fishing in
Ascension Bay, Mexico"

May 3rd **TBA**

June 7th **Debbie Sharpton**
"Grazing and the
Golden Trout"

July **No General Meeting**

August 2nd **Annual Club Picnic**

September 6th **TBA**

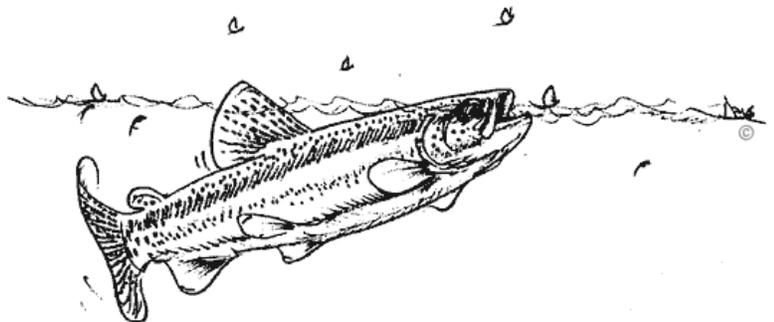
October 4th **TBA**

November 1st **TBA**

December 6th **Annual Sportsmen's 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, Fred Freiberg, at (760) 793-6964 or email me at fredfreiberg@hotmail.com



On The Hook

Gary Ahr Sr., Weekend Fly-Tying



The next weekend fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00am to noon. Join us at "Chuck's Place," 145 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.

As always, if you have a question please drop me a line at gary_ahr@yahoo.com



Refreshments for our Monthly General Meetings

We're taking sign-ups for our upcoming monthly meeting "Goodie 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 safe for human consumption. Worse case, head to the local bakery.

A sign-up sheet will be available at monthly meetings where you can choose which month to bring the goodies.

April	Lloyd Smith
May	Fred Freiberg
June	TBA
July	No General Meeting
August	Annual Picnic
September	TBA
October	TBA
November	TBA
December	Annual Sportsmen's Festival



“Volunteer for a cause, not for applause.”

Some Upcoming Events To Consider:

Trout in the Classroom

Trout Fest

S.E.E.P.

Hatchery Kids Fishing Day

Lahontan Cutthroat Restoration

Casting for Recovery



Club Donations

Board of Directors

The club is looking for donations from members of items for the monthly meeting raffles. If you have items in good condition that are just taking up space please consider donating them to the club. The items “Do Not” have to be fly fishing related. You can bring them to a board meeting, a general monthly meeting, or contact one of the board members for pickup. These donations go a long way to help the club raise needed funds to support its various efforts, including Trout in the Classroom, the Youth Program, our conservation projects, and much more.



Aguabonita Flyfishers Rod & Reel Inventory

FLY RODS:

1.	Cabela's	9'-0"	6wt	4-piece
2.	Cortland	8'-0"	5/6wt	2-piece
3.	Fenwick	7'-6"	5wt	2-piece
4.	Fenwick	7'-6"	6wt	2-piece
5.	Fisher	8'-6"	3/4wt	2-piece
6.	Fisher	9'-0"	6wt	4-piece
7.	Fisher	8'-6"	5/6wt	4-piece
8.	Fisher	8'-0"	6/7wt	4-piece
9.	Fisher	9'-6"	7/8wt	4-piece
10.	Fisher	9'-0"	10wt	4-piece
11.	G. Loomis	7'-9"	2wt	4-piece
12.	G. Loomis	8'-0"	3wt	4-piece
13.	Powell	9'-0"	5/6wt	4-piece
14.	St. Croix	9'-0"	3wt	2-piece
15.	St. Croix	9'-0"	6/7wt	4-piece
16.	St. Croix	9'-0"	8/9wt	2-piece
17.	St. Croix	9'-0"	9/10wt	2-piece
18.	St. Croix	9'-6"	7/8wt	4-piece
19.	Sage	9'-0"	4wt	4-piece
20.	Sage VT2	9'-0"	5wt	4-piece
21.	Sage	9'-0"	5wt	4-piece
22.	Sage	9'-0"	6wt	4-piece
23.	Winston	8'-6"	6wt	2-piece
24.	Winston Accent	9'-0"	4wt	4-piece

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
9.	Okuma	WF8F

WADERS:

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

To check out a rod and/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.

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 145 Panamint 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



*"Fishing is a quest
for knowledge and
wonder as much as
a pursuit of fish."*

— Paul Schullery

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Goodies for the
April Club Meeting
— Lloyd Smith —

Goodies for the
May Club Meeting
— Fred Freiberg —

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 SMOKN-HOT	2 ORVIS "Down the Hatch" 7:30am - 6:00pm
3 ORVIS "Down the Hatch" 8:00am - 3:00am	4	5 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm Dinner @ Casey's 6:00pm - 7:00pm	6	7 ● New Moon	8 Flex-Day SMOKN-HOT	9 Weekend Fly-tying "Ties & Lies" 9:00am - Noon
10	11	12	13 ☾ First Quarter	14	15	16
17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 DON'T MISS	20	21 ○ Full Moon	22 Flex-Day	23
24	25	26 April Board Meeting 7:00pm	27	28	29 ☾ Last Quarter DON'T FORGET	30 "Cast & Chat" SWC-IFFF Pasadena CC 9am - 4pm

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👍 **International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF)** - 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 an national and regional level.

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

👍 **Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC-IFFF)** - The Southwest Council of the International 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/>

👍 **California Trout (CalTrout)** - Since it's 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 (TU)** - 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/>

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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



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