



... featured presentation
for the September Meeting

Aguabonitas Fish with Lee's Ferry Anglers

Presentation by Hardy Tyson and Jim Hoover

The Glen Canyon walls rise many hundreds of feet above us in colors so rich they are hard to imagine. The air is so cool and still you can almost feel the fish ready to strike. Our guide, Natalie, skillfully positions our boat for the next drift through water that is fast and deep, clear and cold, and loaded with BIG rainbow trout. "SET DRIFT" we hear and for the next two minutes, we ... "FISH ON!" ... (then another) "FISH ON!" Sometimes multiple boats at a time with two fish on.



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"Colorado River Rainbow"

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September Club Meeting

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Goodies for the
October Club Meeting

— Chuck Newmyer —

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At the invitation of Lees Ferry Anglers' owner, Terry Gunn, 14 and 15 May 2011 found Aguabonitas Lou Albright, Bob Caldwell, Dick Compton, Jay Crawford, Jim Hoover and President Hardy Tyson drifting the Colorado River through the incredibly beautiful Glen Canyon between Lees Ferry and the Lake Powell dam. The club outing to Lees Ferry in 2011 was the first of hopefully many more as the fishing was great, the scenery was "picture postcards everywhere" and the service by the guides was first-rate.

Hardy and Jim, with some likely help from our group, will highlight this remarkable trip to Marble Canyon, AZ for some challenging but rewarding big river fly-fishing. Please join us the evening of September 6th to hear the rest of the story. ... FISH ON!



The Leader's Line

Hardy Tyson, President

I hope everyone's summer (read "fishing season") has gone well. I have no complaints about the fish I have caught. We had one of those days on our pack trip in the mountains where one cannot not catch a fish, if one tried to not catch a fish (yeah, was that a double negative?). The technique that was discovered by Hoover... Wait, let me describe the setup first. There is this lovely little pool with a waterfall coming into it, creating a big eddy to the left and flowing out of the pool into the creek on the right.



Lovely little pool with a waterfall

Now, the technique that Jim refined was to stand on the rocks next to the water so that the fish can see you. Tie on an old beat up stimulator that no longer floats. The fish are facing you, so cast the fly past the fish making sure that the line slams the water right on top of the fish. After the fly sinks, strip it through the water so that it approaches the waiting fish from behind,



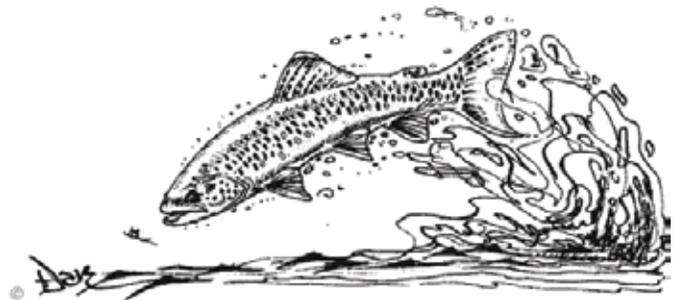
Trout Whisperer!!!

as fast as you want. It really doesn't matter! They will pursue the fly and take it. Just keep stripping the line in and net the fish.

It worked every time, for all of us! The only thing easier would have been if the fish just jumped into the net. Work on that Jim!

Tight lines...

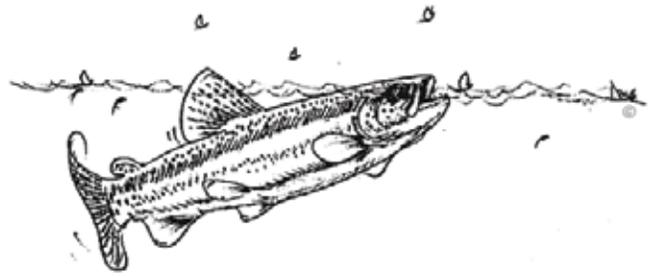
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On the Hook

Oscar Felsen, Weekend Fly-Tying

No fly-tying session, “Ties & Lies” is scheduled for this month. We will resume next month. Here’s a couple of pictures from our August session where we tied the “Wascally Rabbit.”



Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We are still trying to work in some classes for this Fall. Class information sheets and sign-up sheets for “Fly-Fishing”, “Fly-Tying”, and “Rod Building” will be available at the monthly meetings or you can request copies from Chuck.

Contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or email hisifly@iwvisp.com.

Tip of the Month

Hardy Tyson

Working with Silly Legs

Silly legs are a valuable material for bigger flies to add action to the fly or they work all by themselves such as Jay’s Worm which is just a silly leg tied onto the hook with a wire. If you have just one old worn out bungee chord, you have a lifetime supply of silly legs. Remove the woven outer covering. The inner part is made up of a bundle of usually white silly leg material. Use a Sharpie to make it the color you want!

Tale of the Fly

Hardy Tyson, President

When I travel, I frequently take my stow-away travel rod with me particularly if I have to stay a weekend before returning home. On one trip, I got the opportunity to fish some wild trout water in the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina just outside the town of Brevard. The fishing was difficult.

I fished a couple of different patterns hoping one would be magic but to no avail. As the day wore on and dusk arrived a hatch started. I'm not sure what they were but to me they looked closest to a Blue Wing Olive I had in my fly box. I cut off the Royal Trude that I had been fishing, a pattern that works well for me in the Sierras but wasn't working so well in North Carolina. I fumbled the Orvis knot I was tying and had to start all over. The hatch got more plentiful and fish started rising. I fumbled the knot a second time, now there were rises all around me - the most I'd seen all day. I couldn't focus on the knot! I can't recall how many times I had to start over but when I finally accomplished the knot there was nothing but still water all around me. The hatch maybe lasted three minutes! The blue wing olive is a must have in my fly box.



Materials for the BLUE WING OLIVE

- Hook: TMC 100, Sizes 12 to 20
- Thread: Olive
- Tail: Blue Dun Hackle Fibers
- Body: Medium Olive Rabbit Dubbing
- Wing: Blue Dun Hackle Tips
- Hackle: Blue Dun



"After presentation, in order of importance, is shape, size, and color!" - Hardy Tyson

Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Vice-President

Recently, I was watching a TV show about people having more senses than we think we do. It seems that the feelings we get aren't just random, they could be a 'sense' just like vision or sight. So, as it happened, a nice lady named Ellen Daily asked our club for a few pink flies for her group, Stripping for a Cure, and received over 13 dozen! Anyway, she graciously joined our club and made a nice donation. I was so impressed that I sent a thank you note and happily received another. Emails went back and forth and, to make a long story short, my wife Teri and I ended up staying at Ellen's house and fishing with her for a few days. When I sent that thank you note, I just had a good feeling about the whole thing.

Good feeling was right. We first fished the Giannetti's Spring Creek property in Carbondale, CO. Lots of small spring creeks, some ponds and frontage on the Roaring Fork River. What a beautiful property. What a great way to start a Colorado adventure. My first fish was a 21" Cuttbow. Nice way to start!!



My first fish was a 21" Cuttbow

After great fishing at Giannetti's, off we went to Loveland, CO. From Ellen's, we fished the Big T for 3 days. The Big T is a nice little tailwater that thinks it is a freestone. The fish that live there are very beautiful and on the small side, though we managed to catch some really nice ones. As with most beautiful things, these fish were high maintenance. They wouldn't even look at the wrong flies. Even when we did try the right ones, the refusals highly outnumbered the takes. Still, we caught many fish on the Big T and just had a great time there.



My lovely wife and new found friend, Ellen



Nice Brown on the Big T, good story behind this one—always cast as far as you can!!!

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Our gracious host on the Big T in her new Aquabonita Troutcamo shirt

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So, sadly we left Ellen's, off to Loa, UT. After about a 9 hr. drive, we pulled into our accommodations there, the Snuggle Inn. Nope didn't make that up. Sometimes the truth is better than any story we could invent. Also, there aren't many choices in Loa!!!



A typical Upper UM Bonneville Cutthroat

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I was then supposed to fish a specific water, but we couldn't get in there. Awesome guide, Paul, offered a few alternate choices, but I had a feeling about one of the places he wanted to take me. It seemed weird to me to fish where he suggested, but what the heck, take a chance!!!!

I hooked 6 of these fish and landed 4. What a great feeling my 'super guide' had to come and finish the day here. I lost the last one, it even took a dry fly (adult damsel). Paul was crushed. He thought that one was over 10lb. It was much bigger than the rest. Oh well, I was stoked to see that fish take a dry and have it on.



26" Rainbow!! Yep, I'm feeling this!!!



A few minutes later, too big to fit into the 24" measure net!!!!!!

So, was this great adventure just all luck, or do we really have another sense? How can we tell if our adventures are going to be epic or a bust? Why would such a wonderful woman, that has many friends, bother to invite my wife and I into her home and life? Heck, we could be ax murderers. Although we, as fly fishers, know there are

clear rules against being an ax murderer. You could be asked to leave the club and not return!!! I don't know the answers to these questions. I do know this—I will always be grateful that Ellen had the courage to invite total strangers to her home. I will also always be grateful to my wife for going along with this adventure. But most of all, I am feeling so very thankful to the sport of fly fishing and for all the wonderful people I have been so blessed to know because of it.

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies, Allen

News from Federation of Flyfishers

Clubwire Email News Service

FFF offers 2-for-1 membership –

A summer sizzlin' deal! The Federation of Fly Fishers is now offering a one-year membership extension to any member who recruits two new members to the organization. The FFF will extend your membership for one full year! Bring new members into the FFF to enjoy the benefits of this great organization, including Flyfisher Magazine, E-news, club activities and more! The memberships will be processed and your own membership will be extended for one full year. If you are a Life Member, have we got a deal for you! Just recruit two members, and give the third one-year membership to a friend for free. You can't get a better deal than that. Don't miss out on this great summer sizzlin' deal! Offer expires Sept. 1, 2011.

Find the forms to mail in on this web site: <http://fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4498>



Life Membership for Disabled Veterans –

This membership has been in the planning stages for a long time and finally it has become a reality. I'm pleased to announce that any veteran with a service connected disability of 70 percent or more is eligible for this full Life Membership. It was developed as a way for the Federation of Fly Fishers to recognize your service to our country and as a thank you to our brothers and sisters in arms.

This Life Membership costs \$100 for a one-time processing fee; your military service is your payment for the rest of the membership. The eligibility and verification documentation needed for the program are quite simple. All we need are a copy of your Veterans' Administration Affairs identification card showing the service connected disability verification of 70 percent or more and a copy of your Notice of Eligibility from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which can also provide the disability percentage. The review process for acceptance is completed by former or retired military members who are familiar with the military documents involved.

We look forward to seeing you involved with your local club and getting to know all of us here in the FFF. It will be an honor to have you as part of the organization, and we all look forward to seeing you on the rivers and lakes of this great country.

For more information or to join contact me at:

Wm. Howard Malpass
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News from the
Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC FFF)

An Evening With Joan Wulff

The SWC FFF is hosting the legendary Joan Wulff for an evening devoted to all things fly-fishing. Joan and her husband, Ted Rogowski, will fly from New York to Los Angeles where she will speak, answer questions, mingle with guests and talk fly-casting, fly-fishing, conservation and other aspects of the sport and her life.

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Olympic Collection
11301 W. Olympic Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Dinner: \$75

Fund

Raising: The dinner will benefit the work of the Southwest Council FFF. Funds will be raised through sponsorships, a raffle, auction and silent auction. One of the auction "items" is expected to be a private brunch with Joan on Sun., Oct. 16th.

Sponsors: The Winston Rod Co. is donating a Special Joan Wulff edition rod for raffle. Other sponsor opportunities are available to help defray the cost of dinner, transportation and hotel accommodations.

Background: Joan Wulff is one of the world's most famous fly-fishers. From 1937 as an 11-year old tournament caster in Patterson, New Jersey to 1960, she won numerous International and National tournament casting titles. In 1951, she captured the Fisherman's Distance event while vying against an all-male line-up. Joan cast a fly 161-feet in one competition. Joan is the co-founder and chief instructor of the Wulff School of Fly-Fishing in Lew Beach, New York. She has appeared in many fishing films and authored Joan Wulff's Fly-Casting Techniques; Fly-Fishing: Expert Advice from a Woman's Perspective and Fly-Casting Accuracy. Her DVD, **Joan Wulff's Dynamics of Fly Casting**, is one of the most respected and the highest selling casting DVD ever produced.

Through promotion of catch and release, she has helped sport fishing be accepted as environmentally-sustainable. Both Joan and her late, legendary husband, Lee Wulff, have had a positive impact on fly-fishing.

SWC FFF: The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers is composed of 23 individual clubs in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Funds from the dinner will be used to fund Trout in the Classroom, casting and fly-tying programs and ongoing support for local clubs.



Up Around The Bend

Allen Bell, Programs

The tentative schedule of general meeting speakers and events is listed below.

October	Mike Sinclair Bamboo Rod Building
November	Jay Crawford & Bob Caldwell Alaska Fishing Trip
December	"Festival"
January 2012	Dave D'Beaupre
February 2012	Boomer Stout Green River
March 2012	Tim Tollett Frontier Anglers, Dillon MT.

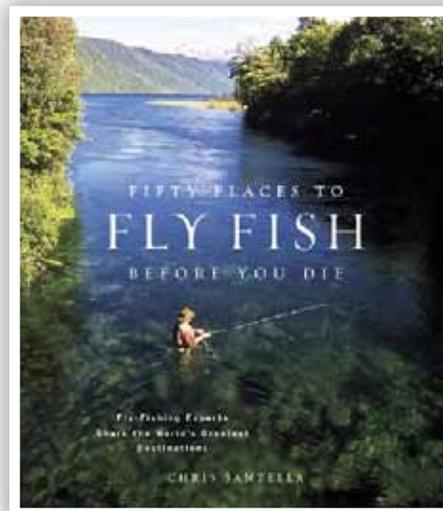


Cottonwood Lakes fishing is good!

A nice (big) golden taken by Jerry Mumford at Cottonwood Lakes, about 2:30pm on Wednesday, Aug. 31. As usual, she caught the

Book of the Month

"Silent Auction"



The book for the June meeting silent auction will be "Fifty Places To Fly Fish Before You Die" by Chris Santella.

Through in-depth interviews with the sport's acknowledged gurus, author Chris Santella goes beyond standard guides to convey the very essence of the recommended locations. Readers can vicariously cast mouse patterns to fifty-pound Taimen in the wilds of Mongolia, wrangle with wily permit off the Florida Keys, and match the hatch on Montana's Armstrong Spring Creek. **Minimum bid is \$17.**



first fish, the biggest fish, and the most fish. The Renegade seemed to be the hot pattern. This one was holding in the weedbeds around the edge of the lake. — Mike Mumford

Other News!!!

The "How I Do Fly Plates" class by Gary Davis has been cancelled.

Web Sites of Interest:

CalTrout web site has info for all to check out:

<http://www.caltrout.org>

Note: From the Summer issue of the Streamkeeper's Log, California Trout reports they raised over \$400,000 at the May 6, 12th Annual Benefit Gala and Auction held in San Francisco.

Other Web Sites:

<http://midcurrent.com/>

<http://california-flyfishing.com/>

<http://www.outdoornewsservice.com/>

<http://www.fishhound.com/>

Forums:

<http://www.kernriverflyfishing.com/>

<http://www.flyfishingaddicts.com/forum/>

<http://www.theflyfishingforum.com/>

<http://www.flytyingforum.com/>

<http://www.fliesandfins.com/>

Blogs:

<http://www.orvisnews.com/>

Young Anglers:

<http://www.tylerbefus.com/>

Warmwater:

<http://www.warmfly.com/>

<http://www.warmwaterflyfisher.com/>

<http://bigbluegill.com/>

<http://www.warmwaterflytyer.com/>

Aguabonita Flyfishers Rod & Reel Inventory

RODS:

1.	G. Loomis	7'9"	2wt
2.	Fisher	8'6"	3/4wt
3.	Sage	9'0"	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.	Sage	9'0"	5wt
10.	G. Loomis	8'0"	3wt
11.	Winston	8'6"	6wt
12.	Cortland	8'0"	5/6wt
13.	Powell	9'0"	5/6wt
14.	St. Croix	9'0"	6/7wt
15.	St. Croix	9'0"	3wt (NEW)

REELS:

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

We also have 3 pairs of wading boots; 2 pairs at size-10 and 1 pair at size-14.

Presently, all rods and reels are located at 145B Panamint Avenue. To check out a rod or reel, call Lew Albright at 375-8725 and he will meet you at the address above. The club requires a nominal fee of \$5.00 to check out a rod or reel. 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 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church (RUMC) Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcome to attend! Our meetings feature guest speaker presentations, brief club news, refreshments, and a raffle.

Annual Cost for Membership

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

Board of Directors Meeting

The board usually meets at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month to transact the business of the club. The board meetings are open to anyone with agenda items to share. To be placed on the next meeting's agenda, please send items to Bob Smith at rdsmith1@mchsi.com



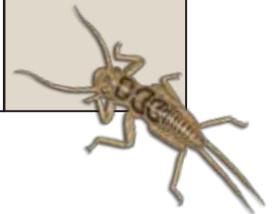
"You do not cease to fish because you get old,
you get old because you cease to fish!" – Unknown

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September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
			● New Moon			
4	5 LABOR DAY	6 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	7	8	9	10
● First Quarter						
11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE	12	13	14	15	16	17
	○ Full Moon					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		● Last Quarter				
25	26	27 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	28	29	30	
		● New Moon				



Upcoming Events

👍 **Membership Fly Plate for 2012** – This is the first call for Aguabonita Flyfishers members to donate flies for a fly plate for the annual banquet to be held in 2012. Flies (16's or larger) are due on or before November 8, 2011. Bring your flies to the September thru November Club meetings, or mail them to Gary Davis, 351 Lupine Lane, Onyx, CA 93255. Gary may also have some member's flies in his "fly bank" already. Contact him at (760) 377-3357 or gdavis2@hughes.net to see if he has some of your flies and if you want him to use one of his choice for you. All members are encouraged to participate.

👍 **Simms Guide Shirts** – The Aguabonita Flyfishers have a great deal on club fishing shirts thanks in part to the generosity of the Simms Company. We will offer Simms Guide Shirts with a club emblem embroidered on them for just \$55.00. Retail for these shirts is \$69.95. Embroidery, shipping and tax would price these shirts at around \$80.00. This is a great deal on a first class fishing shirt that will not only look great, but save you some money too. Shirts will be ordered upon payment to the club. I will be at the Sept meeting to take your orders.

– Thanks, Allen

The Editor's Spool

Neal Barry

The aftermath to last months club picnic kind of reminds me of an old television commercial where the person says; "I can't believe I ate the **WHOLE** thing! That's how I felt until I experienced the next commercial which was; "Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is!"

Anyhow, the food was awesome, the drinks refreshing, and the desserts scrumptious. Thanks to the person(s) who brought brownies. Now I know that some folks really do read what I write in this section of the newsletter.

So anyhow, in true flyfisherman (and flyfisherwoman) form, the fish stories were cast about the different tables and throughout the room. Some were so good that I had to write them down so I wouldn't forget them. I mean, you just never know when a good fish story will come in handy, right?

Well, after I managed to hook a few more fish off of my last months article, I thought I would come clean and show you why my story was so "fishy."

Thank You and tight lines!!!
Neal



"There's more B.S. in fly fishing than there is in a Kansas feedlot." – Lefty Kreh

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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

