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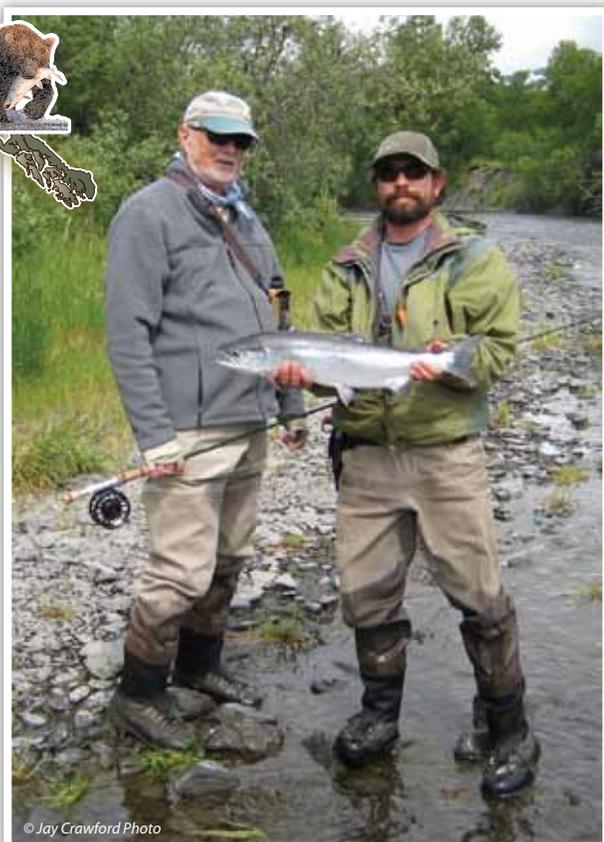
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Presented by
Chuck Newmyer and Jay Crawford

Jay Crawford and Chuck Newmyer spent two weeks at Saltery Lake Lodge during 2012. Their first trip was in July to fish for Sockeye Salmon. This trip was a result of one of the “2 for 1” trips offered to our club by the lodge. The second trip was in September to fish for Silver Salmon. They were joined by Dick Compton, Frank Surber (a fishing buddy of Dick’s) and Rick Rusk (Jay’s brother-in-law).

Come to the November meeting to hear about the fishing, the lodge (including the excellent food), and the bears (or if you are a Chicago fan like Rick - “Da Bears”).



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Stripping for the Cure 2012

Ellen Dailey

The fourth annual Stripping for the Cure event held last month on the South Fork of the Snake in Swan Valley, Idaho raised a record \$24,400. There were 64 participants this year and, as always.....a good time had by all while doing something we all love and supporting the following very worthwhile causes:

- 1.)Camp Magical Moments - Kid's Cancer Camp received \$12,300
- 2.)St. John's Hospital Foundation - Women's Health Care Fund - \$11,600
- 3.)Rowing for a Cure - \$500

Camp Magical Moments located in Swan Valley, Idaho, is a camp for children (Ages 7 -12) who have or have had cancer - all in a medically supervised environment. The Camp now offers a MOM'S RETREAT for the mothers of children with cancer

and a SIBLINGS WEEKEND for brothers and sisters of children with cancer.

St. John's Hospital Foundation - Women's Health Care Fund located in Jackson, Wyoming, is helping women who have neglected their personal well being because of a lack of funds. Early detection of health disorders broadens treatment options and ultimately lowers costs. Financial help is available for a variety of women's health exams including mammograms, breast ultrasound and breast biopsies.

September 11th and 12th, 2013 are the dates for the Fifth Anniversary of the Stripping for the Cure event with lots of surprises in store and a great time guaranteed for all.

We're hoping the "Ties and Lies" group will once again support the Stripping for the Cure event by furnishing pink flies for the ladies! You all are the best!

Remember, if each of us can contribute just a little, we can make a big difference.



The Leader's Line

Hardy Tyson, President

I am going to officially declare the Aguabonita booth at the 2012 Desert Empire Fair a success. The community response was very positive. Numbers of people took class information and brochures and stated we would be seeing them again. We tied and gave away over 200 flies to children of all ages, if they caught one of our "rainbow trout." The fair organizers were good to us and provided us with a booth space that had an area next to it where we could cast and demonstrate with our practice rods. John and Barbara brought their aquatic insect collection from sand canyon to share with those who showed an interest. I feel we had something to offer for all levels. I would like to publicly thank all who helped make it a success. Bob Ziesler, Chuck Newmyer, John and Barbara Linder, Dan Kus, Steve Garrison, Jim Hoover, & Gary Ahr. I hope this translates into more new members.



Tale of the Fly

Hardy Tyson, President

Most of the flies tied and given out at the Desert Empire Fair were Woolly Worms of all creative colors.



Materials for the Woolly Worm

Hook: #6-10
Thread: Any Color
Tail: Any Color Poly Yarn
Body: Any Color Chenille
Hackle: Any Color

Up Around The Bend

Allen Bell, Programs

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

November 2012	Chuck Newmyer Alaska - Saltry Lake
December 2012	Feastival
January 2013	TBA
February 2013	TBA
March 2013	“Matuka Joe” Contaldi Fly-fishing Tactics in the Eastern Sierra

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, Allen Bell, at (760) 371-1133 or email me at Fly_Addict@hotmail.com

Remaining Club Outing for 2012

DATE	PLACE	LEVEL OF EFFORT	WHAT TO EXPECT
NOVEMBER 10TH	OWENS RIVER	MINIMAL WALKING	BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT

Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Vice-President

Owyhee Trippin!!!

Where's all the water? This wonderful place I have spent every evening happily fishing dries to sippers this past week is gone. I look up at Mark, neither of us say anything. There is nothing we can say. We knew they were going to lower the flows, cut off the flow, as the water control guy said, but I didn't expect this. As I tried to clear the lump from my throat, Mark said he was "going up to the horseshoe." Mark had a sweet little spot he had found full of fish. Big fish. More big fish in one little place than I have ever seen anywhere. As I wandered around, trying to save the little Browns that had become stranded when their deep moss hiding spot suddenly had no water, I just couldn't bring myself to fish. Mark soon returned, "not much going on up there, let's head downstream." They said that the water would take a day to travel out of the canyon. As we drove down, my mind wandered back to the beginning of this adventure.



Ellen and Mark rigging up to start a great week!

Mark and I were convinced to fish this river by my, now our, good friend, Ellen Daily. Her favorite river, although to listen to her talk, I think she really likes the S Fork of the Snake better. But that is a different story for another time. It's nice to see Ellen again. She and Mark have exchanged emails for some time and we are all happy to be together. What a beautiful river, it's massive canyon walls and glacial type turquoise waters. I've never seen quite this type of place. Farm land, flat and rolling abruptly turning into a volcanic canyon. We are here for brown trout, big brown trout. We aren't to be disappointed. As soon as we started fishing, we started catching. Well hooking in my case. I had two nice fish that went straight into the deep moss and were gone. It didn't take us long to get going. This is just a bigger version of one of my favorite waters, the East Walker. All my EW flies work here. Mark, Ellen and I are soon catching some really nice fish.



Mark with a nice 24" Brown!

We fished nymphs all the days and even had Ellen (total dry fly afficiado) fishing under an indicator and having a blast. Who wouldn't have fun catching these huge, strong fish. The greatest time of the days though, was the evenings. The only thing in the world better than catching these monster browns is catching them on dry flies. Around 3:00pm we would go up to an area near the dam and hang out, fishing until the hatches would start. The first night was a blizzard of

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Mahoganies and PMD's. It's nice to be able to fish a dry fly you can see. These fish aren't really easy to catch, every fish we have caught has been earned, but they aren't impossible either.



Beautiful fish!

The rest of the nights, it was just #18 PMD's. Something struck me as funny here. You can't see into the water. It is really stained. Pretty colored, but stained. These fish are very color sensitive and tippet shy. We gave up trying to use 4x and used 6x fishing dries. We were cutting the dressing off the flies to get the fish to take. If moss got on the fly, you couldn't keep it from staining the dubbing slightly. The fish would come up and look once, then never again. We tied PMD's every morning. Fished until dark every night. Caught many very nice fish!!!

So as Monday turned to Wednesday, which turned to the Friday morning I stand here wondering how all this is going to work out for all my newfound trout friends. We did fish downstream and did really well. As the last day started to end, we decided to give the sippers one last try. As it got dark, a few fish were back, I assumed my spot, standing in ankle deep water instead of mid thigh, fishing to a few smaller (15 to 17") fish, Mark went up to the horseshoe one last time. Not much going on up there, I had seen a few decent fish coming up under the bridge, Mark will give them a try. I guess it will all work out to the browns advantage, they spawn in fall, so the low water will help.

It mustn't hurt, there are a lot of big healthy fish in this river, more than any river I have ever heard of. Anyway, back to Mark and his fish under the bridge. Mark has a real talent for being in the right place at the right time. A lot of this luck comes from his motto, "keep the fly in the water". Mark catches 3 nice fish, the first a 24" brown, then a 22" brown and finally a wildly jumping 21" rainbow. All these in 5 casts. We had another of those looks only long time fishing partners can have. Different than the looks we both understood this morning. This was exhausted exhilaration. What a trip, we all caught fish of a lifetime, we all have too many stories to tell. But best of all, we three fishers have the memories that we will never forget, well maybe until next year!!!



And another beautiful fish!

"Blue Skies and Fishy Flies"

Allen

Other Club News!!!

Hot Creek Kiosk Work Party
October 13th thru 14th

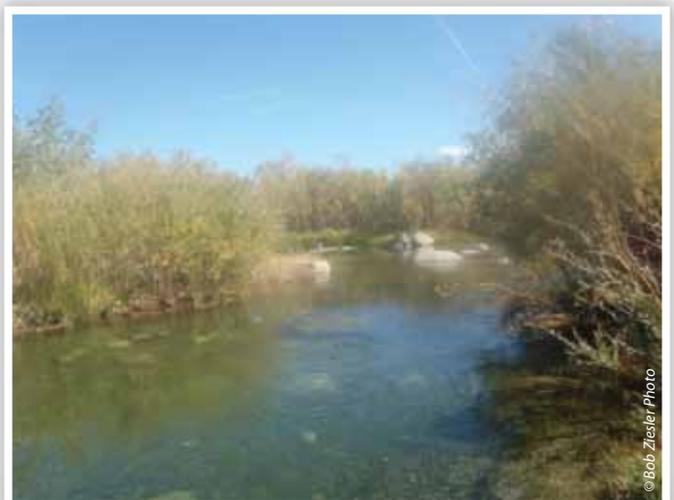


Weekend Club Outing to June Lake Loop
September 28th thru 30th



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On the Hook

Weekend Fly-Tying

The next fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be Saturday, November 10th from 9:00am to noon at the Aquabonita's classroom, 145B Panament Street.

There's no longer a "suggested pattern" for everyone to tie at these sessions. Participants can tie the pattern(s) they prefer and need to fill their fly boxes. If you need help or assistance to solve a tying problem, then plenty of assistance will be available from the other tiers.

As always, these fly-tying sessions are open to all. 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.

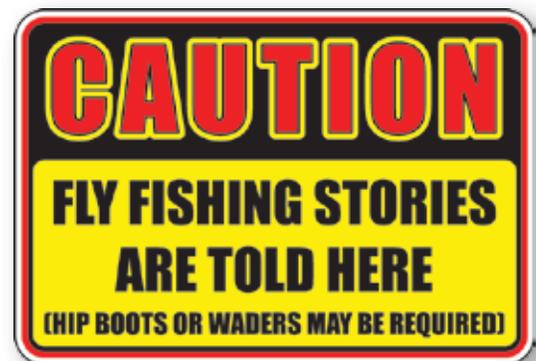
This is also an opportunity for you to have access to the club's library to review, check-out and/or return any of the books, reference material, VHS tapes and DVDs that are available.



Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We will be taking our year-end, holiday season break. Look for class schedules and sign-up sheets early next year.



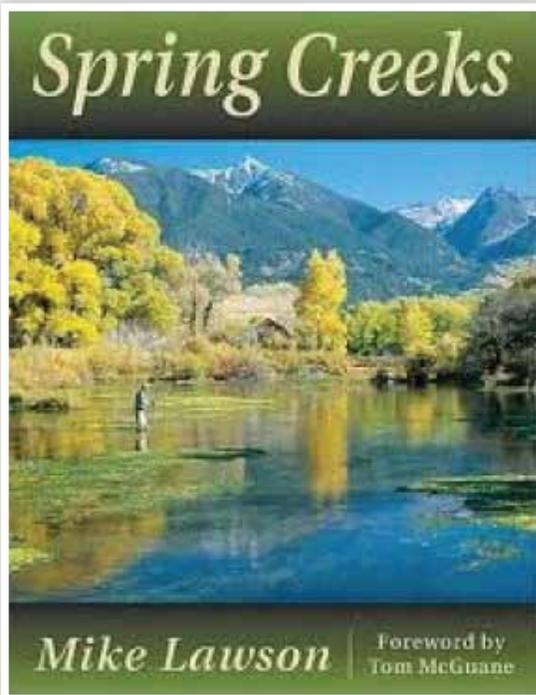
Classified Section

👍 **High Sierra Flyfisherman** - Chuck has some inventory left over from his shop. Included are some fly-tying materials (including hooks), flies (dries, nymphs, streamers, and terrestrials), rod building components, and leaders and tippet materials. 20% to 50% off to club members. To set up meeting at club house, can contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or 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

Book of the Month

"Silent Auction"



The book for the monthly silent auction for the November meeting will be "Spring Creeks" written by Mike Lawson.

Mike Lawson grew up fishing the Henry's Fork and Idaho's trout streams. One of the most revered fly fishermen, Mike reveals what he has learned and experienced fishing the spring creeks and tailwaters of the West and beyond, throughout the Midwest and East, from Alaska to Mexico and the Florida Keys, and around the world.

Fishing spring creeks can be difficult but Mike has figured it out and he shares what he has learned about finding trout, tempting them by matching hatches or not, stalking, playing, and landing them, and then letting them go.

Minimum bid: \$30

Aguabonita Flyfishers Rod & Reel Inventory

FLY RODS:

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



"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."

- Roderick Haig-Brown

Board of Directors and other Club Officers

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Goodies for the
November Club Meeting
— Fred Freiberg —

Goodies for the
December Club Meeting
— Festival —

November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Daylight Saving Time Ends @ 2a.m.	5	6 Last Quarter Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	7	8	9	10 Ties & Lies 9:00-12:30 Club Outing Owens River
11 Veterans Day Holiday	12 Arches NP Created 1971	13 New Moon	14	15	16	17
18	19 Newsletter Deadline Zion NP Created 1919	20 First Quarter	21	22 Thanksgiving Day Holiday	23	24
25	26	27 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	28 Full Moon	29	30	

👍 **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, CalTrout's 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 coldwater 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/>

Trout in the Classroom

Jay Crawford

It is time to start thinking about our club involvement next year in TIC (Trout in the Classroom).

There are a number of new teachers interested in starting a TIC program. We plan on conducting a workshop for them in February. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop.

For those new teachers to participate in the program we will need more volunteers. In this year's effort we fell short in that we could not closely monitor what was going on in all the classrooms and we lost a significant number of eggs, alevin, and fry.

The volunteer effort includes cleaning up the equipment, setting up the equipment in the classroom, taking the eggs to the classroom, monitoring the progress, and assisting in the fish release.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the next few meetings to gather the names of volunteers.

Special Raffles

Chuck Newmyer

The club is conducting 2 special raffles.

Membership Fly Plate: Phil Dixon donated back the Club Membership Fly Plate that he won at the 2003 Banquet. We are selling 100 tickets at \$5 each. All proceeds go to The Friends of the Mt. Whitney Hatchery.

Bamboo Fly Rod Outfit: One of the members of The Friends of the Mt. Whitney Hatchery donated a bamboo fly rod outfit to them as a fund raiser. They asked us to conduct a raffle with us sharing the proceeds with them. The rod was built by Larry Tusoni (well noted bamboo rod builder). The rod is a 3-piece, 5-weight. There is also a Teton Tioga Reel, 5-weight fly line, and an aluminum rod case. We are selling 100 tickets at \$20 each.

All items can be viewed at the club meetings.

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- 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

