

The Flyline

Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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FISHING OREGON'S DESCHUTES FOR *REDSIDES*



Presented by Tim LaFromboise



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The Leader's Line

Craig Porter, President

Wasn't the Banquet fantastic - Although the Club owes a big debt to the many folks that contributed to the banquet's success, I would like to offer a special thanks to Karl Zellner (Banquet Chairman), Bob & Julie Smith (Table Decorations), Don Winter (Coordination with the Elks) and Lew Albright (Dinner Arrangements). The Banquet took in almost \$9K - \$1650 was in the form of outright donations. This was a very successful event - fun was had by all at a very affordable price with a great meal. It was fun to hear the special fly fishing lyrics set to familiar music performed by Hardy Tyson. Thanks everyone!

The Club definitely enjoyed the March speaker, Jessica Strickland, from Trout Unlimited (TU). What a superb & energetic speaker. She presented some interesting and provocative information about TU and the National Forest Plans. I think Jessica may have changed the way Club members view TU - very much for the better. She certainly represented TU in the best possible way.

Many opportunities for volunteering and for fun are popping up in April. TIC has begun - There was a February workshop held at the Sierra Adventure Center in Big Pine for the Inyo County Schools with 14 teachers and 10 volunteers present. The Aguabonita Flyfishers provided the trainers: Chuck Newmyer, John Linder and Steve Garrison. The Inyo County Schools are just getting started with a TIC Program. There was a good turnout, good workshop and excellent trainers. A TIC workshop has already been held for local teachers (5 new teachers + 6 volunteers) at the Historic USO Building on March 8th. Jim Erdman, CDFW Fisheries Biologist, made the trip down from Bishop to participate - Thanks Jim. TIC volunteers are needed to help with the TIC releasing the fry field trips. TIC coordinator, Jay Crawford, is working on a calendar for the releases. Please see Jay and volunteer - TIC needs your help!!!

SEEP has already begun - Three field trips to Sand Canyon have been completed (Aguabonita's concentrate on the Aquatic Entomology field station). There are 5 fieldtrips left: April 1, April 4, April 25, May 2, and May 9. See John Linder to sign up to help.

The next Club Outing is scheduled for April 5th to the Lower Owens. Dale Harper, Outings Chairman led a good outing to the Owens River Gorge on the 22nd March. You'll hear more about this at the Club meeting on April 1st. If you want to learn to fish you have to spend time on the water - participate in a Club outing.

Lies and Ties - there has been good participation in the monthly Saturday sessions. Many stories have been shared; many flies have been tied - including pink flies. Thank you Gary Ahr for coordinating this activity. Learn to tie - attend a Saturday session.

Rod Building Class - Chuck Newmyer is teaching a Rod Building class in April. An introductory session has already been conducted. There is still time to sign up - contact Chuck if you have interest.

According to our VP, Craig Rae, our April 1st speaker will be Club Member Tim LaFromboise. Tim will talk on "Fishing Oregon's Deschutes for Redsides" - a very interesting topic and one we don't get to hear about very often. The Deschutes River is famous for its red-band rainbow trout which have evolved in a desert environment. Come on out on April 1 and learn about the "redsides" rainbow trout.

BTW - I am planning three fishing weeks in Alaska this July; river rafting North of Bristol Bay and spending a week at Saltery Lake Lodge fishing for Sockeye. I have already bought material to tie some Sockeye flies for the Alaska trip - first time I have ever actually tied the flies I plan on fishing with.

One last thought. I can't think of a Club that is more active than the Aguabonita Flyfishers - a tribute to its members: TIC, SEEP, Banquets, Educational Classes, Outings, Ties and Lies, activities at the Historic Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery, members helping members, and a monthly Club Meeting with world class speakers. Wow!!

See you at the April 1st "Redsides" Club Meeting.

Tight Lines!!!! Craig

Up Around The Bend

Craig Rae, Programs

Our tentative 2014 schedule for upcoming general meeting speakers and events is listed below:

April	Tim LaFromboise Fishing Oregon's Deschutes for Red Sides
May	Jeff Thompson CalTrout
June	Peter Piconi Fly Fishing San Diego
July	No Meeting/No Newsletter
August	Club Picnic
September	TBA
October	Phil Pister 50 Years of Golden Trout Restoration
November	Jon Baiocchi Baiocchi Troutfitters
December	S.N. Claus Off-Season Fly Fishing Destinations

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

2014 Club Outings

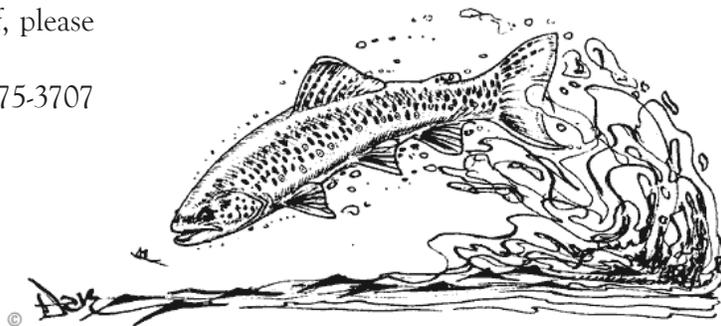
Dale Harper, Outings Coordinator

Here's our tentative 2014 schedule for upcoming Club Outings:

April 5	Owen's River Wild Trout Section, Day Trip
May 10-11	McGee Creek, Before General Regulations Apply, Overnight At McGee Campground
June 7	Onion Valley And Kearsarge Pass Lake, Moderate Day Hike Or Overnight
July 12-13	East Walker River, Overnight
August	Open
September 13-14	Club Campout June Lake Loop Day Hike Saturday, Rush Creek Sunday Morning
October 4	Upper Kern River Day Trip, Wild Trout Section
November	Kern River Trout Tournament

If you have suggestions for future outings, please drop me a line and we'll discuss it.

You can contact me, Dale Harper, at either my phone: (760) 382-4903 or my email: harperda20@hotmail.com



Cast & Chat

2014



Women's Fourth Annual Fly Fishing Clinic

Ladies:

Come join us for the Women's Fourth 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 that you need to know to embark on a lifetime of angling adventures.

When: April 26th, 2014, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Where: The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool.

For directions visit www.pasadenacastingclub.org

Cost: \$85 (Lunch included!)

To register: Contact Leigh Ann Swanson

Phone: 310.741.7645

Email: lacraven22@hotmail.com

All net proceeds from this event will be donated to **Casting For Recovery**. 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 fly-fishing, a sport for life.

Space is limited so register

Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Director

Something Special!!!

I knew a wise man once. He always had something to teach me. One of the things he considered a necessity of life was to always have something special to look forward to. A vacation, a fishing trip, anything as long as it is something you really want to do. I believe in that. I have been known to start planning next years fishing vacation as we drive home from this year's great adventure. A while back, I received a note from a great friend. She wanted to know about coming to Ridgecrest to meet the guys in the Ag u a b o n i t a Flyfishers she had been corresponding with for various projects over the years. This definitely is going to be something special to look forward to.

So, as is my way, time to start planning!! I

figured after the banquet, we could go on a normal Mark and Allen fishing trip. Great plan, except for the place we normally eat. Not that great. Well, then there is the place we stay. Our normal place isn't going to work, got to get a nicer place to stay. I thought about where we fish, may need to find a better spot for that, something special is going to happen and I want everything to be perfect.

Getting a better room was easy, the Creekside is great. Food not so much easier, Bishop is Bishop. Fishing was the hard one. Normally, the LowO is

great, but it was a little slow the weekend before. Mark and I thought it over and decided on Stocker Heaven!! Great idea, Ellen loves fishing dry flies and streamers, this is a great place to do both.

So, the plan is made, the big day is finally here, Ellen is sitting in my living room. All is good, except for Ellen's missing luggage. Mark and I will forge ahead and Teri and Ellen will follow as soon as the missing baggage finds it's way to Ridgecrest from wherever it was sent to.



Ellen happily meeting the residents of Stocker Heaven!!

Teri and Ellen showed up in time to check out the end of a nice day on the LowO. The next morning, off to Stocker Heaven, after a stop at a Bishop landmark, Jack's Diner. We had a wonderful time at Stocker Heaven, as usual. The day was beautiful, the company the best,

the fish cooperating in a big way. You can always count on Stocker Heaven!! A trip to Cal is not complete without showing Ellen Chuck's kiosk at Hot Creek. That is really a cool spot. After showing our guest around, time for more fishing. We could catch the last of a nice Blue Wing hatch on the Lower O if we hurry.

We did hurry and we did catch a nice hatch. Ending a great fishing trip with dry flies is my favorite thing to do. As we fished away the perfect day, Ellen

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caught a fish here and there, laughing and just enjoying the time we had together. The shadows started to grow long and we had a long drive home, time to go. Ellen's one request of the trip, one more cast!! Ellen made her last cast count too. A nice Brown trout ended our trip with one of those feelings you can only get fishing. Really a special day!!

adventures we have shared in the previous years. We talked of dogs and fish, places and people. All the things that make our lives the wonderful existences they are. I can't think of anything that could have made this weekend more special.

Blue Flies and Fishy Flies!!! Allen



The look after the last fish, truly a classic moment!!!

So we made it home, Teri waiting to get a nice dinner going. We have a tradition at my house. Sunday night dinner. We make a nice fire outside and get the grill going. Teri, I and the kids or whoever is around, sit and enjoy a few drinks while we cook a nice meal. Ellen knows about this because we send pictures to the special people in our lives to include them in our happy times. We are excited to finally have Ellen here and she is excited to be here. So we sit by the roaring fire, happily remembering the weekend we have just enjoyed, as well as the



Trinity River Report!!!

By Dave Venlet

I fished the Trinity River on Saturday, March 8th. We floated for 20 miles and it took about 8 hours. It was a long day, the shoulders were stiff, but it was fun. There was some sun for the first half of the day. It started to cloud over the second half of the day with light rain for the last hour of the float.

The day was a nice mix of nymphing and casting dries. When I started casting dries to rising fish the strikes were vicious. Some of these fish were definitely bigger than the ones I caught on nymphs. Unfortunately though, I didn't hook any of them. Blind casted a while and that also got some violent strikes, it was fun though.

Caught a sea-run brown and two steelhead, all on different nymphs. Second steelhead was tagged so I ended up mailing the tag to CDFW.

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Trinity Steelhead!!



Trinity River Sea-Run Brown!!



Tagged Trinity Steelhead!!

Teaching Kids to Fish

A California Nonprofit Public Benefit,
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Good fishing and good times!

On the Thursday before heading up to Redding to fish the Trinity, I fished the Lower Owens River with Chuck, Lew, and Jay. Just before lunch time, in a wind protected bend in the river, I landed the beautiful Rainbow pictured below. I believe we all fished that spot over the course of the day. He jumped pretty high several times before I brought him in. I held him next to the rod before releasing him, he measured 14 inches.

Enjoyed seeing all of you. After you left Thursday I ate at the bowling alley behind the La Quinta. Had the steak special. Not bad! Got up early Friday and left about 4:30 for an 8 hour drive to Redding. Had breakfast at the 395 Casino Lodge in Topaz on the NV border. Took 50 and then turned to go around the north side of Tahoe.

I would love to meet you all and fish again when we can. Thanks for including me last week.

Dave



Lower Owens 14 in. Rainbow on Griffiths Gnat!!

This program can help kids to do something that is safe, fun and educational with their free time, other than hanging out in the streets where they could end up in some kind of trouble. If kids don't have something fun and exciting to do with their free time away from school then they could begin to experiment with drugs and alcohol. We realize that we can't stop this from happening completely, but with this program it is our prayer that it will, if we keep just one kid from going that way we have done our job. We believe that many kids will find this program as an escape from the drugs, alcohol and the streets.

Billy Reynolds, founder of Teaching Kids To Fish, is also certified to conduct "Trout In the Classroom." TIC has become a valuable tool in teaching kids to respect nature and to take care of the environment.

Aguabonita Club member, John Linder, has also taught the kids about the life-cycle for a large variety of aquatic insects that are found in the streams, rivers, and lakes that these young people will be fishing and camping at.

For additional information, check-out their web site at:

<https://teachingkidstofish.shutterfly.com/>

You can also stop in and shop at their Thrift Store and the "New" Bait and Tackle Shop located at:

317 Ridgecrest Blvd. in Ridgecrest.

760.371.5950

teachingkidstofish@yahoo.com



Thank You Donors!

Donor Name	Donation
Angler Sport Group	discount certificates and Daiichi hooks
BT's Fly Fishing Products	two tying instruction DVDs
Bucks Bags	discount price list
Carl Ronk	4 Sun Rise Vices
Central Sierra Fly Fishing Adventures	1/2 Day Guiding Lower Kings w/+Dozen Flies
China Lake Museum Foundation	VA-212 book 2 Walleye history booklets
Dean Blackwell	25 Vol Set Lefty's Little Library
Don & Kim Finsch	fishing themed towel sets
Dr Slick Co.	release clamps
Frank Amato Publications	three magazine subscriptions
Frey's Gun Shop	Leatherman multi-tool & Carved hat rack
Guy Jeans	fly plate
Galvin Fly Reels	50% off discount
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Jake Martin	bamboo rod
Kay McMillan	Christmas ornaments
Loon Outdoors	discount price list
Lugo's Grill	\$30 Gift Certificate
Merco Products	discount price list
Mike James	two for one guided fishing trip
Paula & Tim Walke	whiskey barrel table top center piece
Saltery Lake Lodge	two for one offer
Trout Magnet	sun gaiter
Trout Unlimited	Orvis Battenkill duffel
Rachel Felsen	dessert
Martha Cherry	books and several bins of tying materials

We Appreciate Your Support!

Thank You Members!

Donor Name	Donation
Bob & Juli Smith	gift basket
Bill Hutmacher	Iron Gym Workout Bar
Chuck Newmyer	custom rod, B&W photo, print, lap tying benches
Charlene Newmyer	canisters of peanut brittle and fish folk art kit
Craig & Carol Porter	Damian Ross Vase
Craig & Karen Rae	jam, onyx sphere, prints, carved fish, calenders
Dave & Bunny Venlet	bow tie
Dave DeKruger	Dave Hughes book, streamside picnic kit
Daryl Baxter	float tubes, and several books, tying kit, box
Dick Compton	Ross Reach 11'9", 7 Wt switch rod
Don Heyden	fly box with 3 dozen flies
Gary & Karen Davis	buckles, book, calculators, money clip, cap
Jake Martins	bamboo fly rod
Jim Netzer	two tying benches
John & Barbara Linder	suspenders, tying materials box
Lance & Rose Dover	ceramic plate
Larry Prince	Flyfishing The high Country - John Gierach
Lloyd & Bea Smith	net, sunglasses, rod holder, leader kit, fly box
Mike & Jerry Mumford	several books, stationary,
Nancy Crawford	bandanas
Neal Barry	tying bench, sunglasses, DVDs, and books
Oscar Felsen	fishing gear, patches, magazines
Paul Homer	float tube, fishing shirt, fins, reel protector
Ray & Ellie Blackwell	4 packs smoked salmon
Christy McGuire	dessert
John Linder	dessert
Karen Rae	dessert
Karen Davis	dessert
Dale Harper	dessert
Steve Garrison	dessert
Tiffany Calvert	dessert
Charlene Newmyer	dessert
Theresa Zellner	dessert
Carol Porter	dessert

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Highlights from the 35th Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 1st, 2014



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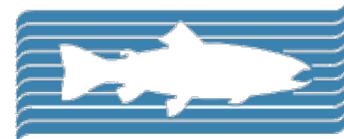
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News From CalTrout

Water For Fish = Water For People

CALIFORNIA TROUT



KEEPER OF THE STREAMS

Competition runs high for water in California, especially during drought periods. Climate models predict drought may be the new normal. Many of California's native trout, steelhead and salmon – all of which rely on cold, clean water for survival – are in danger of extinction within the next century. Several species are already protected under State and Federal law.

California Trout advocates for a future in which both the quantity and quality of water in rivers and streams is protected in order to secure the best chance for survival for native fish. We must ensure we have water for people, and we need to make sure that we don't damage sensitive fish populations in the process. Depressed fish populations are less resilient and often require strict regulations making it harder to manage water during drought conditions. The right approach to water management has the potential to simultaneously meet the needs of people and fish.

Native Fish Bring Value to California Communities

The Department of Fish & Wildlife closed salmon and steelhead fishing in many rivers and streams to protect vulnerable species during the drought. This is a necessary step—anglers are willing to do their part while also recognizing they are typically not the root problem. Fishing closures underscore the impacts of drought on a recreational fishing industry that accounts for more than \$2B in economic activity statewide and a commercial fishery worth \$1B in direct income annually. Protecting California's fisheries protects essential components of California's economy, especially in rural areas.

California's native fish are also an important part of our state's natural heritage. Many of these species exist only in California, and their loss would represent an unfortunate decline in critical ecosystems statewide.

The Good News

Protecting fish protects California's water supplies. Native fish evolved here and have adaptations to reflect the state's arid landscape. And while it's true that our

trout, steelhead and salmon persisted through past drought conditions, human development of California's river systems has largely deprived fish populations of the resiliency needed to persist during tough times. Maintaining adequate water levels especially in drought years for these species is a benchmark that should guide water policy to ensure healthy watersheds.

Protecting native fish is not a zero-sum game.

- Improving water quality for fish means that same water is clean for human consumption.
- Fish and farmers can successfully coexist. There are a number of working landscapes around the state that demonstrate the benefits for multiple constituents. Giving fish access to traditional floodplain rearing habitats by setting back levees reduces risk of catastrophic flood damage and improves water quality and recharges groundwater.

Solutions for Fish Support Sustainable Water Supplies

California's approach to water management is overdue for an overhaul. With water supplies becoming increasingly unpredictable, broad water policy reform is needed. Past droughts have resulted in innovative water conservation measures—this drought provides that same opportunity as the public and policymakers become more aware of the inefficiencies of water use.

In order to promote these important goals, state policymakers should:

- Promote resilient fish populations.
 - Protect Headwaters and Cold Water Source Areas. Protecting springfed rivers, such as those in the Mt. Shasta area, and restoring meadow systems in the Sierra Nevada where over 60% of the California's water supply originates should be a policy priority for the legislature.
 - Restore Floodplains and Estuaries, which provide important rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids and also help to recharge groundwater supplies.
 - Prioritize Native Fish Strongholds statewide that already harbor diverse salmon and steelhead runs. Protecting healthy watersheds is easier than restoring damaged ones.

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Water Levels At Lake Isabella Suffering

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- Retool Operation of Fish Hatcheries so that hatchery salmon populations support the recovery of, rather than compete with, their native cousins.
- Improve existing groundwater storage instead of building more reservoirs. Aquifers in many parts of California have been severely drawn down in recent years. If these underground reservoirs are allowed to be depleted too severely they may not be able to recover. Policy makers should prioritize replenishing aquifers and removing pollutants from groundwater instead of proposing to build more dams (Sites or Temperance Flat) or raising existing dams (Shasta).
- Maximize local water supplies. Promote water recycling, make the use of storm water and gray water a common practice, and invest in desalination.
- Modernize reservoir storage management to reflect current science and improve efficiency. New research can help to guide when and how much water to release from reservoirs based on climate and weather predictions, improving public safety by minimizing flood risk and making the most of existing surface storage facilities.

If we make the most of every drop and manage water supplies and storage responsibly, both fish and people can thrive.



News from IFFF

IFFF Welcomes EPA's Announcement

The IFFF welcomes the EPA's announcement that it will examine whether to block the massive Pebble Mine proposed above Bristol Bay, Alaska - a major win for all our fellow anglers, environmentalists, native tribes and the commercial fishing interests that have been seeking to block this project for years. Extensive scientific studies suggest that the Pebble Mine would likely have significant and irreversible negative impacts on the Bristol Bay watershed and its abundant salmon fisheries.

"It's "why EPA is taking this step forward in our effort to ensure protection for the world's most productive salmon fishery from the risks it faces from what could be one of the largest open pit mines on earth. This process is not something the agency does very often, but Bristol Bay is an extraordinary and unique resource." according to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska Director Scott Hed stated: "The global sporting community has worked to protect Bristol Bay from the threat of the proposed Pebble Mine for years. Today's news that EPA is initiating a process under the Clean Water Act that could lead to Bristol Bay's protection is welcomed by over a thousand sporting organizations and businesses, and millions of sportsmen and women ranging from catch and release anglers to big game hunters and makers of fly fishing gear to firearms. The sporting community is united in this fight, and will continue to engage in this issue to ensure that one of the planet's premier sport fishing and hunting destinations is permanently protected. Some places are just too valuable to be compromised; Bristol Bay is one of these places."

We believe today's action by EPA shows it is concerned about this pristine watershed and is listen-

ing to the many voices of Alaska Natives, commercial fishermen, sportsmen, and others who petitioned the agency nearly four years ago to use its authority to stop harmful mining development in Bristol Bay. We are highly appreciative of the EPA's efforts thus far, and today's actions in particular.

The EPA's own watershed assessment left no doubt of the potential impacts mining on the scale of Pebble would mean for Bristol Bay's economy, environment, and salmon-based culture. We believe EPA ultimately had no choice, but to initiate the Clean Water Act, as any other action would have meant it was neglecting its own legal obligations, the science, and the very real consequences large-scale mining would pose to Bristol Bay and its 14,000 jobs and \$1.5 billion in economic output.

Though today's news is welcome throughout Alaska and the lower 48, there's still a long process ahead before Bristol Bay is permanently protected. Additionally, we don't know what the EPA's final 404c determination will look like. However, today's announcement and proposed action by EPA is without question a major turning point in the campaign.

Moving forward, IFFF will stay engaged in the EPA's 404c process along with the many other organizations, which is likely to include both public comment and public hearings to make sure the voices of Alaskans and sportsmen from all over the US and world will continue to be heard in this debate.



FREE KIDS FISHING DAY

**Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery,
Independence, CA**

Saturday May 17, 2014

All kids 8 and younger 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

All kids 15 years and younger 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Two fish limit.

"No" Catch and Release

Bring your own equipment

(Some equipment will be available for those without)

Free games, fly fishing instructions.

T-Shirt fish painting will be available for \$5.00

\$0.50 Donuts and \$1.00 Sodas

Bottled water will be available for purchase

**Sponsored by the
Friends of Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery**



June 28th
Saturday 9am - 1pm

TROUT FEST

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

Casting • Rigging • Trout Tasting • Fish Printing • Kid's Fishing
Aquarium • CDFW Displays • Dissection • Trout Touch Pool • Face Painting
Feed the Fish • River Maze • Trout Cleaning • Fly Casting • 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.



HOT CREEK HATCHERY

121 Hot Creek Hatchery Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

troutfest@wildlife.ca.gov ~ 559 765-4824



On the Hook

Gary Ahr Sr., Weekend Fly-Tying

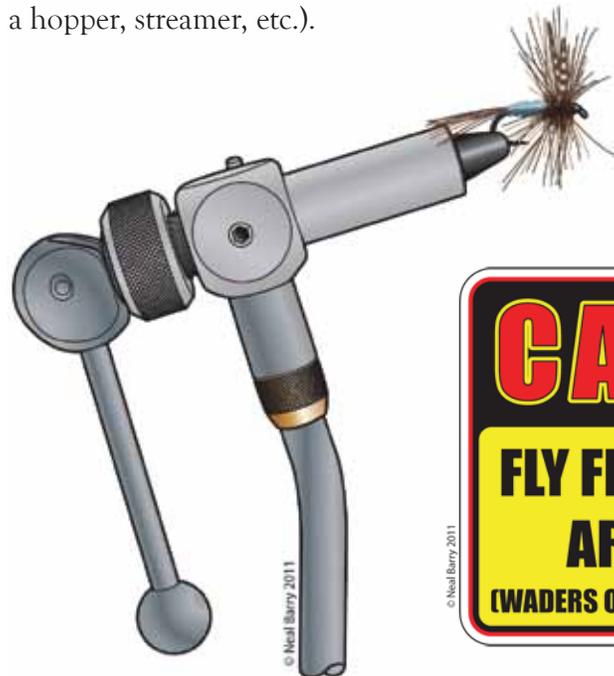
The next weekend fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be Saturday, April 19th from 9:00am to noon at the Aguabonita's classroom, 145B Panamint Street.

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.

As always, if you have a question please drop me a line at g_ahr@verizon.net

SPECIAL NOTE: For those tiers who wish to, we will start working on some **PINK** flies to meet our annual commitment to "Casting For Recovery." The club has a supply of pink tying materials that will be available. In addition, there is also a need for PMDs - ADAMS - CADDISs - NYMPHS and a MYSTERY FLY (could be a hopper, streamer, etc.).



Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We are planning on having a Rod Building Class on the long weekend of April 11 through 13. There was an introductory session on March 19. If you missed that but are interested in building a rod contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or hisifly@hotmail.com. The pacing item is being able to get a rod blank in time for the first session.

We are planning a Fly Fishing Class on the weekend of May 17 and 18. This is a basic introduction to Fly Fishing. We cover equipment, rigging up, casting, knots, reading the water, flies and fly selection presenting the fly, and more.

To find out more about the classes come to the monthly meetings or contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or hisifly@hotmail.com.



Other Club News

Chuck Newmyer

2014 Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery Events

The Friends of the Mt. Whitney Hatchery have set up their events for this year. If we can get some volunteers we will be helping them out.

The events are:

Grand Opening on Saturday April 5

Annual Kids' Fishing Day on Saturday May 17

Annual BBQ Dinner on Thursday Aug 21

There will also be work days where they will be looking for volunteers to help.

Sign up sheets will be available at our club meetings.

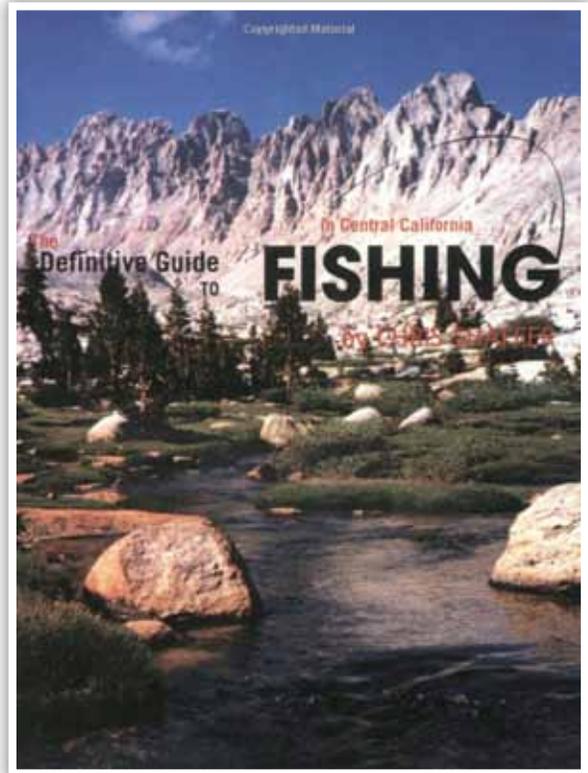


Club Donations

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.

Book of the Month

"Silent Auction"



The Book of the Month for the April Meeting is "The Definitive Guide to Fishing in Central California" by Chris Shaffer.

This book is carefully designed to make finding your ideal fishing spot easy. First, it helps you to figure out how to plan the proper destination to fit your particular tastes and life-style, and to provide you, your family and friends with the most enjoyable fishing experience possible. Once you've chosen a location, the rest is easy. Each article is written and structured in a user-friendly format that provides you with quick, fun and easy reading.

Minimum bid: \$15

Refreshments for our Monthly General Meetings

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. Worst 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 June and September through November of 2014.

Classified Section

👍 **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@hotmail.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

👍 **Eastern Sierra Back Country Fishing Guide** - This 41MB PDF document is a "MUST READ" for anyone who fishes the Eastern Sierra back country. Jim Erdman Jr., Fisheries Biologist with CDFW in Bishop has done an outstanding job putting this document together. You can download the PDF at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/6/>

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

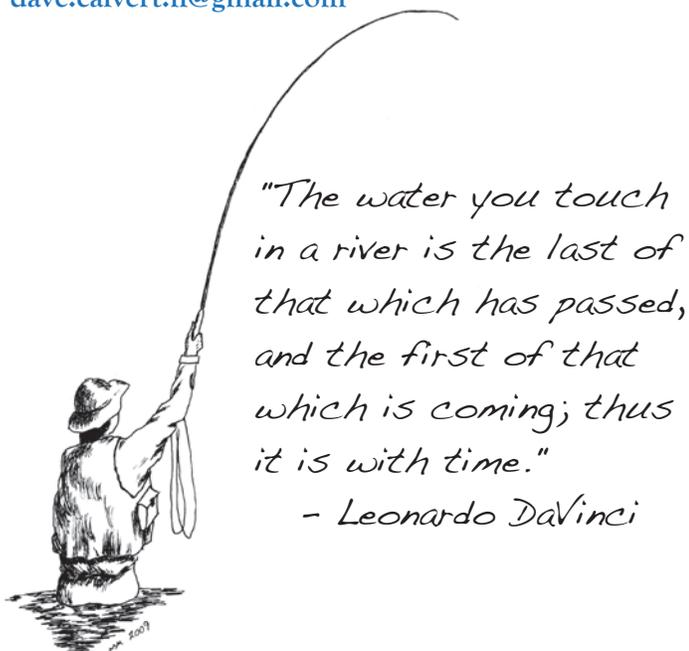
General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcome to attend! Our meetings feature guest speaker presentations, brief club news, refreshments, a raffle and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



Board of Directors and other Club Officers

President	Craig Porter	(760) 446-3400
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Goodies for the
April Club Meeting
— Karl Zellner —

Goodies for the
May Club Meeting
— Chuck Newmyer —

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Monthly Club Meeting 7: - 9:00pm	2	3	4 MUST DO	5 New Moon Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery Grand Opening Club Outing Owen's River
6	7 First Quarter	8	9	10	11 Rod Building Class 9:00am - 4:00pm	12 Rod Building Class 9:00am - 4:00pm
13 Rod Building Class 10:00am - 3:00pm	14	15 Full Moon Golden Trout Stakeholders Meeting	16	17	18 SMOKN' HOT	19 Weekend Fly-tying "Ties & Lies" 9:00am - Noon
20 Easter Observance	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 Last Quarter	23	24	25 S.E.E.P. Field Trip	26 4th Annual Women's Fly Fishing Clinic 9:00am - 4:00pm
27	28	29 New Moon March Board Meeting 7:00pm	30	1	2	3

California Golden Trout Stakeholders Meeting
April 15th - 9am to 3pm
 Region 2 Main Office
 1701 Nimbus Road, Gold River, CA

2014 SWC-IFFF Fly Fishing Faire
Mammoth Lakes, CA
September 19-21



Club Affiliations

We don't just hangout with anybody!

👍 **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 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



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