

The Flyline

Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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... featured presentation
for the February meeting

The Best ★★★★★ (and worst) ★ of Alaska, New Zealand & Argentina



Presented by **Sam Mihara**

Our featured guest speaker is highly-rated Sam Mihara; author, photographer, fly fisherman and world traveler. Sam will present an update of past shows of the best fishing he has experienced in the many visits to these great locales. During these trips, he's noted some of the worst problems encountered and he will reveal what many newcomers need to know.

For the Alaska portion, Sam will discuss the best locations, where to stay, the most important species, the best flies for each fish and typical results over the

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last 30 years of visits. Problems include wild animal encounters and biting insects – and solutions to deal with them.

For the New Zealand section, he will describe the desirable locations in both North and South Islands, where to stay, sightseeing, casting skills required, hatches, the best dry flies and nymphs, and results for both rainbows and browns. Recent problems include driving in NZ, the Didymo and the “falling dollar” issue with suggestions on how to reduce costs.

For the Argentina portion, Sam will show the best three locations in the country, where to stay, the best species and effective flies. He will describe some major issues for first-time visitors.

Sam will summarize the show with his memorable photos taken over the years. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Sam reveal his favorite stories, flies and photos. Invite your friends.



Similarly, Sam goes to Argentina, Chile and New Zealand every winter (summer in the south) where record-sized trout are caught. In April 2000, he came close to a world-record brown trout by catching and releasing a 28-pound, 36-inch long, 24-inch girth brown – winning the Long Beach Club's annual trophy. This beauty was caught in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, using his own fly design - a modified black crystal flash bugger with legs and a 1X tippet.

Sam's main interest is to provide interesting programs on fly-fishing in Alaska, Argentina, Chile, New Zealand and other desirable places for fly fishers. He also ties special flies and writes, having published a book on how and where to fish in Alaska and money saving tips. He also writes newsletters highlighting of the most memorable experiences during the past year.



Sam's typical program includes demonstrating how to tie unique flies for these far-away places. He usually draws, from the audience, people who have never tied a fly and quickly demonstrates how any beginner can tie his flies. He then presents a colorful slide show of places to go, effective flies and species caught.

Sam has spoken to clubs in Long Beach, Orange County, Downey, San Francisco, Sacramento, Peninsula, Walnut Creek, San Jose, Pasadena, Redlands, Santa Monica, Conejo Valley, San Fernando Valley, and Ventura, all in California. Also in Denver, Pueblo, Albuquerque, Houston, Seattle, Las Vegas, Anchorage and Tokyo. These clubs have rated Sam's programs very satisfying.

Biography of Sam Mihara

Sam Mihara is a member of the Long Beach, California, Casting Club – one of the longest established organizations (75 years) dedicated to casting and fly-fishing. He specializes in outdoor photography, writing and giving seminars on fly-fishing in distant locales.

Sam has traveled the world in the last 30 years and began developing fly-fishing skills 25 years ago in New Zealand. Since then, he goes to Alaska every summer doing research on finding the best waters and affordable lodging and travel.

The Leader's Line

Craig Porter, President

The New Year started out with me participating in the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWCFFF) "Club Management Day."

The meeting was held at a very pleasant location on Evans Lake in Riverside at the Isaac Walton Deep Springs Club House. The Deep Springs Club hosted the meeting. Basically, board members (not bored members) of clubs associated with the SWCFFF joined together to discuss common club management issues (like web sites, retention of club members, club outings, Charter Club benefits, social media issues, TIC, volunteerism, and upcoming SWCFFF events including volunteer opportunities for the September 2013 Fly Faire at Mammoth Lakes). I went to the meeting in part to try to understand the benefits of Aguabonita Flyfishers becoming a Charter Club with SWCFFF. I had a very pleasant day and met people from many of the SWCFFF Clubs - Kern Valley, Las Vegas, San Diego, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Clarita, Pasadena, Long Beach, etc. I also got to talk with some Trinity River Steelhead fishing friends from the Santa Barbara Club. It is nice to get a feeling of connectivity and common purposes with our neighboring fly fishers. I think I get have a little better understanding of SWCFFF as I participate in our Club's board meetings.

Several Club events are just around the bend. At the next Club meeting (Tuesday, 5 February), Sam Mihara will present the "Best and Worst of Fly Fishing Alaska, New Zealand and Argentina." I hope to see you all there for this interesting presentation. Remember, save the 2nd of March for the fun and important Annual Banquet and Auctions. Consider participating in TIC this year; keep an eye out for the upcoming February workshop - plant a seed in the minds of future fly fishers. It seems to have worked for one of my Faller School granddaughters.

Tight Lines!!! Craig

Up Around The Bend

Craig Rae, Programs

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

March	"Matuka Joe" Contaldi Fly-fishing Tactics in the Eastern Sierra
April	Rob & Ryan Buhler
May	Dave DeBuepre South America Fly-fishing Adventure
June	Ernie Gulley Crowley Lake Fly-fishing Techniques
July	No Meeting Scheduled
August	Club Picnic
September	To Be Announced
October	To Be Announced
November	To Be Announced
December	Sportsperson Festival

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

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

News from SWCFFF

California Trout hosts the
2013 Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T)
in Southern California

CalTrout & Fishermen's Spot Sponsor F3T

When: Thursday, February 7, 2013 @ 7:30 pm

Where: Laemmle Playhouse 7, 673 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA

What: A pre-film event (featuring CalTrout's Outreach Coordinator, Mike E. Wier) will take place at Fishermen's Spot on February 7th. For details about this event, please contact Fishermen's Spot @ (818) 785-7306 .

Ticket Sales: \$20/ticket. Purchase tickets online at www.flyfilmtour.com (and select "2013 Tour Schedule"), at Fishermen's Spot, or by calling Lisa Clarke at CalTrout (415) 392-8887 x102.

CalTrout & SoCal Fly Fishing Outfitters Sponsor F3T

When: Friday, February 8, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Barracks 17 at Liberty Station, 2710 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, CA

What: A pre-film event will take place at So Cal Fly Fishing Outfitters from 1:00 - 6:30 pm. Event will include product promotions, fly tiers, BBQ/drinks, and a presentation by CalTrout's Outreach Coordinator, Mike E. Wier, at 4:00pm. For event details, contact So Cal Fly Fishing Outfitters @ (619) 224-4000 .

Ticket Sales: Purchase tickets online at: www.flyfilmtour.com (and select "2013 Tour Schedule"), at So Cal Fly Fishing Outfitters, or by calling Lisa Clarke at CalTrout @ (415) 392-8887 x102.

The Calico Syndicate host the Fly Fishing Film Festival (F3T) Orange County Edition

When: Saturday February 9, 2013 @ 3:30pm

Where: AMC Tustin 14 @ The District, 2437 Park Avenue Tustin, CA 92782

What: The Event will feature a silent auction, raffle, select industry manufacture representatives on-site, hosted beverage bar by Kona Brewing Co., hosted hors d'oeuvres, live music and much more. You don't want to miss this!

Tickets will be sold exclusively on-line at: <https://www.ticketriver.com/event/5335>
There will be NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR so please purchase them in advance. This event will sell out.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit The John Wayne Cancer Foundation (JWCF.org) & The Algalita Marine Research Institute (Algalita.org)

For additional Info: www.Facebook.com/F3TOC or www.Facebook.com/TheCalicoSyndicate

Questions: F3TOC@tightloopmedia.com



Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Director

B uilding Hope!!!

"The story of this rod is amazing and the sheer joy Hope has given me has to be shared right up to and including the fish landed with Peter Carty on Hope. You have photos to prove it. When I held Hope her grip moulded perfectly into my hand and she simply became an extension of my casting arm. Hope assisted me to get back out fly fishing with no pain or discomfort and she has taught me so many things."

Sherrie Feickert, 1-5-13

What???? Did someone just say that about me??? Those are kind words in a big way. Honestly, I'm not sure I really deserve such high praise. All I did was build some Hope. Well really, I just built a fly rod I named Hope. God provided the real Hope.

This story begins a few years ago, when a SSFFC member, nice guy and habitual doer-of-good deeds, Pete Emmel got the rod builders in the club, started building custom rods to be presented to breast cancer patients at a retreat on the Feather River for 'Casting for a Cure'. Many rods were built and given to the nice cancer ladies. The next year, we started another round of rod building, but for whatever reason, the event had to be stopped and I ended up with a blank. I know someone that has recovered from breast cancer, so why not just build the rod for her. I'll call it Hope, based on Romans 15:13, maybe it will make her happy.

By this time, I was learning to do more than just build a basic fly rod. So I fired up the lathe and off I went. Happily the build started, this was to be the only really happy part of the build. What could go wrong did. I quickly learned that maple is VERY hard wood and difficult to taper to fit a rod blank. Do not try using a drill either. Bad things happen when too much force is applied to wood and cork. The wraps

would fray or just come loose after they were done. All in all, I wrapped the rod or parts of the rod 5 times. I didn't even want to think of the problems with the metallic trim wraps. I also had major problems with the finish. When I finally applied the epoxy to the wraps, it just wouldn't dry. WHAT???? I finally, with a little help, figured out the problem. All I'd have to do is strip everything off and start over, just what I was 'hoping' to do. So on the build went, this time everything was smooth sailing. I couldn't contain my excitement as I prepared to cast the rod I had so much time and tears invested in. As I tried to clamp down the reel, I realized I had a problem. The reel spacer had been cut a bit too long and wouldn't allow the reel to tighten. I was crushed. After all this, a 30-second mistake had made this rod unusable. Someone just didn't want this project completed. After some time and prayer, I started again, bought a new blank and just remade the butt section. At least by now I have the pattern down by heart. It doesn't have any of the cool little pink ribbon logos, I used the last of them long ago. Finally done, I applied the finish. It looked nice. When I took the rod off the turner, I noticed a small bug in a wrap. Oh well, we're fly fishers, we like bugs, it stayed!!!

So, Hope complete and properly casted, time to contact the recipients. Not answering Emails. OK, call. Not answering messages. I saw husband around town. Not setting up time to meet. I can't say I was surprised this wasn't going well. Nothing had so far. Finally, I realized that God had a plan. I didn't know what it was, so all I could really do was move on. Hope sat on my building bench for around a year. Enter Ellen Dailey. I had met Ellen through the Pink Fly donation with the Aguabonita Flyfishers. We became fast friends and had taken a fishing trip to Colorado to meet. We were planning our second adven-

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ture when I remembered she had been involved with a group called 'Stripping For a Cure'. I asked her if she could use a rod to raffle off. She was happy to get a rod, I was happy to get the rod out of my house. All good!!! When we got to the Owyhee River, I showed her Hope. She immediately told me of Sherrie Feickert and asked if she could have Hope. Fine with me, as long as someone was happy with my work, that's all I could ask.

After I returned from Idaho, off the rod went to New Zealand. I really felt good about this turn of events. Something felt right about this whole thing. Sherrie got the rod and seemed to really like it. The emails I received were stories of Hope bringing hope.

I had no idea the impact something like that could have on another person. I hadn't thought of a fly rod helping a recovery. What impacted me most was, I had no idea the size of fish my cheap little 4wt blank was going to have to deal with!!!

So after all this I realized that God, in fact, did have a plan. All I had to do was be patient and let life happen in His time. Everything that happened up to this moment was as it had to be. When Sherrie would send me reports of her adventures with Hope, I was encouraged that she really did like my rod. As I found that her recovery was being enhanced, I was amazed. Something so little to us can mean so much to someone else. I think sometimes we need to leave our com-

fort zone. I never considered myself a good enough rod builder to do a project for someone else. I still don't. I just wanted to make someone in a difficult situation happy, to make life a little easier for a short time. So with that, I give you Hope; ever-enduring, with the faith of a mustard seed, backed by the strength of the Everlasting God.

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies,
Allen



Sherrie with a typical NZ Brown!!!



Hope with a new friend!!!

HOPE

Nominations for Club Awards

Dave Calvert, Club Secretary

Each year, at our annual banquet, awards are periodically presented to individuals who have unselfishly demonstrated attitudes and performance beyond what is expected of them. It is through the dedication and contributions of these individuals that our club lives and provides the opportunity for others to enjoy our sport. The club board of directors

is soliciting “2012” nominations for the 4 awards listed below, to be awarded at the annual banquet on March 2nd. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please contact Dave Calvert at (760) 793-8026 or email at: dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com

The Tommy Chapman Award

Established in 1984

The ‘Tommy Chapman Award’ was established to remember and honor Tommy who believed so deeply in preserving and protecting our fish, waters, and the watershed. As a charter member of our club, he was instrumental in establishing and promoting a conservation ethic. His legacy of conservation is honored by this award.

The Art Craddock Award

Established in 2002

The ‘Art Craddock Award’ was established to remember Art. An expert fly tier and nymph fisherman, he shared his knowledge freely. Our club has been enriched by the legacy of fly-tying skills that he taught, and the one-on-one fishing instructions he gave. His legacy of mentoring and generosity are honored by this award.

The Mel Smith Award

Established in 2002

The ‘Mel Smith Award’ was established to remember and honor Mel who gave so freely of his time and talent to support the sport of fly-fishing. An active member of club, he could always be counted on to support conservation projects, fund-raising events, fishery habitat improvements and outings. His legacy is honored by this award.

The Bob Cherry Award

Established in 2010

The ‘Bob Cherry Award’ was established to remember and honor Bob who was one of the founding fathers of the Aguabonita Flyfishers. Bob loved fly fishing and readily shared his knowledge with others. His legacy lives through the continuing educational classes and the establishment of annual banquets which remain as cornerstones of our club today. Those fortunate to have fished with Bob remember him as an excellent fly fisher, fly tier, knowledgeable mentor, and a man who just loved to have fun.

Aguabonita Flyfishers' 34th Annual Banquet

March 2nd, 2013

B.P.O. ELKS Lodge, 201 East Church Street, Ridgecrest, CA.

5:00pm Wet Fly

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Auction

Tickets for the banquet and auction are \$35.00 per person (& includes tip). Tickets will be available at the February general meeting from John and Barbara Linder. You can also contact John or Barbara at (760) 377-5750 or by email at drjlinder@outdrs.net. Mail in requests can be sent to:

Aguabonita Flyfishers

Attn: John Linder, Banquet Tickets

P.O. Box 2059

Ridgecrest, CA. 93555-2059

Make your checks payable to "Aguabonita Flyfishers".

Reservations must be received by February 22nd, 2013.

The buffet dinner, catered by Farris' includes: Caesar Salad, Waldorf Salad, Lemon Chicken Breast, Burgandy Beef with Mushroom, Potatoes au Gratin, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable, Dinner Rolls, Coffee, and Tea. Finally, the meal will be topped off with our traditional dessert auction!

General raffle items and special awards will be presented throughout the evening. Raffle tickets will be sold at the start of the dinner for \$1.00 each.

The auction list continues to grow, items include numerous fly-fishing accessories, clothing, art, fly plates, and special gift items.

"Special Raffle" items this year will again include a custom fly-rod built by Chuck Newmyer. We're doing something a little different this year with the custom rod raffle. The winner of this raffle gets to choose the size and weight of rod they desire. This will be a "card raffle," cards will be on sale at the February monthly meeting for \$5.00 each.

Raffles and Auctions: *Dessert Raffle*
Regular Raffle

TIC Ticket Shooter
Special (Card) Raffles

Bucket Raffle
Auction

COME EARLY — HAVE FUN



News From California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW)

California Department of Fish and Wildlife moves Native Trout Program forward at Kern River Hatchery



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is reintroducing native rainbow trout to the Kern River.

Four water wells were recently drilled to serve as a back-up water source during adverse river conditions in preparation for the reintroduction.

“This is an important phase of the project and represents a significant milestone in preserving the heritage species in the Kern River,” said CDFW senior fisheries Environmental Scientist Brian Beal. “Upgrading our facility to reintroduce native trout will offer great fishing opportunities, while providing economic benefits and encouraging tourism.”

The reintroduction program will focus on Kern River rainbow trout, a strain of rainbow trout endemic to the Kern River. Because of heavy angling pressure and non-native introductions over the last century, the native fish can only be found in remote isolated areas of the Kern River.

As the program evolves, CDFW also plans to replace the existing non-native trout plants in the main stem Kern River and surrounding area with native trout. These non-native species include brown and other strains of rainbow trout that were planted over the years but not native to the river.

Additional planning is underway to collect the purest native trout from remote locations in Sequoia National Park during the fall of 2013. Collection of these wild fish will provide fertilized eggs and serve as future foundation brood stock.

Funding for the project comes from both a Southern California Edison Company trust fund set-up in the mid-1990s and CDFW.

In addition to Southern California Edison Company’s financial support, the U. S. Forest Service, Kern River Fly Fishers, Southern Sierra Fly Fishers, Kaweah Fly Fishers, Friends of the (Kern River) Hatchery, the County of Kern and the local commu-

nity have all made significant contributions and are working together to help make necessary improvements for this program.

Fly-tying with Big Game and Waterfowl Parts?

Question: My friends that hunt big game and waterfowl often give me deer hides or duck wings and body feathers which I use to tie flies for fishing. In the past I have given them flies in return for the hair, fur and feathers. In addition, I have sold flies to a few local sport stores, which may contain materials provided by my hunter friends. Would I be violating Fish and Game laws by trading (bartering) or selling these flies? Granted, these hunters provided materials that make a very small portion of the fly materials used to make flies. However, I grew up among sportsmen in a culture that encouraged the sharing of the harvest (taken by hunting or fishing) and an ethic of utilizing the harvest to the fullest extent (meat, fur, hair and feathers).

Answer: Yes and No. If the flies you tie are made only with the deer hair your friends have given you, then you may sell them (Fish and Game Code, section 4303). Any of the flies you tie that contain bird feathers from birds lawfully taken in California may not be sold as this would be a violation of multiple sections of the Fish and Game Code (including sections 3039 and 3504).

The law does provide some exceptions for mammals that are taken under a Trapping License or that are raised under a Domesticated Game Breeding License.

Buying and selling parts of bird and mammal species that do not exist in the wild in California are not restricted under this law. For a list of the species that do exist in the wild in California, please go to www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/genplantsanimals.html



Again in 2013, Aguabonita Flyfishers (member of the Southwest Council of Federation of Fly Fishers) in partnership with Trout Unlimited (TU) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will provide support for the “Trout in the Classroom” program.

“**TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM**”

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

February 9, 2013

9:30am to 3:30pm

Ridgecrest United Methodist

Church Social Hall

639 North Norma St.

Ridgecrest, CA

Coffee, Treats and

Lunch will be provided

Biology
Ecology
Environment

Entomology
Ecosystems
Fly-tying

All teachers participating must have completed the “Trout in the Classroom” in-service training program.

As was the case last year, there is a chance we will not be able to get trout eggs due to the demise of the Mt. Whitney Hatchery, along with state budget cuts. But we are willing to do the set up and hope for the best.

If you would like to participate again this year, please contact the TIC coordinator:

Jay Crawford at (H) 760-375-8275 or (C) 760-608-3104

Mail: 736 Scott Circle, Ridgecrest, CA, 93555.

Email: jay_crawford@verizon.net

Trout in the Classroom

Jay Crawford

It is time to start thinking about our club involvement this 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 on February 9th. 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 and setting up the equipment in the classrooms, taking the eggs to the classrooms, 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.

Please consider volunteering your time to help us in this all important outreach to our future generations of conservationists, wildlife biologists, and flyfishers.

Thanks, Jay

Special Raffles

Chuck Newmyer

The club is conducting 2 special raffles.

Membership Fly Plate: Phil Dixon is donating 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: A member 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 sharing the proceeds with them. The rod, built by Larry Tusoni (well noted bamboo rod builder) and 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.

👍 **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 cold water fisheries and their watersheds. We have protected more than 10,000 river miles nationwide and pioneered new scientific, legal and legislative tools to make America's rivers cleaner and healthier.

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

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



Other Club News

"TIES & LIES"

JANUARY 12TH

[WADERS OR HIP-BOOTS WERE REQUIRED]



On the Hook

Oscar Felsen, Weekend Fly-Tying

The next fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be Saturday, February 9th from 9:00am to noon at the Aguabonita'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.

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.).

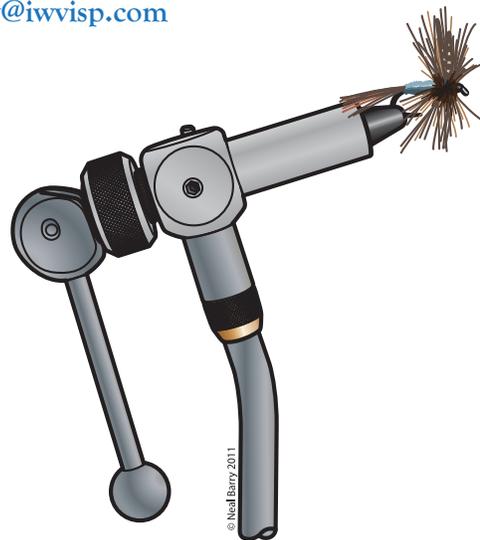
As always, if you have a question please drop me a line at felsenjo@verizon.net or (760) 446-7103.



Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We will hold a Fly-tying Class March 9th and 10th. If you are interested, details will be available at the February and March general meetings. We are looking at having a Fly-fishing Class in April, as well. You can also contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or hisifly@iwvisp.com



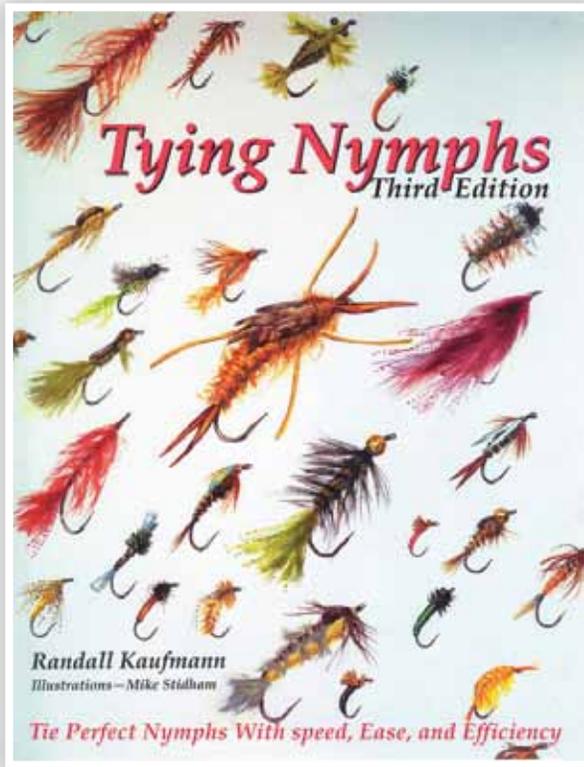
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👍 **High Sierra Flyfisherman** - Chuck has some left-over shop inventory, including some fly-tying materials (including hooks), flies (dries, nymphs, streamers, and terrestrials), rod building components, and leader and tippet materials. 20% to 50%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

👍 **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 February meeting will be "Tying Nymphs" by Randall Kaufmann.

"Tying Nymphs" will show you how to tie perfect nymphs in the most efficient manner possible. Tying instructions are presented in a fun and easy-to-understand manner. Over 800 concise color photos take you step-by-step through 23 demonstrated patterns presented in a logical sequence. Once these demonstrated patterns are mastered, you will be able to construct all 125 patterns detailed in this book.

Minimum bid: \$20

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 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



*"In every species of fish
I've angled for, it is the ones
that have got away that thrill
me the most, the ones that
keep fresh in my memory.
So I say it is good to lose
fish. If we didn't, much of
the thrill of angling would
be gone."*

Ray Bergman

Board of Directors and other Club Officers

President	Craig Porter	(760) 446-3400
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Youth Coordinator	John Linder	(760) 377-5750

Goodies for the
February Club Meeting
— Dave Calvert —

Goodies for the
March Club Meeting
— Chuck Newmyer —

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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● Last Quarter 3	4	5 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	6 Banquet Planning Mtg. 7:00pm	7	8	● New Moon 9 TIC Workshop 9:30am to 3:30pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Ties & Lies 9:00am - Noon
● First Quarter 17	18 President's Day Banquet Planning Mtg. 7:00pm Newsletter "Deadline"	19	20	21	22	23
24	○ Full Moon 25	26 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	27	28		

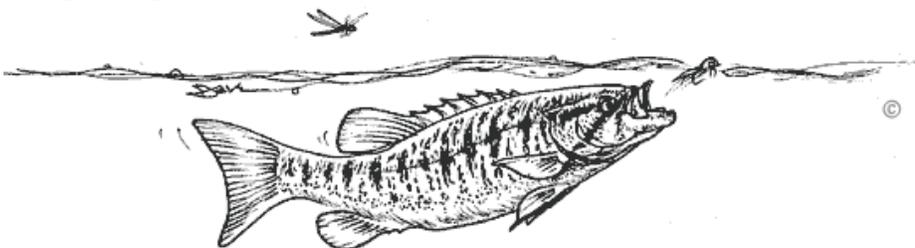
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Show

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Scouts under 16 in uniform: free
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The Editor's Spool

Neal Barry

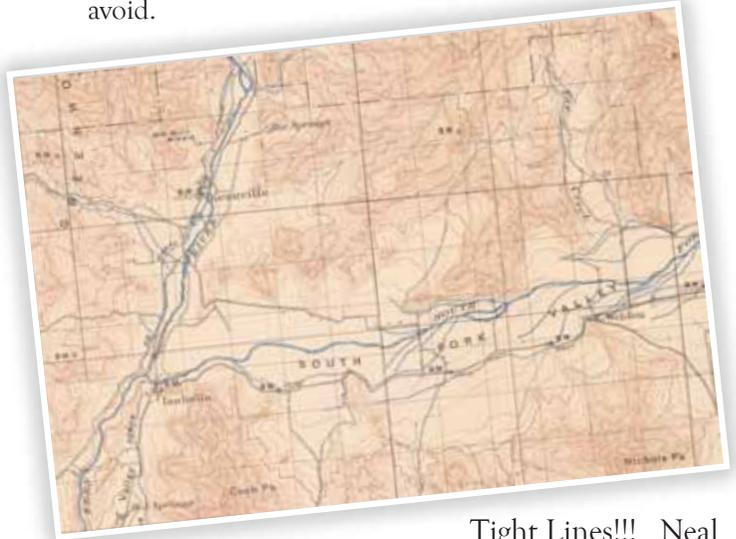
Brrrrr...it sure has been cold lately. Seems record freezing temps have been recorded throughout this country and the world. Lately though, all I've wanted to do is stay inside and stay warm. It's a good time to plan fishing trips, check maps, clean gear, thumb through this year's catalogs and tie flies.

As many of you know from my past articles, I'm a confessed "map-aholic." I really enjoy looking at maps whether they are the paper kind or the electronic type. I'm also a big fan of the Google Earth application that's available for most of today's computer platforms. There aren't too many places on the globe that haven't been imaged by their high-res cameras, that's probably why most worlds' governments and militaries have a love/hate relationship when it comes to the software.

Another fishing research avenue is the fact that most State Governments and their Fish and Wildlife departments provide online mapping programs that are valuable tools for the fisherman and outdoors enthusiasts alike. Most of these programs were designed for watershed and natural resources management in mind but what the heck,

they work for my purposes. And you can print maps so I'm not going to complain.

Believe it or not but historical maps can be a valuable resource for the fishing and outdoors enthusiast. A case in point, I located an online 1908 map of the Kernville, CA area with sufficient high-resolution for printing. This map shows structure locations, bridges and rivers before the dam was built and Lake Isabella was formed. In my book, it's all valuable information of places I should target or avoid.



Tight Lines!!! Neal



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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

