

The Flyline

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Eastern Sierra

OPPORTUNITIES

Presented by David D'Beaupre

The Eastern Sierra of California is one of the most diverse places to fish in our country. This beautiful coastal mountain range receives some of the greatest annual snowfall levels in the world, creating an expansive and diverse watershed of rivers, lakes, and creeks, each with their own unique character.

In other locales, guides have one main river and their job for the day is to choose which part of the river to fish. In the Eastern Sierra, One is able to choose which RIVER to fish and the choices are all blue ribbon trout waters! From streamer fishing for trophy brown and rainbow trout to carefully presenting a dry fly to a rising trout, nymphing

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a prime run, or taking a scenic hike away from humanity completely to seek out the wildest of untouched fish, the opportunities are limitless!

Within one hour of Bishop and Mammoth Lakes, a fly angler can choose to fish from various types of fishing waters from spring-fed streams and rivers to tailwaters, from freestone streams and rivers to stillwater fisheries.



David D'Beaupre grew up in Western Montana and began exclusively fly fishing at the age of 7. During his early years, David primarily fished on the unknown and secluded waters of the Flathead Indian Reservation where he lived. He also took weekend fly fishing trips to famous rivers across Montana with his father. At the age of twelve he won the National Junior Fly Casting Championship in West Yellowstone, MT.

David started professionally guiding at the age of 18 on the Clark Fork River in Montana where his father pioneered a fly fishing guide service and lodge. The lodge grew to the point where a guide training school was opened with David and his father instructing many serious fishermen on their path to becoming professional guides. The lodge and guide training school are still running strong with dozens of students coming out every year.

David has also guided in New Mexico on the Rio Grande and Pecos drainages and in Mexico on the



Caribbean flats on into Northern Belize. Venturing to the other side of the globe to Chilean Patagonia, David found some of the most explosive trout fishing one can imagine. Abnormally large trout in crystal clear waters is the game here. Chilean summers happen during our winters when David takes clients on a seven day fly fishing dream trip. On his own, David has fly fished in Honduras, Belize, and in Western Mexico for sailfish and other offshore species. He's also fished on the coastal waters of Oregon and Washington, and as far north as the Northern Territories in Canada for Walleye and Northern Pike. David is known for his infectious enthusiasm, and positive and patient nature that keeps clients coming back for more time after time.

A dedicated fly fisher of 23 years, David has spent the last five years of his 17 year guiding career guiding the year round trout waters of the Californian Sierra. If he isn't guiding, you can bet that he is fishing, traveling to fish, fishing with his family, or scouting out the new hot spots to get his clients into fish.

Please join us at our May meeting to hear David speak and be prepared to net a whole bunch of information on Eastern Sierra Opportunities!



[HTTP://WWW.SIERRATROUTMAGNET.COM/](http://www.sierratroutmagnet.com/)

The Leader's Line

Craig Porter, President

Time is flying for me - I can't believe Neal is already bugging me to turn in a newsletter article for May. Where has the month of April gone?

Well, the Aguabonita Flyfishers have certainly been busy with volunteer work. The Club had a very good turnout for the work-day at the historic Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. The effort for the work-day included painting the trim on some signs, up righting the posts that support a major sign at the entrance to the Hatchery property (i.e. pick and shovel work) and repositioning and fixing interpretive displays. What a good thing for the Club to be doing. Volunteers also helped with the Aquatic Insect Station for SEEP. The 4th Graders are really enjoying learning about insects this year - a great endeavor for the Club. The Club also participated in the Trout Fest at the Kern River Fish Hatchery this month - good turnout. Last but certainly not least is the volunteer work for TIC this month. The eggs were obtained and placed in the various 3rd grade classrooms. I have heard excitedly from my third grade granddaughter that "the eggs have hatched Papa"- she certainly is watching the aquarium with great interest. Too bad her class is not going to be able to go on the field trip to release the fish and see the bugs at the stream - funding issues. April seemed to be a big volunteer month - volunteering does make a difference.

The month of April has also seen Aguabonita's out there fishing. I have heard reports of folks fishing on the Lower Owens, the San Juan, and the Green River. There was also a Club outing to the Lower Owens in April - Dave Calvert lead the trip as a pinch hitter for Hardy Tyson. I personally had fun fishing the Frying Pan, Roaring Fork, and the Colorado (near Glenwood Springs, CO) with Club member Dick Compton. It snowed every day we were there - toes and fingers were very very cold all day. It was worth it - we caught a batch of fish - Rainbows, White Fish,

and Browns on nymphs, streamers, and dry flies. Nymphs in size 22 worked best.

Just think about all the possibilities in the Eastern Sierra now that fishing season is open. Out next Club outing is to McGee Creek scheduled for May 11th. Don't miss this opportunity. Get out there and go fishing!

BTW - I thought the presentation at the April Meeting was outstanding. - "Streamer Fishing For Trophy Trout" by Rob and Ryan Buhler. The two presenters were certainly well prepared and knew their stuff. Thanks Allen Bell and Craig Rae for bringing this superb presentation to the Club.

Get involved, volunteer, help out, be present! Keep an eye out for the next TIC volunteer opportunity - helping release fish at Lone Pine Creek, getting the classroom equipment cleaned up, put away, and ready to go for next year. Also SEEP needs volunteers - two field trips left (May 3rd and 10th). See you at the Club Meeting May 7th.

Tight Lines!!! Craig

Congratulations to our recent "Fly Fishing Class" Grads!!!



(L to R) Katie Woods, Sue Bue, Mark Ford, Justin Pooley, and Gary Ahr. Congratulations goes to Katie Woods for winning the Carol Garrison Scholarship.

Up Around The Bend

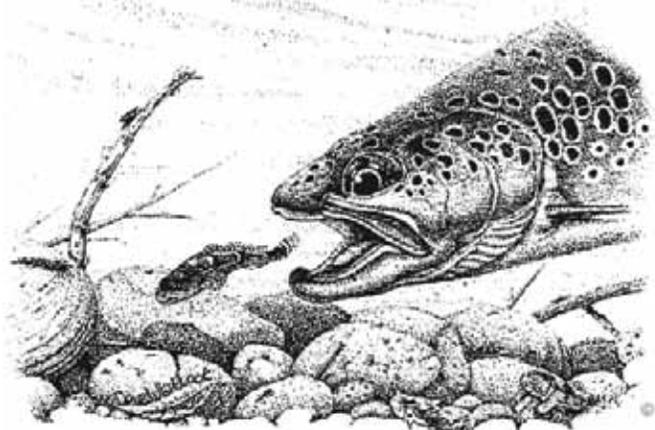
Craig Rae, Programs

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

May	David D'Beaupre Eastern Sierra Opportunities
June	Ernie Gulley Crowley Lake Fly-fishing Techniques
July	No Meeting Scheduled
August	Club Picnic
September	To Be Announced
October	Bonnie Anderson Casting For Recovery - SoCal
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



Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery Work Party

Lloyd Smith

Eight Aguabonita Flyfishers and family members participated in the April 13th Annual Workday at the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery to get it ready for the 2013 season. Aguabonita workers included Bob Ziegler, John Linder, Craig Rae, Chuck Newmyer, Craig Porter and granddaughter Brisa, and Lloyd and Bea Smith. The Aguabonita crew was assigned painting tasks and rearrangement of the display room. Everyone contributed a great effort and the many volunteers were able to complete all of the tasking by noon. The hatchery is a beautiful place and with great educational impact.

The next event at the hatchery will be the Kids Free Fishing Day on Saturday, May 11th.

Thank you!!! Lloyd

Club Outings for 2013!!!

Hardy Tyson, Outings

May 11th	McGee Creek
June 8th	East Walker River
August	TBD
September	June Lake Weekend Camping Trip
October	Owens River Gorge
November	Upper Kern River

Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Director

Another Boring Day!!!

It's early on a beautiful Saturday morning. I'm in my Escape, driving to the Kern.....again. For whatever reason, I've been fishing the Kern a lot lately. The flows are low this year, nonexistent in some of the places I really want to be. So, off to the Kern I go. Just another boring day. Sometimes I think I may fish too much. I get on a long string of weekends fishing and they seem to blend together. It's definitely better than sitting at home. Really, if I was at home, wifey may get the idea that I should work in my badly neglected yard or something. Given a choice, fishing will always beat working. Besides, I can find flowers anywhere!



Not many flowers this year, but enough!!!

So, as I pull into the parking spot near the place I want to start fishing, I notice the songbirds are just waking up, singing me songs unmatched by any other type of music. I can smell that wet, sweet smell of forest in the morning. Even the Ravens waking up in the trees look cool to me today. Not too bad, I'm off to a good start. As I finish rigging up and pray, I hear a covey of quail talking. Some are up the hill from me. Some are on the other side of the road. I've parked right in the middle of a covey and they are moving and regrouping. They are talking constantly and now and then one flushes, but they don't fly far. They seem to

know I am not a danger to them. I see them almost all the way to the river, until they finally all take flight to rejoin their friends and family across the road. Wow, this day is shaping up very nicely. Maybe the fish will cooperate too!

Finally, I get to the river. The water is flowing nicely and crystal clear. It still has it's winter look, clear and emerald. I love the Kern when it is like this.



The beautiful Kern and my new friend!!!

I fished that slot and caught 3 or 4 fish before the mallard finally decided to mosey along. I don't know what it is about fly fishing. When you are in the water, the wild life seems to sometimes just accept you as part of the river. That's fine with me. I caught several nice fish and quite a few smaller ones. I didn't care about the size, I love them all!!

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Typical fish for this morning!!!

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So, I fished along, before I knew it, morning became midday. Time for a burger at Riverkern store. After lunch, I decided I'd caught plenty of fish in the morning, time to fish dry flies the rest of the afternoon. I really enjoy this. Actually, I've been doing something I rarely do, fishing just one fly at a time. I started out doing this recently trying out some new prototypes I'm working on. It works ok, but there is something I really enjoy about finding the fly that is 'just right'. I love these times when I really don't care about catching. It just relaxes me to fish. I've been taking the time to enjoy the exquisite feel and power of my Winstons. Realizing the symmetry of a perfectly timed cast and presentation. How my fly dances at one with the water on a perfect drift. My peace and happy time was interrupted by the fish of the day. A nice wild rainbow moved about 6 feet to my fly, in no real hurry and calmly ate the bug he was so sure would be very tasty. Sorry dude, wrong bug!!



Beautiful wild Kern Rainbow!!!

So as it always happens, afternoon started turning late and windy. I could have put my nymphs back on, but didn't really see the point. Why bother when there is a nice cold Highway 395 waiting at the truck. When I left home, much earlier than I really wanted to get out of bed, I had been thinking of not going. I was getting tired of the same spots, kind of bored with fishing in general. Lately, I've been thinking of how I felt that morning. I ended up having a great day, full of beauty and wonder. We are living through some

crazy times. Often, I just can't figure out why some people do the things they do. Maybe they should come with me. I could show them that there are things that we see and ignore every day that make life pleasant and well worth living. I could show them another boring day.

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies!!! Allen

News from SWC-IFFF

Native Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Aided By Fly Fishing Clubs, SWC-IFFF

California Lahontan cutthroat trout, squeezed out of their native Sierra habitat by illegally planted brook trout, will be reestablished and nurtured by a consortium of local fly-fishing clubs and the Southwest Council-International Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC-IFFF) in cooperation with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW).

Target area is Silver Creek in the West Walker River watershed near Bridgeport.

A base camp will be established at the headwaters of Silver Creek and a team of 4-5 people will assist the CDFW with electro-fishing. The goal of this multi-year event is to eradicate the non-native brook trout so the stream can sustain a currently imperiled population of Lahontan cutthroat trout. Upon completion, Silver Creek will be opened to angling.

The project is being spearheaded by Debbie Sharpton, Oak Park, conservation chair of the San Fernando Valley-based Sierra Pacific Flyfishers and conservation director of the SWC-IFFF; and Gary Applebee, president of Deep Creek Flyfishers. CDFW coordinator is fisheries biologist Dawne Becker Emery.

A project lead gift of \$5,000 from the Sierra Pacific Flyfishers club was shepherded by Sharpton.

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Funding is being sought from all clubs within SWC-IFFF and other interested organizations or individuals.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this effort. Information for volunteering and donating is available at the following web site:

<http://southwestcouncilfff.org/Conservation/swc-iff-conservation>.

The brook trout elimination will take place from late July to late Sept., said Emery.

According to the Bishop-based biologist, "Silver Creek, a tributary to the West Walker River in Mono County, is Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery water that was illegally stocked with brook trout. Brook trout were discovered in Silver Creek in 2004 during a survey intended to collect baseline population information to support opening the stream to regulated angling. Lack of ability to utilize efficient methods of brook trout removal that could be completed within two or three seasons has resulted in the lost opportunity of angling for a native Walker Basin cutthroat trout in this mountain meadow stream."

Removal of the voracious brook trout will be accomplished with the introduction of an Alaskan weir, modified to fit the stream, within one mile from the headwaters of Silver Creek. Immediately downstream of the headwaters, block nets with approximately 1/4-inch mesh will be placed within the channel, where brook trout removal will occur incrementally within block netted sections, working downstream to the weir.

An intern position is available, go to www.spff.org or <http://southwestcouncilfff.org/Conservation/swc-iff-conservation> for details.



Basalt, CO Daily Fishing Log

Dick Compton and Craig Porter

Day 1:
(snowing & blowing-wade fishing)

The Frying Pan was lots of fun, even at 44 cfs. Caught lots of BIG fish in the pool below the dam on nymphs on a 3 Wt rod with 6X tippets and 14" to 19" browns and rainbows on streamers and dries below the bridge on 5 Wt rods. Weather was brutal - 19°F with 15-20 MPH wind. Our guide was Kyle Holt from the Taylor Creek Fly Shop in Basalt.



FRYING PAN RIVER!!!



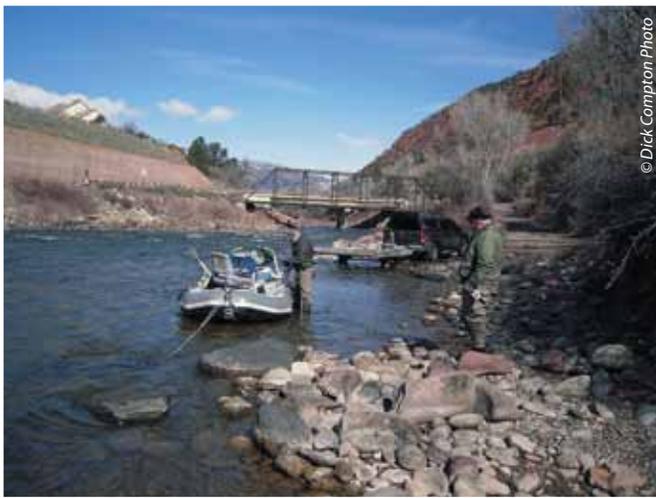
GUIDE KYLE HOLT WITH NICE FRYING PAN RAINBOW, CRAIG PORTER TO RIGHT!!!

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Day 2: (snowing & blowing—rubber raft)

The lower Roaring Fork was very low and we were in a rubber raft all day. Fishing the pocket water for browns and long runs for rainbows was really good. Dick even caught a 4-lb whitefish. We used nymphs below an indicator all day. The Roaring Fork was our least favorite day because we were fishing right through town. Weather was again brutal.



*ROARING FORK RIVER BOAT LAUNCH AT
GLENWOOD SPRINGS!!!*

Day 3: (snowing early—drift boat)

The Colorado River between Glenwood Springs and Newcastle was a complete surprise to the guide and to us. The weather warmed slightly and a big hatch started around 10:30 and lasted almost the rest of the day. Kyle told us it is really necessary to get a hatch like we had in order to get the fish to "suspend" and start aggressively feeding.

We fished all day with the bottom nymph about 5 ft below our indicators even though the river was much deeper. We could not make a single drift without a hookup and had many double hookups. The Colorado River at Glenwood Springs is as wide as the Lower Sac at Redding in some places and Dick had one hookup where the fish went all the way across the river in big white water without a head shake before coming off. Dick said it felt like being hooked up to a big steelhead. There are some big rainbows in the Colorado River!



*COLORADO RIVER BETWEEN GLENWOOD SPRINGS
AND NEWCASTLE!!!*

General comments:

April is a good time to fish this area because the crowds are light. The guide told us that when the weather warms you can get "combat fishing" everywhere except the Colorado River stretch we fished. Unfortunately, you may have to deal with snow when driving to/from Denver if you fly into Colorado.

Guide Kyle Holt Contact Info

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A Photo Visit to Pyramid Lake

Dick Compton



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*O-Dark-30 at Pyramid Lake (15-16 March)
First Day - Using Guide Rob Anderson
Second Day - Unguided!!!*



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*Fishing Partner Joseph On-Ladder
(Using Size 14 Nymphs 9' Below Indicator
w/ 5X Tippet)!!!*

Rob Anderson Contact Info:
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rob@bucketlistflyfishing.com



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*Guide Rob Anderson Takes Photo of Joseph's
First Lahontan Cutthroat!!!*



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*Dick and Joseph's First Lahontan
Cutthroat Double!!!*



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*One of Several 23" and Larger Lahontan
Cutthroats Landed!!!*

Bella...a Fly Fishing Puppy Dog

Ellen Dailey

This is about a fly fishing puppy dog!! Bella was my thirteen year old British Lab who is now fishing with her Dad on the Big River in the sky. She was a retired Therapy dog, could make even the hardened of hearts smile, fished more rivers than most people and possessed the TRUE SPIRIT of fly fishing. You see, on her first fishing trip (Green River) she learned three important lessons: never pick up a fly from the bottom of the boat; let loose flyline hang from ears, nose and head without moving - eventually someone will look down and take up slack; and, above all else, cheer her anglers on as she received a "treat" with each fish caught. Bella didn't care how big, what species, or how bad your cast was; she only cared if you landed the fish. Oh, no.....we created a "fish counter" but for a noble cause!

I had booked a two-day trip on the Snake River; our usual guide was ill so we were fishing with a new guide. We show up with Bella and the guide informs us he doesn't take dogs in his boat to which I replied Bella wasn't just ANY dog - she was a great boat dog, he wouldn't even know she was there and it was either take Bella or the day off! He grumbled and reluctantly agreed and, of course, fell in love with her. The next day presented sleet, snow, wind - all those lovely conditions we've experienced at one time or another. Off to the river with jackets, hats and gloves; our grumbling guide was there with a pillow and blanket for

Bella!! That same guide bought a black Lab a few months later!

Bella worked as a Therapy Dog for ten years - we visited nursing homes, hospitals and rehab centers. On one occasion a physical therapist requested a "Bella visit" to a patient who had suffered a stroke. The patient's family was in the room and not quite sure how a dog was going to help. The physical therapist had Bella sit next to the wheelchair and rested Bella's head on the arm of the chair, said "stay" and then asked the patient to touch Bella's nose. It took almost forty-five minutes but the patient finally inched her hand to touch Bella's nose. Yes, Bella sat that still as if willing the patient to move her arm. There was not a dry eye in the room and the family finally understood.

Her last fishing trip was in October to the Owyhee. Checked in to the Best Western, went out to retrieve Bella and there were four employees waiting to welcome her as they all remembered her previous three visits. No one remembered my name!!! We fished with Allen Bell and Mark Sweat for a few days

on the Owyhee. Bella gingerly picked her way through the river rock when we couldn't find a sandy bank but she always wanted to be with us. She still was looking for those treats!

Well, my sweet.....hope you're getting all the treats you desire.....you've more than earned each one as a great Therapy dog and loving, faithful companion.....fish on, Bella!



Seventh Annual Rush Creek Cleanup

Saturday, June 22nd, 2013

Rush Creek, Silver Lake Resort, June Lake Loop, CA



Trash, from monofilament to old bait containers, will be picked up from Rush Creek, Silver Lake and down the canyon as far as Grant Lake by member club representatives of the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) on Saturday, June 22nd. The Seventh Annual Rush Creek Cleanup is slated for 8 a.m.-noon, according to Joe Lemire, a member of the Streamborn Fly Fishing Club and SWC IFFF representative. Silver Lake Resort in the June Lake loop will provide a free barbeque lunch following the cleanup. Volunteers will pick up and dispose of trash along an approximately five-mile stretch of the eastern Sierra along the shoreline of Silver Lake and Rush Creek from the power plant above Silver Lake down the canyon to Grant Lake. “We’ve previously filled as many as 60 trash bags on our Rush Creek cleanup; this

year we expect to haul out 30 to 40,” Lemire said.

Club volunteers are expected to carry out coolers, sun glasses, broken bottles, automobile hub caps, hundreds of feet of fishing line, hooks, lures and bobbers that are a death trap to wildlife. If enough volunteers show up this year, the cleanup can continue up the canyon and impact the environment as far as the Gull Lake area. Anglers who will be in the area and want to volunteer should meet at the Silver Lake boat ramp at 8 a.m.; bring gloves, hat, sun screen, trash pick-up sticks, boots and waders if you have them.

Trash bags will be provided by Silver Lake Resort. For information, contact Lemire at jflx8@dslextreme.com or phone 909-609-1101.

EL PESCADOR



B E L I Z E

2013 Belize Tarpon Tagging Expedition



Did you ever want to be a Marine Biologist for a day and play a significant role in the effort to protect and understand global tarpon populations? This is your chance to actually help answer the “\$64,000.00 Question” - Are our fish, their fish? Is it possible that the giant tarpon we see late in the summer every year in Belize are the very same fish anglers see in the Florida Keys in May and June. In July of 2013, for the first time in history, join us for a completely unique opportunity to become an elite member of the expedition that will help unlock the answers to the global tarpon migration code.

Join Adam Marton at Belize’s El Pescador Lodge and Villas for this first ever Tarpon Tagging Expedition. Armed with the most technologically advanced PAT & SPOT satellite tags, the goal of the expedition is to land, successfully tag and release two adult tarpon that migrate annually to the world renowned Long Key zone of the Northern Belize Fishery. After tagged tarpon are successfully released, the expedition will be enabling scientists from the University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science to study global movements, habitat and behavior of the fish for up to

6-months. The results of these data sets will ultimately be used to enable fisheries managers, anglers and government officials from around the globe to make even more intelligent decisions about how to properly manage tarpon populations around the world. Our combined efforts to enable intelligent decisions to be made are the cornerstone in ensuring our children's children will have the opportunity to enjoy the Silver King for generations to come.

This is most probably a once in a life time experience to fish and advance science with an elite group of concerned anglers from all over the world. After very careful consideration of annual migration patterns, optimal moon and tidal phases, the dates for this 7 night expedition are July 10-17, 2013. There are a very limited number of spots available for this expedition.

The 7 night/6 day Tarpon Tagging Expedition package (based on shared standard room and shared guide) is US\$3,150.00/per person. To book your spot on the expedition please contact your travel wholesaler, local fly shop or Ali Flota at El Pescador, alissa@elpescador.com or phone at 1-800-242-2017.





ALL FREE!

~ Kids ~
Bring your parents to Trout Fest for a free, fun-filled day of fishing activities and fascinating facts about California native trout.

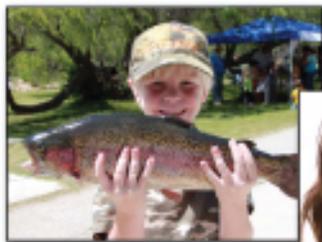
TROUT FEST

ATTENTION!!!

We are in need of club members to volunteer for the remaining Hot Creek Trout Fest Events!!!

Sign-up sheets will be available at the May and June monthly meetings!!!

Catch a Fish ~ Feed a Fish ~ Taste a Fish ~ Touch a Fish



- Casting
- Rigging
- Knot Tying
- Touch Pool
- Kid's Fishing
- Bean Bag Toss



- Fly Tying
- Fly Casting
- River Maze
- Trout Tasting
- Fish Printing
- Face Painting
- Feed the Fish



- Aquariums
- Trout Cleaning
- Dissection Demo
- Hatchery Displays
- CDFW Programs

Moccasin Creek Hatchery ~ Saturday, April 13, 2013

15300 Hwy 49, Moccasin, CA 95347 10am-2pm

Kern River Hatchery ~ Saturday, April 27, 2013

14415 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA 93238 10am-2pm

San Joaquin Hatchery ~ Saturday, May 11, 2013

17372 Brook Trout Drive, Friant, CA 93626 9am-2pm

Hot Creek Hatchery ~ Saturday, June 29, 2013

121 Hot Creek Hatchery Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 10am-2pm



For more information or to be a Trout Fest volunteer contact us at:

troutfest@wildlife.ca.gov (559) 765-4824



Club Outreach - Trout Fest 2013

Kern River Trout Hatchery on April 27th



Special Raffles

Chuck Newmyer

We are continuing the raffle of the Bamboo Fly Rod Outfit. The funds raised will be shared by The Friends of the MT. Whitney Hatchery and our club. We are selling 100 tickets at \$20 each. The Friends of the Hatchery are holding their annual

dinner and fund raiser on Thursday, August 15. At that time we will take the remaining tickets to that event, sell what we can, and then draw a winner.



👍 **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/>

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PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

“The Fish That Got Away Stories”

Every True Fisherman has at least one story about the one that got away. Probably several stories family members have heard multiple times. I know I have at least 4: one about the Hawaii Blue Marlin, one about my first hitch hiker Ling Cod, one about the Cabo Striped Marlin and last but not least the Lake Gordon Michigan Largemouth Bass. So the September Program is going to be a contest for the best “Fish That Got Away Story”.

The Rules Are As Follows:

- 1) The stories are to be based on “Real Events” – no just fictional stories allowed. If the story is too unbelievable it may be challenged requiring backup info on more details about the where, when, how old you were, location, etc after the voting for the winner. The challenge must be made and seconded.
- 2) The stories must be ones that you have told before to friends or family.
- 3) The stories are to be limited to 3 minutes. This is so everyone can have their turn and not take all night. I have a very consistent loud timer.
- 4) Any club member not willing to give their story must donate \$5 into the speaker fund.
- 5) Any story that runs over the three minutes will be penalized two votes.
- 6) The three best stories will be awarded speaker fees: 1st= \$40; 2nd= \$20; and 3rd= \$10. The fines for failure to relate a story will be added to the fees as follows: the 1st \$ 5 goes into 1st place, the 2nd \$ 5 adds to 2nd place etc.
- 7) The story order will be alphabetical from the attendance list so they can be voted for by number or name.
- 8) Each member will have three votes. No more than two votes of the three may be given to one story teller.

We hope to see everyone there!!!

On the Hook

Oscar Felsen, Weekend Fly-Tying

The next fly-tying session, "Ties and Lies", will be Saturday, May 4th from 9:00am to Noon at the Aguabonita Classroom, 145B Panamint Street.

We will be tying "Safety Pin" style flies such as Woolly Bugger, Woolly Worm or any pattern that you think will make an attractive "Safety Pin Fly". These are being tied for the up coming Trout Fest at the Hot Creek Hatchery. Put your creative gene to work and let's see what you can produce.

Will be collecting the "Pink" flies at the May meeting so they can be mailed to Ellen Dailey in time for the Casting for Recovery event later this Year. This notice is for those that have tied at home and will have last minute flies that need to be collected and mailed.

In June we will be conducting a tying session on working with deer hair. Will have a sign-up sheet for those who may be interested, so we can have copies of the tying instruction and prepare basic tying kits for those who will be attending.

There will be another sign - up sheet for the purpose of having a way of contacting you if these plans change.

As always, these sessions are open to all. This is also your opportunity for you to access the library and club equipment.

Any questions please; contact me at felsenjo@verizon.net or (760) 446-7103

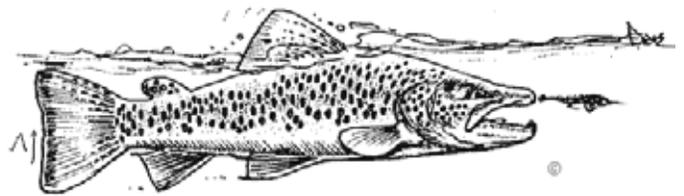


Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We will have a Rod Building Class on the flex-Friday weekend of June 7 - 9. There will be an introductory session on Monday evening, May 13th. This will be an opportunity for those who are interested to find out what goes into building a rod. They can then decide if they want to take the class and provides enough time to get their components together before the actual class starts in June.

Detailed information sheets will be available at the club meeting or you can contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or hisifly@iwvisp.com for more information.



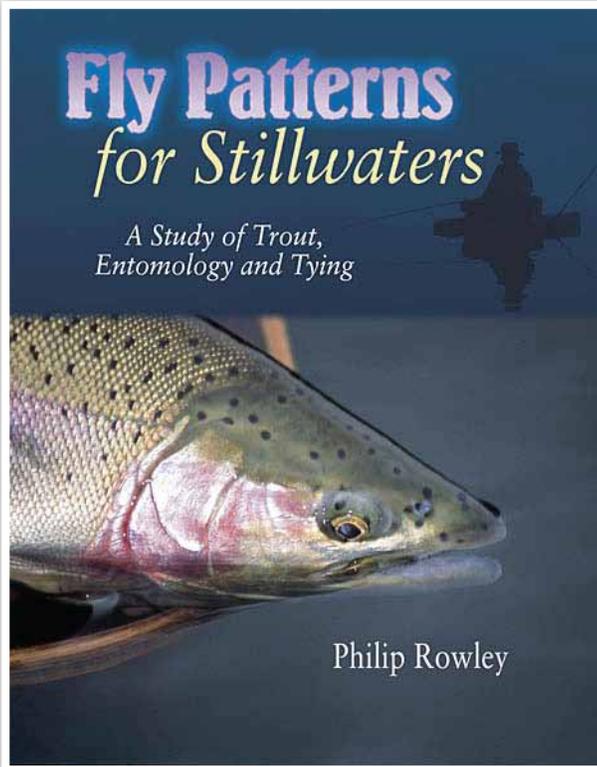
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👍 **High Sierra Flyfisherman** - Chuck has some left-over shop inventory, including some fly-tying materials (including hooks), flies (dries, nymphs, streamers, and terrestrials), rod building components, and leader and tippet materials. 20% to 50% 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 of the Month for the May meeting will be "Fly Patterns for Stillwater" by Philip Rowley.

Many fly fishers find lakes to be vast, intimidating bodies of water. Trout are fussy, the waters are tough to read, and any number of food items could be on the menu. So what do you do?

In this book, Phil Rowley uncovers the riches lakes have to offer the patient angler. Phil has spent countless hours studying the food sources that make up the diet of trout; then sets up home aquariums to more closely observe the movement, development, and emergence of these aquatic insects. In this book he explains the link between understanding the food base within a lake and designing effective fly patterns for these environs.

Minimum bid: \$19

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 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



*Trout do not lie or cheat
and cannot be bought or
bribed or impressed by power,
but respond only to quietude
and humility and endless patience.*

*Robert Traver,
Trout Magazine, 1976*

Board of Directors and other Club Officers

President	Craig Porter	(760) 446-3400
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Goodies for the
May Club Meeting
— Neal Barry —

Goodies for the
June Club Meeting
— Pat Hazen —

May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	☾ Last Quarter 2	3	4 Weekend Fly-tying "Ties & Lies" 9:00am - Noon
5	6	7 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	8	☉ New Moon 9	10 Club Outing to the McGee Creek	11 Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery Kids Fishing 8:00am - 2:00pm
12	13 Rod Building Introductory Session	14	15	16	☽ First Quarter 17	18
19	20 Newsletter "Deadline"	21	22 Crater NP Created 1902	23	☽ Full Moon 24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 Board Meeting 7:00pm	29	30	☾ Last Quarter 31	



SAVE THE DATE!

Trout Fest 2013 Event Series:

Moccasin Creek Hatchery – Saturday, April 13, 2013 10am - 3pm
Kern River Hatchery - Saturday, April 27, 2013 10am - 2pm
San Joaquin Hatchery – Saturday, May 11, 2013 9am - 2pm
Hot Creek Hatchery - Saturday, June 29, 2013 10am - 2pm

Hot Creek Hatchery
June 29th
10:00am - 2:00pm



The Editor's Spool

Neal Barry

Ok, what's wrong with the picture below? Hmmmm...I won't tell you. Oh, oh, you know the answer. What, the picture wasn't cropped very well!!! Wrong answer folks. The problem

with the picture is that you're not knee deep and catching those trout. I hope to see some photos and articles from most of you in the next few months. Many thanks to those who have been contributing to the newsletter, especially this month. Keep'em coming!!!

Tight Lines!!! Neal



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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

