

September Program

Our featured speaker for the 6 September general meeting will be Ken Johnson of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fresno Office. Ken will discuss his ongoing work in Golden Trout Wilderness on drought monitoring Volcanic Creek and fish barrier monitoring and restoration on the South Fork Kern River.

Volcanic Creek’s dependence on spring sources for water, small California Golden Trout (CGT) population size, and lack of connectivity to Golden Trout Creek all pose risks to the sustainability of the population. Extended drought conditions make the challenges even greater for the persistence of California Golden Trout.



The Volcanic Creek strain of California golden trout is considered to be the most genetically pure population within its native range. The genetic integrity of the Volcanic Creek strain (*Oncohynchus mykiss aguabonita*) of California Golden Trout is a result of its remote location and intermittent connection with Golden Trout Creek. It is not known how often the connection is established with Golden Trout Creek.

Dinner..... We will be hosting Ken for a dinner at Ale’s Steakhouse starting at 5:30 PM (1730) prior to our general meeting at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 PM (1930) on Tuesday 6 Sept. Please let Lloyd Smith (760-377-3542 or lloyd.smith@hughes.net) know if you plan to attend dinner.

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Speaker's Bio: Ken Johnson



Photo from CDFW Website <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Inland-Fisheries/Wild-Trout/Staff-Directory#384881302-central-region>

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Background

1990: Ken graduated from CSU, Fresno, with a BA degree in Environmental Biology

1991-2001: USFS – Spotted owl demography study on Sierra National Forest and Sequoia NP. Determined nesting success, captured and banded all spotted owls, drew blood from juveniles to determine sex and used radio telemetry to track juvenile dispersal.

2001-2005: CDFW - Salmon Program (Central Region) – Conducted Adult escapement surveys on the Merced River to estimate the Chinook salmon population returning to spawn. Performed Kodiak trawl surveys on the San Joaquin River to estimate salmon smolt production for the entire San Joaquin basin.

2005 – Present: CDFW - Heritage and Wild Trout Program (HWTP - Central Region) – Responsible for Central Region's diverse wild and native trout resources. Monitor designated Heritage and Wild Trout waters, assess waters for potential adoption into HWTP and develop and/or update fisheries management plans for new and existing heritage and wild trout waters. Responsible for monitoring the Volcanic Creek golden trout population through the recent drought. **Central Region's** lead for the 2016 rescue and the 2017 return of golden trout from Volcanic Creek. Participated in the Silver King treatment for restoration of Paiute cutthroat trout and Lake Davis treatment to eradicate Northern Pike.

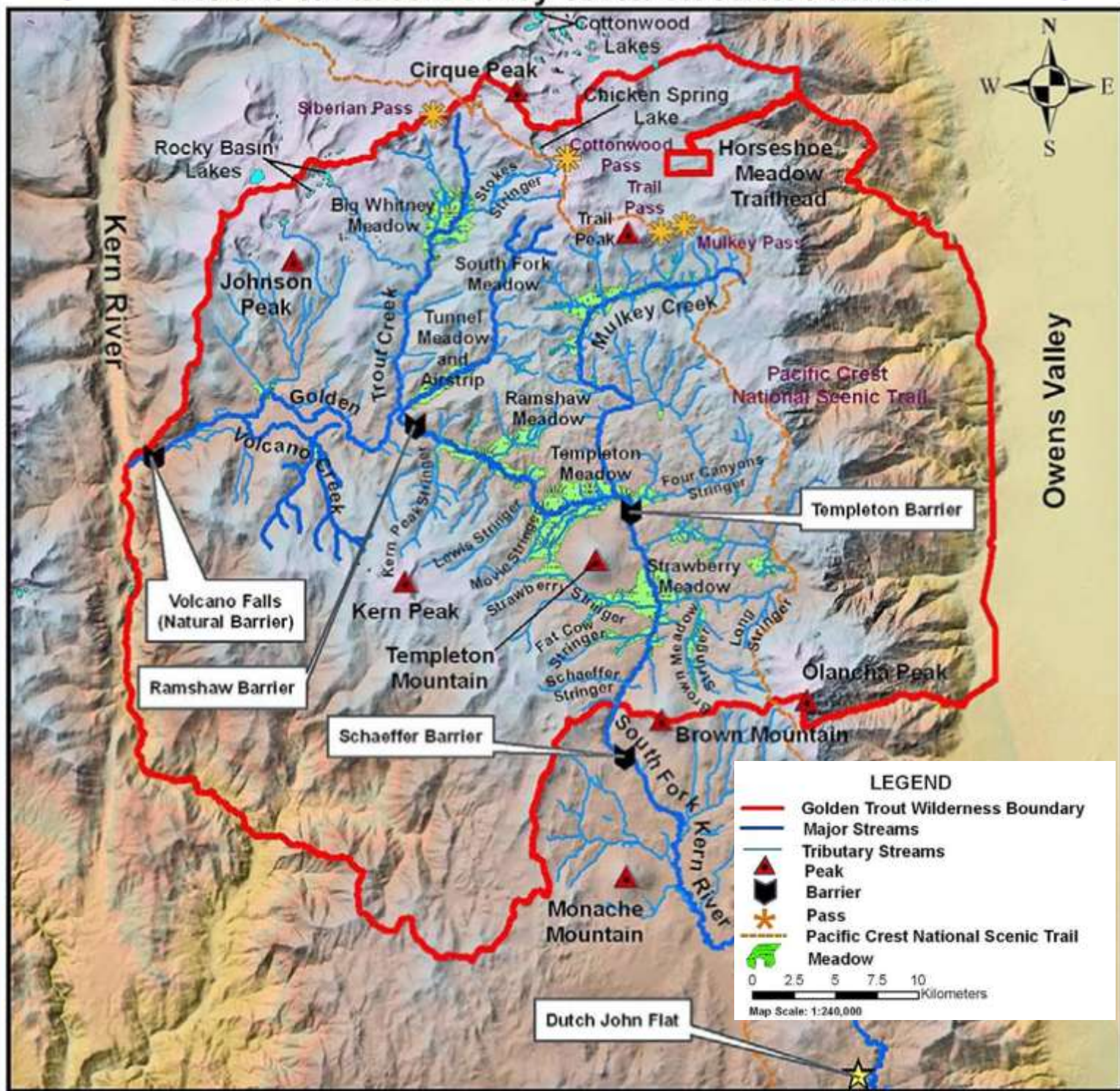


YouTube Video **California Golden Trout Rescue Project**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvHZzq-h3FE&t=3s>



California Department of Fish and Game Golden Trout Recovery Work on Kern Plateau



Map by James Erdman

Ref: Restoration of the California Golden Trout in the south Fork Kern River, Kern Plateau, Tulare County, California, 1966 - 2004, with reference to Golden Trout Creek, E. P. (Phil) Pister, Inland Deserts Region, Retired, California Golden Trout, Central Region, Administrative Report No. 2008-1, 2008, page 3

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Search-Results?q=Golden%20Trout%20Wilderness%20#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=Golden%20Trout%20Wilderness%20#gsc.page=1>

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President of Aguabonita Fly Fishers: Karl Zellner



I hope everyone enjoyed the picnic. Unfortunately I brought COVID back from a work trip to Anchorage. The symptoms lessened, but lingered longer than I expected, based upon anecdotal evidence. Thankfully, I had 2 boosters.

I also typically camp on the Central Coast the weekend following the picnic, and before selling at a gem and mineral show in Nipomo under my business name Ridgecrest Rocks. If you remember the sign coming into town from the Antelope Valley, it prompted Theresa to say I should change my business name. Many customers do not have a sense of small business economics, so would ask if that was my billboard. It would cost more than my gross profits. The name became even a better choice after the earthquakes. **The other common comment we get is, "I did not know all these rocks come from Ridgecrest" (from a worldwide assortment display!).**

I have not fished since backpacking in June. Travelling for work, my business and visiting family has taken precedent. I look forward to fishing on Kodiak in September at Saltery Lake Lodge with Craig Porter and later in the Fall in the Eastern Sierra. Craig Porter, Lew Albright and I have gone for Reds in the past on two for one offers from Saltery Lodge, but it has been a while since I have gone for Silvers. The last time I fished for Silvers was with several club members no longer with us. Silvers are about 11 pounds of raw energy just 2 miles from the ocean. Saltery is still cheaper than other lodges if you can afford it. Saltery has great food, accommodations, and guides.

Since I have no recent fishing stories to tell, I will instead, make the following annual feedback request to all ABFF members for suggestions to help make our club better going forward. Please let me and/or other board members know if you prefer any changes to the club, since our club is for all members, not just the board's club. **We cannot decide on issues we do know about.**

I hope you find ways to enjoy our hobby and fellowship too.

Karl



Washington shield volcano, flying home from Anchorage (Photo provided by Karl Zellner)





Little McGee Lake (Photo provided by Karl Zellner)



Susitna River along the Highway south of Denali (Photo provided by Karl Zellner)



2022 Schedule for upcoming general meeting speakers and events

July 2022 - There will be no general meeting in July while Aguabonita Flyfishers take time out to enjoy our sport.

August 20 2022 - Don't miss the Friends of the Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery annual fund-raising BBQ. This fun event offers good food, fishing camaraderie, music, and raffles. All proceeds go for restoration and maintenance of the historic hatchery. Starts at 4:00 PM (1600) at \$15 per person.



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October 4th 2022 - Our speaker for the October 4th program will be Patrick Jaeger, Eastern Sierra Guide Service out of Bishop.

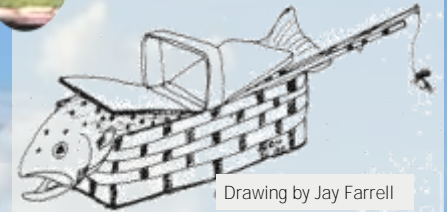
November 1st 2022 - Our speaker for the November 1st program will be Luke Kinney, Golden Trout Guiding Company of Bishop. Luke's specialty is winter fishing in the Eastern Sierra.

December 6th 2022 - Our annual Christmas Dinner will be 6 December at 6:00 PM in the United Methodist Church.

January 3rd 2023 - Michael Schweit, of the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International will be featured at our 3 January 2023 general meeting. Michael will share with us how to fly fish amongst the ocean of the Channel Islands.

Great Day for a “Windless” Picnic

Thanks to our
“Burgermeister”
Dale Harper



Since 1991 ABFF has hosted our annual “Windless” Picnic. This year’s **31st** annual picnic was held Tuesday August 2nd in Petroglyph Park. The heat and wind cooperated making for a delightful evening of food, fellowship and games for the youngsters of all ages Thanks to Dale Harper for rounding up food, drinks, charcoal etc. and for cooking the dogs & burgers. Thanks to Steve Garrison for setting up games and events for the youngsters. It was great to see old friends and meet new members.

Photos by
Rachel Felsen-
Richards

MODIFYING FLIES WITH TIM CAMMISA : PART 4 – SPARKLE DUN

Excerpts from the Orvis Fly-Fishing Podcast, Published 4/7/2022

Host: Tom Rosenbauer

Website: <https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/podcasts/general-fly-fishing/1698-modifying-flies-with-tim-cammisa>

Guest: Fly Tier and Teacher -- Tim Cammisa

Topic: Modifying Flies



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Editor's Introduction This is the fourth of a series of articles excerpted from the Orvis podcast referenced above. The focus of the podcast was to examine several classic fly patterns that we all learned as beginning fly-tiers. The questions the podcast seeks to answer are:

1. Which classic patterns are just not to be messed with? - "UNTOUCHABLE"

We still tie it the same way now as we learned it 30 years ago?"

2. Which classic patterns should we have a little leeway to tie? - "TWEAKABLE"

We still tie the pattern, but we don't tie it that way anymore. And, if so, what are the reasons behind it?"

Tim: Let's shift gears a little bit. I'm gonna go with one of my untouchables, if that's okay.

Tom R: Okay. Yeah.

Tim: All right. We'll go back to a dry fly now. Without a doubt, one of my top dry flies of all time is the Sparkle Dun by Craig Matthews. I don't know how many years I've been tying and fishing the Sparkle Dun. This is a fly... I mean, if I had to say one word, it's just wow. It just works. I look at this fly as an exceptional mayfly emerger, yet the fish don't always take it just as an emerger. And by the way, when I say emerger, what I mean is an insect that's changing from a nymph to an adult. So when it's going through that stage it is especially close to the surface and it is therefore a very vulnerable insect. And that's what the Sparkle Dun attempts to replicate.

Sparkle Dun by Craig Mathews <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULAY2Bged7o>

The way that I tie a Sparkle Dunn is:

1) **For the tail** I use something like Z-Lon or an EP fiber. I love the color camel (one of my go-to colors for the tail). I try to trim it short so it's about a third (or a little bit less) of the body length.

Editor's Note: E P Fibers - In the late 80's Enrico Puglisi created a durable, synthetic translucent material with action between marabou and bucktail. <https://www.epflies.com/product/ep-fibers/>



2) **For the body color**, I go with something that's going to represent the adult mayfly. The one material that I've recently turned to is called Semperfli Kapok dubbing. It's incredible stuff. Kapok has been out for years. I think kapok is used in, life vests and I think it's been used in fly tying for years. But Semperfli has been buying it in these colors. If you have a chance to get your hands on some of that kapok dubbing, you'll think you're the world's best dubbing noodle creator of all time. It's great. It's a natural material. It floats forever. So, go with that

Editor's note: Kapok (Ceiba pentandra) is a natural fiber, it has been available for many years growing throughout the tropics. It is a moisture-resistant, quick drying, resilient, and buoyant fiber and weighs only one-eighth as much as cotton. Kapok has historically been used in life jackets and life boats, supporting as much as 30 times its own weight in water.

<https://www.semperfli.net/dkpk000all.html>



3) **For the wing**, I love to use deer hair. As I mentioned, I buy deer hair that's labeled comparadun. I'm very particular. I'm the person that will go through every package in the fly shop, so I get one with just the right length of the black tips. I tend to tie a pretty sparse wing. I like it fanned out. I try to keep the wing at 90 degrees, you know, by building a thread dam and then getting some dubbing up there. If it leans a little bit forward, I'm okay with that. You know, I'm still gonna fish it. It's gonna fish just as good. What is great about this pattern though, if a fish is thinking about a spinner, they can look up at it, and they see this wing that's split. They'll take it as a spinner. They'll also take it as an emerger because you have the Z-Lon fiber tail that's not representing a mayfly tail, but it's representing the nymphal skin that's being removed during the emerger stage. This adult is crawling out of the nymphal skin, and then that adult fly is about to dry its wings. So whenever it's going through that process, it's very vulnerable, and the fish just will take this with confidence. This is just one of my go-to flies of all time.

MODIFYING FLIES WITH TIM CAMMISA : PART 4 – SPARKLE DUN

Tom R. Yeah. Maybe a couple years ago, I would have considered this untouchable. Tim, I bet I have 50 pieces of comparadun sparkle dun deer hair in a bag, 50 different pieces. For example, when I start tying an 18 olive, I will go through four or five pieces until I find one that is just right. People have a lot of trouble with getting the right deer hair and using it. I get constant questions about getting the wing right. for comparaduns and Sparkle Duns. A couple years ago, I wanted a size 18 olive-colored mayfly, but I wanted it for really fast water that I could really, really see. What I did was tie a traditional Sparkle Dun, but I used EP trigger point fibers, and I put a lot of it on there. I made the wing not oversized in height, but oversized in bulk and great big wing on it. And it works so well, and it's so easy to tie. In fact, I'm going to tie one of these on Monday for my live-fly tying. I still like the deer hair but I've gone to a lot of Sparkle Duns with EP trigger point fiber, and it's so easy to work with, and it creates a super durable, high visible, wing that sheds water really quickly. **Enrico actually sells these flies. He came up with this pattern, it's not my pattern.** He came up with using EP fiber for the shuck and for the wing on his flies that he sells. Mine are probably about half deer hair and half EP fiber now, my Sparkle Duns.



Note: EP trigger point fiber by Enrico Puglisi is an extremely durable synthetic fiber with 0% water absorption and natural floating property, that sheds moss and algae. It is marker-pen friendly, and can be trimmed with scissors. <https://www.epflies.com/product/ep-trigger-point-fibers/>



Tim: Listen, I don't blame you one bit. [for switching to EP fibers from deer hair]. I'll tell two stories that will connect. **Story number one.** Last week I did a Zoom fly tying event with Al Beatty, and he tied the Humpy fly. He tied it traditionally, [using deer hair], and he tied it so well. Then at the end, somebody from the audience asked, "How do you tie your own." His answer was the same as your answer. "Fly tying with EP fibers, because it's so much easier. He had one and he put it in his vice. He said, "This is the one that I'll fish. The other ones I tie for customers." It was comical, and I was like, ah...! So hearing you and Al saying this about EP fibers, "You know what? I definitely need to do start using EP fibers."

Now, story number two. It was trout opener for the state of Pennsylvania. My wife and I traveled out with our family to Central Pennsylvania. We were fishing a very famous stream called Spring Creek, and in the middle of the afternoon on the first day, there was a caddis hatch. And a buddy of mine showed up. I will not mention his name on air. He's a personality. And he showed up and he's fishing. He could not catch one of these fish. And eventually, I said, "Give me your line. What's going on?" His fly kept sinking, and it was a caddis that was tied with EP fiber, or I should- n't say EP fiber. I'm not gonna throw Enrico under the bus, but it was tied with an Antron or a Z-Lon or something along those lines. And the first thing I did... He said, "Are you drying the fly?" And I said, "Yep. I took my nippers, and I just cut it right off, and I put on a fly with deer hair. And I said, "All right. Try it now." And it floated like a cork. And he caught a fish that first cast.

So, you're getting through to me [about using EP fibers]. I'm gonna tie a few more, but there's just something I love about deer hair, but you're getting through to me.

Tom R: I love it too, but, you know, there's no sorting, there's no stacking, you just trim it, and you don't worry about it, I'm telling you. And you can crank them out, and they work. They work

Tim: No, I agree. And it's weird that the Sparkle Dun is the traditional fly that I'm holding on to. Like that's my untouchable. I'm dying to hear what some of your listeners is thinking. Like what's their untouchable because I'm by no means traditional. I mean, I wrote a fly-tying book, and I featured a Mop Fly in my book and here I am holding on to comparadun deer hair with my Sparkle Dun.

Classic Fly Pattern Score Board Ratings U - Untouchable T - Tweakable (Tom Rosenbauer's Rating, Tim Cammisa's Rating)

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Elk Hair Caddis (T,T) | 2. Woolly Bugger (U, T) | 3. Hare's Ear Nymph - (T, T) |
| 4. Sparkle Dun (T,U) | 5. Clouser Minnow | next month's Flyline |
| 6. Zebra Midge | 7. San Juan Worm | |
| 8. Parachute Adams | 9. Griffith's Gnat | |



Eastern Sierra Area

Youth Fishing and Outreach Events



Date	Event Name	Time	Location	Address
July 30, 2022	Kids Fishing Festival	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Snowcreek Resort Ponds on Old Mammoth Road	2 Fairway Drive, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
September 3, 2022	Kids Fishing Event	TBD	Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds	475 Sierra Street, Bishop, CA 93514
September 4, 2022	Kids Fishing Event	TBD	Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds	475 Sierra Street, Bishop, CA 93514

Seeking volunteers with an interest in:

- Fishing
- Fly Tying
- Fly Casting
- Spin Casting
- Trout Cleaning
- Trout Anatomy / Dissections
- Aquatic Macro invertebrates
- Knot Tying and Rigging
- Fish Printing (Gyotaku)
- Trout Cooking
- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Ethical Angling / Regulations



The volunteer will assist with youth fishing events and must be willing to teach children.

If interested in volunteering, email Julia Cherenzia Julia.Cherenzia@wildlife.ca.gov

Learn to Fish Videos

- [How to Rig Your Line for Bluegill or Trout Fishing \(2:32\)](#)
- [How to Rig Your Line for Catfish Fishing \(1:25\)](#)
- [How to Tie a Palomar Knot \(1:24\)](#)
- [Introduction to Fishing \(0:52\)](#)
- [How to Tie and Improved Clinch Knot \(1:35\)](#)
- [How to Fillet a Fish \(1:49\)](#)
- [The Ethics of Fishing \(1:18\)](#)
- [How to Clean a Fish \(1:39\)](#)
- [How to Cast with an Open Face Reel \(1:27\)](#)
- [How to Cast with a Closed Bale Reel \(1:29\)](#)

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More Information

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CDFW Recommends “Hoot Owl” Practices for Fishing Inland Waters During Drought



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is asking recreational anglers to begin “Hoot Owl” practices when fishing – voluntarily changing how, when and where they fish to minimize stress and mortality among fish populations suffering from drought conditions. CDFW uses the term “Hoot Owl” to recommend fishing before noon (i.e. times of day when owls can still be heard hooting) on certain inland waters, as even catch-and-release angling during the hottest parts of the day can greatly increase fish stress and mortality.

CDFW has introduced a series of voluntary “Hoot Owl” Recommendations – directing anglers to focus their fishing during the cooler “hoot owl” periods of the day when water temperatures are lowest. A watch list of specific waters anglers should fish before noon is included and will be updated as conditions change. Sustained afternoon water temperatures exceeding 67 degrees Fahrenheit for trout fisheries could trigger additions to the list.

Currently, the list of waters include:

- Lower Owens River (Pleasant Valley Dam downstream to Five Bridges) in Mono County
- Hot Creek in Mono County
- Mill Creek (Walker Basin) in Mono County
- Lower Rush Creek (Grant Lake to Mono Lake) in Mono County
- Bridgeport Reservoir in Mono County
- Deep Creek in San Bernardino County
- Crowley Lake in Mono County
- Truckee River (Lake Tahoe to the Nevada state line) in Nevada, Placer & Sierra counties
- Upper Truckee River in El Dorado County

To reduce fish stress during the drought, anglers can:

- Minimize the time you spend “fighting” the fish and any hands-on handling.
- Use rubber or coated nylon nets to protect a fish's slime layer and fins.
- Quickly remove the hook with forceps or needle-nosed pliers.
- Minimize the amount of time the fish is exposed to air, especially during warm weather
- Keep your hands wet when handling the fish.
- If the fish is deeply hooked, do not pull on the line. Instead, cut the line as close as possible to where it is hooked and leave the hook so it can dissolve.
- Allow the fish to recover in the net before you release it.
- If the fish does not stay upright when you release it, gently move it back and forth.
- Avoid fighting fish from deeper, cooler waters and bringing them into warmer waters at the surface if your intention is to release them.
- Target fisheries with stable water levels & species with greater high temp. resilience.

CDFW suggests all anglers follow these best practices even if anglers are only interested in harvesting fish to eat. Mortality may result from non-targeted species caught and released or fish outside of legal size limits that must be returned to the water.

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Photo: Fishing at day break.

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From the Secretary : Andrew Mitchell

Summary of Board Meeting Minutes - 26 July 2022

Board Members Present: Lloyd Smith, Steve Garrison, Craig Potter and Andrew Mitchell.

Committee Members Present: Don Bowling

Treasurer's Report: Steve Garrison-Web site and FFII insurance have been paid.

Vice President's Report: Lloyd Smith-Picnic in the Park, expect to see 15-20 people.

Calendar:

2 Aug: Windless picnic at Petroglyph Park at 5:30pm.

20 Aug: Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery BBQ.

6 Sept 5:30pm-Dinner: Ale's, 7:30pm-Meeting: Ken Johnson: CDFW, Fresno Office.

4 Oct: 5:30pm-Dinner: Ale's, 7:30pm-Meeting: Pat Jaeger, Eastern Sierra Guide Service, Bishop

1 Nov: 5:30pm-Dinner: Ale's, 7:30pm-Meeting: Luke Kinney, Golden Trout Guiding Co., Bishop, Topic: Winter Fishing Non-Trout species.

6 Dec: Annual "Festival" Christmas Dinner: 6:00pm United Methodist Church

3 January 2023: 5:30pm-Dinner: Ale's, 7:30pm-Meeting: Michael Schweit SWCFFI, Topic: Channel Islands Flyfishing

Committee Reports:

Education: Steve Garrison-Fly tying class this fall, for club members.

SWCFFI.ORG: Craig Porter - Water quality testing of McGee Creek. Around 23rd of each month. The test site is located on the East side of Highway 395. Craig needs volunteers to help with this water testing. Contact Craig if you are interested. May show Water Sampling Protocol YouTube video at the General meeting.

Agenda Items:

Final preparations for 2 Aug 5:30pm "Windless Picnic" in Petroglyph Park

Aguabonita Flyfishers Facebook Page - Snapshots

Facebook Admins: Dave Calvert, Jim Hoover



Aguabonita Flyfishers

Private group · 49 members



Rachel Felsen-Richards

August 2 at 8:39 PM · 🌐

We all had a great time at the picnic tonight. Thank you to everyone that organized it and a special thank you to Dale for slaving over the bbq.



You and 6 others

16 Comments · Seen by 32

Dear Fly Fishing Friends,

You are invited to visit, use and share a new private Facebook group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/429039391645519>.

So far, Dave Calvert and Jim Hoover are Admins but they will gladly share the duty. The hope is to provide a forum for both Club members and others to learn and share the joys of fly fishing and potentially expand the Club. Feedback via Rachel and/or the group is invited and encouraged.

Thank you!

Aguabonita Flyfishers Facebook Group now has 49 Members !!!

Click on the link above or contact Dave Calvert, Jim Hoover, or Rachel Felsen Richards for more info.



Check out our Tenkara Rods !!



Rod specs:

Extended length: 12ft (360cm)

Closed size: 20 1/2 Inches (52cm) Including
1/2" cap

Segments: 9

Handle length: 11 Inches (23cm)

Weight: 2.7oz (76.5grams)

The Iwana is a classic all-around tenkara rod at a great value. The progressive taper, ultra-light weight, and tip action provides for great battles, even with smaller fish. Quality and strength are by no means compromised, and landing large fish is not unheard of. The original choice of many early tenkara adopters outside of Japan. It packs to a small compact size of 20 1/2 inches, which makes it easy to fit in a day pack. These rods have a beautiful "glossy carbon" finish over a high-quality carbon fiber material.

Other Classic fly rods available

Rods	Description	Reels	Flyline
1	ST Croix 9' 5/6wt 3pc	1	STH WF 10 F/S
2	ST Croix 9' 3wt 2pc	2	Cortland Ltd DT6F
3	ST Croix 9' 8/9wt 2pc	3	Cortland cml DT7F
4	ST Croix 9' 9/10wt 2pc	4	Cortland Rimfly WF6F
5	ST Croix 9' 1/2 7/8wt 2pc	5	Cortland Rimfly DT6F
6	Winston 8' 6" 6wt 3pc	6	Cortland Rimfly DT3F
7	Winston 7' 10" 4wt	7	Cortland Rimfly DT6F
8	Winston 9' 8wt 4pc	8	Cortland Rimfly DT3F
9	Fisher 8' 6" 5/6wt 4pc	9	Cortland Rimfly DT6F
10	Fisher 8' 6" 3/4wt 2pc	10	Medalist WF6 F/S
11	Fisher 9' 6" 7/8wt 2pc	11	Medalist 1495 DT7F
12	Fisher 8' 6/7wt 2pc	12	Okuma WF9F
13	Fisher 8' 6" 5/6 4pc	13	Okuma WF8F
14	Sage 9' 4wt 4pc	14	Okuma WF8F
15	Sage 9' 7/8wt 2pc	15	Okuma spool DT7F
16	Sage 9' 5wt 2pc	16	Cortland 60 DT4F
17	Sage 9' 6" 9wt 2pc	17	Cortland Ltd 80 WF6 F/S
18	Fenwick 7' 10" 5wt 7pc	18	System one WF6F
19	Fenwick 9' 10wt 2pc	19	Berkley DT2F
20	Fenwick 8' 6" 7-9wt 2pc	20	Cortland WF6F
21	Fenwick 7' 6" 5wt 2pc	21	Cortland ii DT6F
22	Fenwick 6' 5/6wt 2pc		
23	Fenwick 9' 9wt 2pc		
24	Fenwick 7' 6" 6wt 2pc		
25	Fenwick 9' 6" 6-8wt 2pc		
26	Fenwick 8' 6" 7wt 2pc		
27	Cortland 8' 5wt 2pc		
28	G.Loomis 8' 3wt 2pc		
29	G.Loomis 9' 4wt 4pc		
30	G.Loomis 9' 4wt 4pc		
31	Cabelaf's 9' 6wt 4pc		



To check out any club equipment contact Lew Albright at 760-793-5225 . Let him know when you want to meet him at the club equipment, library and classroom at 231 Station St. **Don't forget there is a \$5 fee to check out equipment.** If the equipment gets damaged please let Lew know so that it can be re-

Membership Committee: Lloyd Smith

All members have now renewed !

Dues prices remain the same.

We currently have 79 members!

Individual membership	\$35.00
Family membership (residing in same household)	\$45.00
Youth membership	\$10.00
One time initiation fee	\$10.00

No new members in August

Let's add to our membership. Invite friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us

Invite your friends to join. Have them fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter and return it to: Aguabonita Flyfishers, Membership, P.O. Box 2059, Ridgecrest, CA 93556-2059.

SWCFFI Representative: Craig Porter



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

Fly Fishers International (FFI) is dedicated, through education and conservation, to preserving the fly fishing experience. Conservation of our public waters and connected upland's is essential to our enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of fishes and their habitats and also the health of natural systems.

"When you teach a person to fly fish you have just created a conservationist"

- Lee Wulff

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SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS WOMEN'S FLY-FISHING OUTING!

YES!!!! A fly-fishing TRIP!! WHO WANTS TO GO??

Invite from Cat White, SWCFFI's Women's Program Director

As I write this, I am excited to tell you about an upcoming fishing trip! If you have ever fished the upper Owens, you might have run into a very fun lady who goes by the name [Trout Scout](#) (aka Beryl Rea). She is one of the best guides around Bishop, and one of the most knowledgeable female guides in the area. We will be visiting different places each day along the Owens River, and nearby locations.

We are even planning a hike to our favorite area just off Saddlebag campground. If you haven't hiked there, you are in for a REAL treat!

- Dates: October 21-October 23, 2022
- Location: Upper Owens/Hot creek
- With: Women's Programs of Southwest Council
- Who is invited? EVERYONE!!
- Price: Between \$20- \$40.00 per day of fishing if you would like to use Beryl's Services.
- NOTE: There is a limit of 15 women who may fish with Beryl each day.

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Please send an email to: Womensprograms@SWCffi.org to reserve your space with Beryl.

Bishop, Mammoth, June Lake and other areas close by. As this is semi-formal, please make your own reservations at your favorite location. If anyone would like to share a room, please send me an email, and I am happy to assist with pairing you up with someone.

CAMPING:

If anyone is interested in camping, we have wonderful places to camp for free on BLM property close by Owens River Road. You are welcome to camp with us! If there are no restrictions, we will have a campfire with S'mores and fun times. Even if you are not camping, please bring a camp chair and join in the fun!

LODGING:

There are many places located in Bishop, Mammoth, June Lake and other areas close by. As this is semi-formal, please make your own reservations at your favorite location. If anyone would like to share a room, please send me an email, and I am happy to assist with pairing you up with someone.

Tight lines! Sincerely,

CAT

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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 welcomed to attend!

Annual Cost for Membership

Individual membership	\$35.00
Family membership (residing in same household)	\$45.00
Youth membership	\$10.00
One time initiation fee	\$10.00

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors usually meet at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the ABFF Clubhouse, 231 Station Street, to transact the business of the club. The board meetings are open to anyone with agenda items to share. To place items on the next meetings agenda, please send items to secretary Andrew Mitchell at (760) 382-9043 or crazzymex1@verizon.net



Hyline Funnies

Over the years, the Flyline has published a wide variety of flyfishing humor. Just as Krystal Flash adds a little sparkle to your favorite fly pattern, the hope is that “**Flyline Funnies**” will add a chuckle to your day, and dust off a memory or two. The nuggets of wisdom and humor are all gleaned from back issues of the Flyline. Sit back and enjoy the timeless humor of our sport. **Today’s topic is“ Streamside Chatter “**



“George’s belief is that all fish should be released to be caught another time, Some day he’s going to catch one, to justify his philosophy.”



"I haven't had any luck either"



“Does this stream have a slippery bottom?”



“Haven’t missed a Seahawk game in seven years !”



Words of Encouragement

We all can use words of encouragement. However, sources of encouragement seem to be as scarce as hen's teeth these days. Quite to the contrary, we seem to be surrounded by signs of discouragement - earthquakes, pandemics, politics, inflation, rising gas and food prices, oppressive heat, monsoonal moisture, drought, receding reservoir levels, receding hairlines, rising water and electric bills... the list goes on and on.

Every once in a while, however, glimpses of encouragement are revealed. For example, it was encouraging to hear the excitement of kids playing the Swedish game "Kubb" at this year's "Windless Picnic" held at the Petroglyph Park Aug. 2nd. Thanks, Steve. It was encouraging to meet old friends face to face. It was encouraging to meet new members and their families. It was encouraging to bite into a juicy burger scooped directly from the grill to your waiting condiment loaded bun (rather than settling for a burger in a box) - thanks Dale & Lloyd for your efforts.

It occurred to me, that ABFF is one of my remaining sources of encouragement these days. There are others to be sure, close friends, family, church. The promise of cooler days ahead. The promise of autumn aspens shimmering in the cool mountain breezes. Come to think of it, ABFF is an integral part of many of these sources of encouragement.

As Flyline Editor, the monthly task of sharing and shaping written and visual encouragement for members gives me enjoyment and encouragement. I would like to share a short email that I received from Joe Rice, via Lloyd Smith that offered words of encouragement to me.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Rice <joeandbobbi54@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: August Flyline
Date: July 19, 2022 at 12:57:05 PDT
To: Lloyd Smith <lloydsmith.6699@gmail.com>

Lloyd,
Great issue of the FlyLine!!
Greatly enjoy the many pictures
Zellner's note from Alaska was interesting.
The Orvis videos really caught my interest and attention.
All-in-all a really great issue.

Joe Rice

In the Leader's Line this month, Karl Zellner asked for input from the membership for ideas for improving our club. Let a board member know what encourages you and if you have any ideas how we can provide better ways of encouraging others. Tell the board what you like and how to fix what you don't like.

Thanks,

Don Bowling

PS: Thanks Joe, for the encouragement.



Figure 3. Volcano Meadow, Tulare County, CA. (CDFW photo)

This month's background photo shown on the front page cover can be found on the CDFW website <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Drought/Projects/Volcanic-Creek/2017-Update>

The CDFW photo, a picture of Volcano meadow in Tulare County is included as Figure 3 in a CDFW Drought Stressor Monitoring Case Study UPDATE: **California Golden Trout Population Structure and Stream Habitat Monitoring 2017**. Check the website link above for more information. Ken Johnson from CDFW, **Central Division Fresno will be this month's speaker** and will discuss ongoing drought stressor monitoring of Volcano Creek Golden Trout Habitat.

Editor's Note: If anyone has a favorite photo that would make a suitable background for the Flyline (i.e. a vertical orientation, with photo features concentrated around the periphery - leaving center clear for Flyline pictures, text, articles etc.) please email a copy to me at bowlingdk4@gmail.com
Thanks, Don Bowling

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Sept 2022

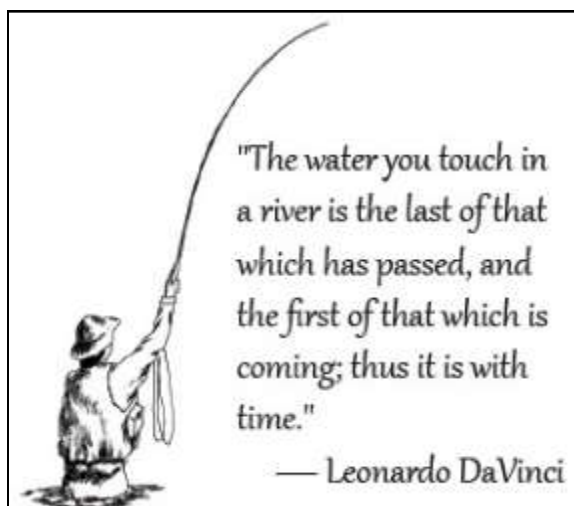
*"It is impossible to grow weary
of a sport that is never the same
on any two days of the year."*
- Theodore Gordon



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm	7	8	9	10 Fly Tying Session 9:00am - Noon
11	12	13	14	15	16 Deadline for Newsletter Inputs	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Board Meeting 7pm	28	29	30	

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<https://southwestcouncilffl.org/>



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

How would you like to receive the *Flyline* newsletter? ☐ Email ☐ USPS

Would you like a badge (s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How would you like your name (s) to appear on badge? _____

What is your spouse's name? _____

What are the names of family associate members? _____

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PAID

One Time Membership Initiation Fee (\$10.00) _____

Annual Individual Member (\$35.00) _____

Annual Family Membership (Single residence) (\$45.00) _____

Annual Youth Only Member (\$10.00) _____

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Total Due _____

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