

# The Flyline

AGUABONITA FLYFISHERS  
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Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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## CALENDAR

May 3 - Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm, United Methodist Church, 639 N. Norma

May 7 - Fly Tying 9:00am - Noon, ABFF Clubhouse , 231 Station Street

May 13 - Deadline for Flyline Inputs

May 21 - FLYBUY 2022, Long Beach Casting Club, 5201 E. 7th St., Long Beach, CA

May 27-28 Fly Fishing Class, 9am - 3pm Call Steve Garrison 760) 608-1566

May 31 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ABFF Clubhouse, 231 Station St.

## MAY CASTS

**Don't forget**, the May meeting will be at the United Methodist Church. Lee Baermann from the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International discussing "Fly Fishing the Surf". Lee fly fishes in the surf over 300 days a year. As a "surf fly fishing" guide, he knows where the fish are, what techniques will work, and which flies will catch them.

## APRIL BACK CASTS

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## TIC 2022 KICK-OFF CLEAN-UP

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## From the Editor's Spool: Don Bowling

You may have noticed that the style and banner of this month's Flyline is much different than the previous issues over the last couple of years, (since I put on the Flyline Editor's hat). However, if you were to set the "way-back" machine to May of 1985, when Gary Davis served as "Flyline" editor, you would see the same style and format. In fact, Feb 1984 was the first issue to include the now familiar fly-fisherman casting the intricate "Flyline" loop terminating in the dry fly atop the script *F*. More recently, Neal Barry fashioned the modern graphics of our current Flyline Banner (on page 5). The 1984 cover page was resurrected to pay tribute to and recognize Gary Davis for the many contributions he made to our club over the past 43 years.



Gary made many contributions to the Flyline.



Fish graphics, What is a flyfishing newsletter without Fish Graphics? Gary's graphics were actually "cut and paste" drawings of fish.

"Conservation Issues" July 1984 Flyline shows a "cut and paste" CalTrout picture of the two culverts located just below the Pleasant Valley Campground that impeded brown trout spawning. The article explained the plan to replace the culverts with a flatbed bridge spanning the stream.



These Owens River culverts must go !

Humor. Gary always had a smile on his face and he shared his humor in the Flyline thru many "cut and paste" cartoons and humorous articles (now reappearing in "Flyline Funnies").

### *Fishermen's rules of thumb*

Here's some pretty good advice to fishermen that comes via Northwest Edition Magazine (Feb. 1985) via Wally Long, Secretary of the Steelhead Trout Club of Washington, via the NOWA (Northwest Outdoor Writers Assn.) Newsletter of

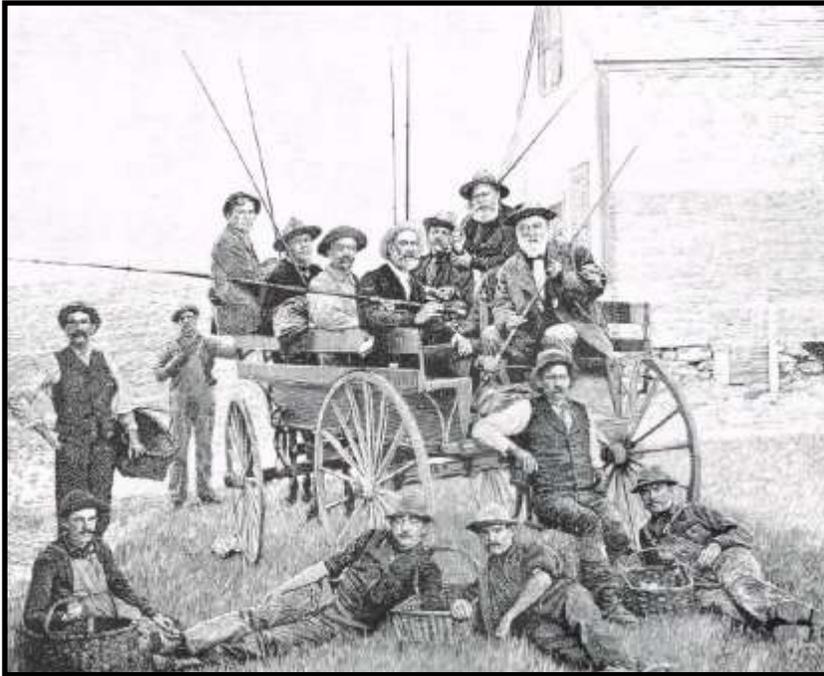
November-December 1984:

1. Never drink beer in waders.
2. Never fish with a notary public.
3. Don't tell jokes in canoes.
4. On ocean-going party boats, always fish to the windward.

5. On camping trips always bring cheap books with large, soft pages.
6. Never ask a game warden where he got his hat.
7. Don't take advice from people with missing fingers.

Gary Davis was a true model for participation in our club. He served in just about every officer and chairmanship capacity at least once and served as VP three times. He always stepped up when needed. He will be missed.

# FISHING REPORTS - THEN & NOW



## FISHING REPORT APRIL 1985

Water conditions up north are very good. One Memorial Day group had fair fishing on Hot Creek (very crowded) and the East Walker. Certain sections of Rush Creek produced very good fishing. The Owens was running strong but was fishable; there was a mid-afternoon mayfly hatch and some good sized Browns were working in the quieter waters.

Talked to two of the people involved in the Rush Creek effort. There may be some stream work for our club later this summer. Rush Creek could develop into an excellent fishery if we take care of it.

Have an idea for a fishing outing? Contact Outings Chairman Dale Harper (760) 382-4903 harperda20@hotmail.com Join us, there is always room for one more!

## FISHING REPORT APRIL 2022 ( Fred Rowe's Sierra Bright Dot Fishing Report)

Hot Creek: Interpretive Site:

With vehicle access to the creek fly fishing pressure has increased. Sometimes you need to get out before the hatches just to secure a spot on the creek. Mornings have seen good midge activity with the trout taking midge nymphs, pupae, and adults. **For the nymphs and pupae I'm using size 18 to 22 tiger and zebra configurations. For the adults I'm using Griffiths gnats and biot midge emergers. An hour or two before the blue wing olive hatch I'm using a bead head flash back pheasant tail nymph. When the trout turn their attention to the hatching blue wing olives I switch to a dry fly and start using a blue wing olive parachute or an olive sparkle dun. I'm usually done with Hot Creek by 2:00 P.M. Then it's time to go find lunch.**

Lower Owens River: Wild Trout Section:

Water is off color, but the trout are still feeding. Midge nymphs or pupae in zebra or tiger configuration, bead head flash back pheasant tail nymphs, olive quilldiggers, and caddis emerger patterns are fooling the trout from morning to early evening. **I've been fishing with a Euro rig pre blue wing olive hatch. The olive quilldigger has been responsible for most of my trout.** The mid-day hatch of blue wing olives has been good enough to get my dry rod out of the case and bring it on the river with me. When the hatch starts, I go looking for a spot where all the trout are selectively feeding on **the emerging blue wing olives. I'm fishing with a size 18 blue wing olive parachute or an olive sparkle dun.** Caddis activity late in the day is worth throwing some elk hair caddis on the water.

Please feel free to share this fly fishing report with your fly fishing buddies or have them contact me with their email address to receive the fly fishing report directly. Fred Rowe ((760) 920-8325 [sierrabrightdot.com](mailto:sierrabrightdot.com) )

## Treasurer's Report from April 1985 Flyline

TREASURER'S REPORT (CASH FLOW APR 1, 1985 THRU APR 30, 1985)					
ACCOUNT	BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	SB TOTAL	TOTAL
SHARE	6.02				
DRAFT	1280.60				
CASH	60.80				1347.42
CLUB MEMBERSHIPS		56.00			
JAN 85 DINNER MTG.		-			
JAN 86 DINNER MTG.		-			
MONTHLY RAFFLES & AUCTION		26.00			
INTEREST EARNED		21.38			
CLASS FEES		30.00			
MISC		103.00			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>				236.38	
JAN 85 DINNER MTG.			-		
JAN 86 DINNER MTG.			73.67		
RAFFLE ITEMS / ODD PRIZES			16.70		
CLASSES			-		
NEWSLETTER			7.63		
CONSERVATION MEMBERSHIPS			-		
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS			-		
SUBSCRIPTIONS			3.00		
DONATIONS			-		
PROGRAMS			20.36		
MISC			111.30		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>				232.66	
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS)</b>					3.72
SHARE	6.11				
DRAFT	1300.53				
CASH	44.50				1351.14

The May 1985 issue was very short, only four pages, three pages of text and a hand written treasurer's report. The focus of the Flyline was to help members keep track of when and where events were taking place and also how their dues, donations and revenues were being spent. During 1985 most members lived in or near Ridgecrest and most attended meetings and outings.

Today, our members are spread across the USA (and one member across the Atlantic). Some members are no longer physically able to attend meetings or outings. I believe that today the email version of the "Flyline" is essential in maintaining connection with our Global membership and also to inform members of ongoing events and outings even though they are not able to be here in person. Similarly, I feel we need to establish and maintain a means for all members to receive clear, easily accessible, timely reports of how their dues, donations and revenues are being spent. Flyline Editor - Don Bowling

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## Flyfishing the Surf

... experiencing the best the West coast has to offer!

April 2012 Flyline Neal Barry

Lee is a full-time flyfishing the surf guide with experiences in an area blessed with some of the West Coast's best flyfishing surf and scenery. He covers the northern end of Los Angeles County, all of Ventura County, and the southern end of Santa Barbara County. That is plenty of beach to fish. Fishing the surf requires adjustments for tides and weather, but there are beaches that fish great at lower tides and ones that fish great at higher tides. Either way Lee flyfishes the surf. Lee's book "Fly-Fish the Surf" describes catching barred surf perch, corbina, halibut, leopard shark, striped bass and other surf species. He will discuss surf fishing timing, equipment, and flies.



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**Dinner.....** On Tuesday, May 3rd, we will be hosting Lee for a dinner at **Ale's Steak-** house starting at 5:30 PM (1730). Please let Lloyd Smith (760-377-3542 or [lloyd.smith@hughes.net](mailto:lloyd.smith@hughes.net)) know if you plan to attend dinner. The meeting at the Methodist Church will start at 7:30 PM (1930).

May Goodies

Dale Harper

# Speaker's Bio: Lee Baermann

Lee Baermann

Author of book, "Flyfishing in the Surf"

Guide : So Cal Guide: Surf Flyfishing

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Lee's love of fishing began at an early age when his maternal grandfather showed him how to catch Musky in the lakes of Northern Wisconsin. After his family moved from Milwaukee to Oxnard California in the early 60's, that love continued, not only at the local lakes in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, but on the beach, where he grew up. As a child, Lee began fishing with a drop line from the docks, graduated to spinning gear, then to a long surf rod, and finally to a fly rod.

Lee fishes the Southern California surf at least 300 days per year. Whether guiding for his business FLY FISH THE SURF or just for fun. When Lee is not fishing in salt water, you can find him in the local canals guiding for carp. He also spends at least 4 weeks per year in Baja California fishing the waters of

# The Leader's Line

President of Aguabonita Fly Fishers: Karl Zellner



I hope you enjoyed the presentation by Jim Erdman. I plan to see some frogs this summer.

As I'm writing this, I'm anticipating fishing the Flaming Gorge section of the Green River for the first time. This is my first trip after semi retirement. I'm waiting a whole week.

On the Saturday following the April General meeting I attended a "Ties and Lies" session at the clubhouse. I was able to tie up 20 of the "Infamous Lewie Flies" that work well on the Green and Lower Owens. ABFF member Lew Albright was introduced to the fly by a generous fisherman on the Green. It also works very well on the Lower Owens. It is a nymph tied on a curved hook with an over sized silver Tungsten bead, a tapered brown thread body with silver wire ribbing. (See photo.) Karl suggested a nickname "Loo" for the fly, as he puts it, "So when your fishing is not good, you can always say "I got to use the Loo". [Editor- Apologies to our member across the pond, for the reference to English bathroom humor]



Photo by Don Bowling

I look forward to using them on my upcoming trip to the Green River in Utah.. I also invite you to join in on the "Ties and Lies" session at the clubhouse from

9:00 - noon on the Saturday following the monthly general meeting. Stop by even if you just want to join in on the "lies" and don't necessarily come to "tie".

Following the Green River trip, in May I'll be at Hot Creek for a half week. I have also just planned a 3 ½ week to the Oregon coast in June. I hope to get in some fishing in, so I'll need to look at my Flyfishers Guide to Oregon. Researching new areas is so much fun.

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



# April Program Flashback: Fish, Frogs, and the Future

## A Story of the Rocky Basin Lakes - James Erdman



April 5th 2022 - April's monthly club meeting, featured environmental scientist James Erdman from the CA. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Erdman has spoken to the club before and ABFF has supported Erdman and the CDFG in several projects over the years. The most recent of



these is the re-establishment of the Mountain Yellow Legged Frog in the Rocky Basin Lakes. Club member **Craig Porter** assisted Erdman's team in **setting gill nets** to confirm that the lakes were fishless before introducing the endangered frogs. The evening began with dinner at **Ale's Steakhouse** with Erdman (and in deference to our guest speaker, frog legs were not on the menu !!! ) After dinner, everyone "regrouped" at the Methodist Church for program set-up and a time of informal (mask-less !) discussion and catching up with old friends and new fishing reports.

Erdman's presentation was very thorough and chocked full of rigorous historical and scientific data of frogs and fish and the efforts over the years to accommodate and balance both. Erdman's hiking boots have trod over most of the Golden Trout Wilderness trails and he related many interesting tales of his struggles coping with modern-day, red-tape rules and regulations to re-establish these endangered amphibians to their ancestral high country homeland. "Frog Stats, and April program "Flash-back Take-Aways" are included on the next two pages.



Photos by Don Bowling

# FROG STATS

## did you know?

Listed as endangered in 2014, the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog and the Northern Distinct Population of the mountain yellow-legged frog are getting a leg up thanks in part to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Here are some fun facts about these species.



**4**

Tadpoles may take more than 1 year, and often require 2 to 4 years, to reach metamorphosis.

**3.3**

Both of these species of yellow-legged frogs are highly aquatic and rarely found more than 3.3 feet from water.

**350**

These frogs lay eggs in globular clumps of 15 to 350 eggs per egg mass. The eggs hatch in 18 to 21 days.

**80**

Populations of these species have declined 70 and 80 percent respectively.



**5**

It takes 5 to 8 years for these frogs to start reproducing.



**12,000**

These species are most at home in lakes, ponds, streams, marshes and meadows ranging in elevation from 4,500 to 12,000 feet.

Sacramento Fish & Wildlife Office  
[www.fws.gov/sacramento](http://www.fws.gov/sacramento)

September 2014

From: "Presentation for Aguabonita Flyfishers, Ridgecrest, Ca.", James Erdman CDFW\_AFF\_JE\_RBLs\_03252022

April Program  
Flashback

# FLASHBACK TAKE - AWAYS



**The Rocky Basin Lakes were identified in both fish and frog strategies as important parts of restoration and recovery**

**After review of historical fish planting and population data it was jointly decided that Rocky Basin Lakes would be site for frog reintroduction after confirmation that lakes had been rendered fishless**

**Aguabonita Fly Fishers (Craig Porter) supported James Erdman and CDFW in the Rocky Basin Lakes Project by helping to set gill nets to confirm that the lakes were fishless before introduction of Mountain Yellow-legged Frogs.**

**Current Threats to the Frogs are a 1-2 Punch, Fish predation, then fungal disease.**

**Frogs evolved without aquatic predators**

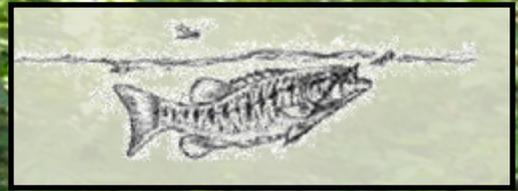
**Addition of fish reduced populations**

**Elimination of fish predation, increases frog populations**

**Chytrid fungus (spread by aquatic waterfowl ?) eradicates frogs**

**Hope - Observed resistance in some populations/some frogs**

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### 2022 Schedule for upcoming general meeting speakers and events

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**June 7th 2022** - Our June 2022 general meeting program will be Jessica Strickland of Trout Unlimited (TU). Jessica, will provide an update on their work in the Golden Trout Wilderness. Jessica is a lifelong avid angler and hunter. She has a degree in fisheries Biology and a Masters in Aquatic Ecology.

**July 2022** - The Aguabonita Flyfishers go dark in July. Enjoy your fishing.

**August 2nd 2022** - The Aguabonita Flyfishers will hold their annual picnic in the park in August. Details will be in the August *Flyline*.

**August 20 2022** The Friends of the Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery will hold their annual BBQ. Look for details in the August *Flyline*.

**September 6th 2022** - Our September program will be presented by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Fresno Office.

### Ridgecrest United Methodist Church

#### COVID-19 Protocol Update (March 18, 2022) - ‘Back to Normal’

From: Office <[umcrcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:umcrcoffice@gmail.com)>

Date: March 18, 2022 at 12:13:35 PM PDT

To: Craig Porter <[cporter148@mchsi.com](mailto:cporter148@mchsi.com)>

Subject: Ridgecrest UMC COVID-19 Protocol Update (March 18, 2022)

Dear Friends,

I want to give you an update on our church’s COVID-19 protocols. As you know for many months our policy has been that all users of our facilities wear masks indoor. This week at our RUMC Administrative Council Meeting the board decided to end this requirement, effective immediately. **Masks are now optional.**

I would still urge you to follow common sense health precautions for your organizations meetings. Please take care of one another. As always we at RUMC are grateful that you are able to use our church facilities as a place to meet and promote your organization.

God Bless,

Rev. Wesley B. Elmore, Pastor: Ridgecrest UMC

Craig Porter (Aguabonita Flyfishers POC with United Methodist Church, Ridgecrest)

## Fly Fishing Class: Steven Garrison



### FLYFISHING CLASS

The Aguabonita Flyfishers is presenting a fly fishing class May 27-28, 9am till 3pm. Casting practice will probably be after lunch each day in Freedom Park on South Warner Street across from the pool. Please call Steve (760) 608-1566.



### QUOTE

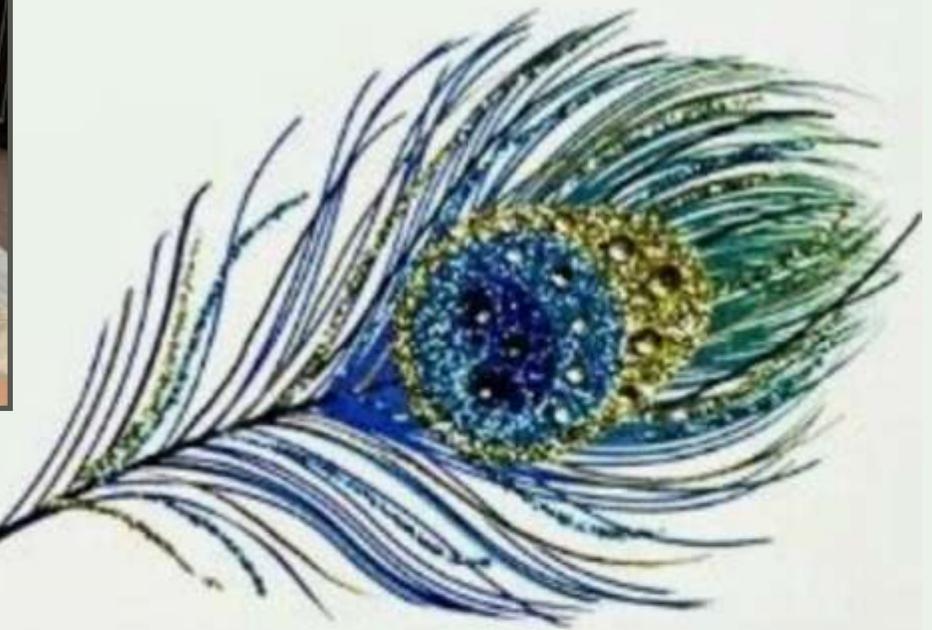
Some act and talk as though casting were the entire art of fly-fishing, and grade an angler solely by the distance he can cover with his flies. This is a great mistake and pernicious in it's influence. Casting is but a method of placing a fly before the trout without alarming it, and within its reach. It is merely placing food before a guest. The selection of such food as will suit, and so serving it as to please a fastidious and fickle taste, still remain indispensably necessary to induce its acceptance. (Henry P. Wells in "Fly Rods and Fly Tackle" - 1885) Jan 2000 Flyline



*Best Wishes Oscar*



Oscar Felson celebrated his  
92nd Birthday on April 19th !



*Happy Birthday*

<https://in.pinterest.com/pin/159807486754658480/>

# The Green River In Utah



© JLM Photo



Lew Albright, Craig Porter and Carl Zellner spent a few days on the Green River in Utah, chasing the Browns. Word was; the water was low, but the fish were obviously eager, Photos by Carl Zellner

# LOWER OWENS FLIES - REUBEN GOMEZ

ABFF member Reuben Gomez has been flyfishing on the Lower Owens since the early 90's. and during the following decades has been tailoring his dry fly designs, materials selection/ preparation, and developing fishing techniques, towards a single-minded goal: unparalleled success on the Lower Owens. Below is a glimpse of a few treasures from his fly box against a backdrop of one of his favorite fishing spots, "Reuben's Blue Wing Olive Hole".

Sedges



Mayflies



Blue Wing Olives



Reuben's Tiny Emergers



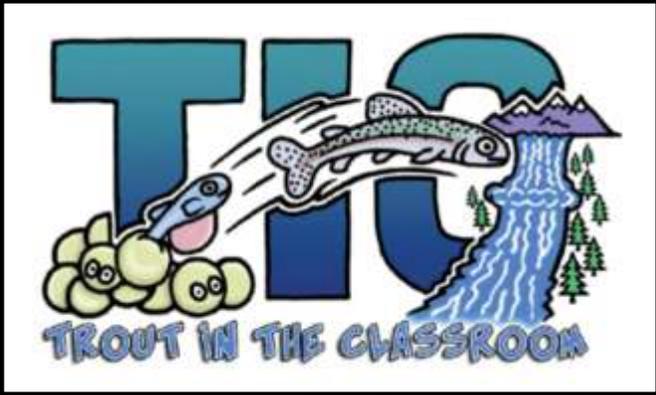
Background Photo - "Infamous Blue Wing Olive Hole"

Photos by Don Bowling

## Holiday Scene: Windows at the Clubhouse.



The Aguabonita Flyfishers Clubhouse front windows have been decorated for Easter by local artist Rocco, who also decorated the clubhouse windows last Christmas.. Stop by and see the artistry. Window painting donated by Craig and Carl Porter.



On Friday April 1st, several ABFF members and TIC supporters gathered at the clubhouse to clean aquariums, gravel and pumps for use in this year's "Trout in the Classroom (TIC)" program. After a 2 year lay-off due to Covid, TIC is back with 3 classrooms this year, Saint Ann's, 7th Day Adventist and the Charter school in Inyokern. This effort marks the first year of resuming the program after Covid shutdown.



Above from left, Oscar Felsen, "Bo" Borissenko, Don Bowling, Lew Albright, Craig Porter, Dale Harper, Brian Dutton, Ed Rockdale, and Brian Pate. Below, three aquariums are being cleaned by "Bo" Borissenko, Oscar Felsen, and Don Bowling. Following the cleanup, Lew Albright, Craig Porter, Ed Rockdale, and Brian Pace set up the classroom aquariums and chillers and added the trout eggs obtained from CDFG. As the trout eggs hatch, students will also learn about the habitat and life cycle of trout in their classroom studies.

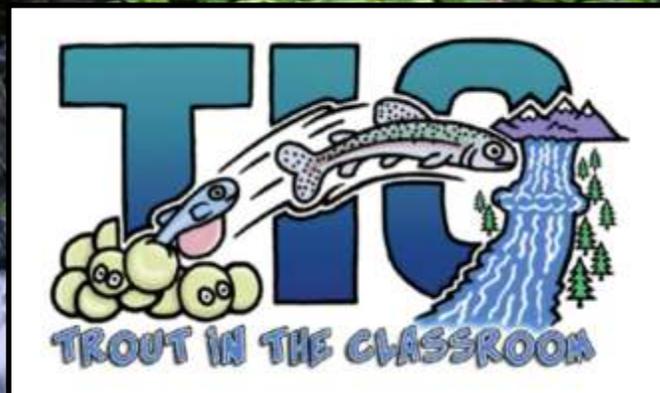


# TIC HISTORY

The earliest mention of TIC (Trout in the Classroom) was in the March 1995 issue of the Flyline. Don Heyden served as the first TIC Coordinator (as well as Club Director to the SWCFFF (Southwest Council of the Federation of Flyfishers). Chuck Newmyer taught the first "in-service" training session for all teachers and ABFF club members interested in the program. Several ABFF members supported the initial TIC program by Fly box and Fly Plate Contributions.

## Aguabonita Flyfishers Club Officers

President	Phil Dixon
Vice President	Steve Garrison
Secretary	Fred Bisaro
Treasurer	Larry Harlan
Director	Ted Fincher
Director	Darryl Baxter
Director	Mel Smith
Past President	Ruben Gomez
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Fishing Chairman	Red Thyne
Conservation Chairman	John Auburn
Club Equipment	Lew Albright
Library	Brian Yri
Education Chairman	Chuck Newmyer
Publicity Chairman	Keith Heflin
<b>TIC Coordinator and Club Director to SWCFFF</b>	<b>Don Heyden</b>



## TIC (Trout in the Classroom) Program

There will be a "In-service" training session taught by Chuck Newmyer on Sat. Mar 18 at the Fellowship Hall (regular club meeting room) of Grace Lutheran Church from 9:00 am to 3:00 PM. This training is for all teachers and club members interested in the program. It is required for all teachers presenting this curriculum in their classroom. It is also strongly recommended for all volunteers that have not previously taken the training. Please let Chuck (375-5810) or Don (375-7422) know if you plan to attend so that enough materials and lunch will be available. There will be a sign-up sheet for the next session at the next meeting and at "in-service".

## SWCFFF Awards/Fund Raiser Banquet

### **Aguabonita Fly Box & Fly Plate Contributions**

- ⇒ Fly plate (Atkin, Heyden, Gomez, Newmyer)-----\$450 for TIC Program  
(Matting & framing done by Darwin)
- ⇒ 7 dozen nymphs tied by Don Heyden-----\$160 for TIC Program

### **Aguabonita Flyfishers Banquet**

- Fly plate (Atkin, Heyden, Gomez, Newmyer).....\$240 for TIC Program  
(Matting & framing done by Darwin)

# Aguabonita Flyfishers Facebook Page - Snapshots

Facebook Admins: Dave Calvert, Jim Hoover



## Aguabonita Flyfishers

Private group · 47 members



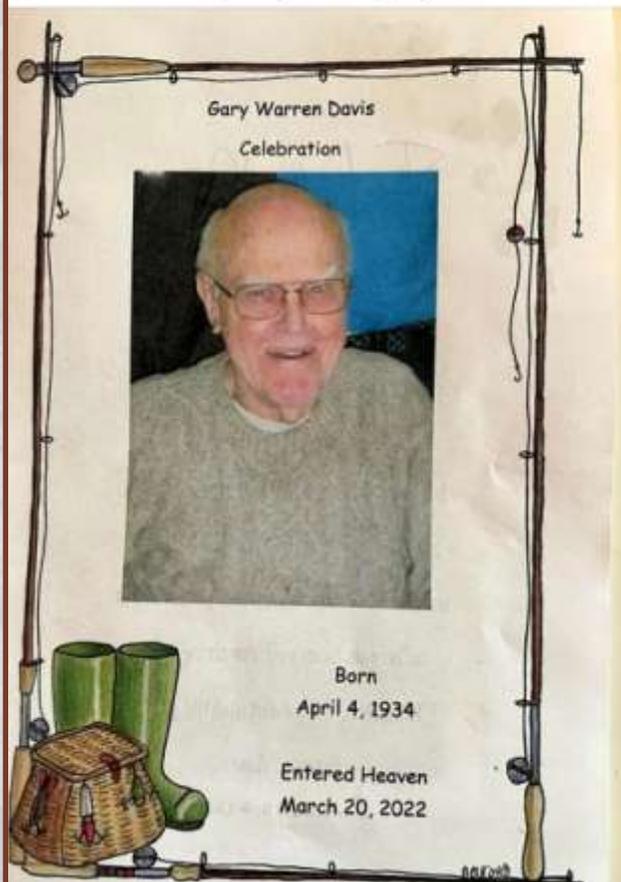
+ Invite

About Discussion Announcements Rooms Members Events Media



Rachel Felsen-Richards  
- April 2 at 6:12 PM · 🌐

Beautiful service for Gary today. He will be greatly missed.



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 Karl and/or the group is invited and encouraged.

Thank you!

**Aguabonita Flyfishers Facebook Group now has 47 Members !!!**

Click on the link above or contact Dave Calvert, Jim Hoover, or Karl Zellner for more info.



Check out our Tenkara Rods !!



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

Dues prices remain the same.

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

All members have now renewed !

No new members

**Let's invite friends and colleagues to join and enjoy the rewards of fly-fishing**

Invite your friends to join. Have them fill out the membership form on page 26 and return to: Aguabonita Flyfishers, Membership, P.O. Box 2059, Ridgecrest, CA 93556-2059.

SWCFFI Representative: Craig Porter



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The Southwest Council Fly Fishers International has rescheduled the upcoming FLYBUY for 21 May 2022 due to the re-occurrence of COVID. Save the new date for a fun-filled event. For additional information or clarification please contact Craig Porter.”

## Club Officers

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## Monthly Club Meeting

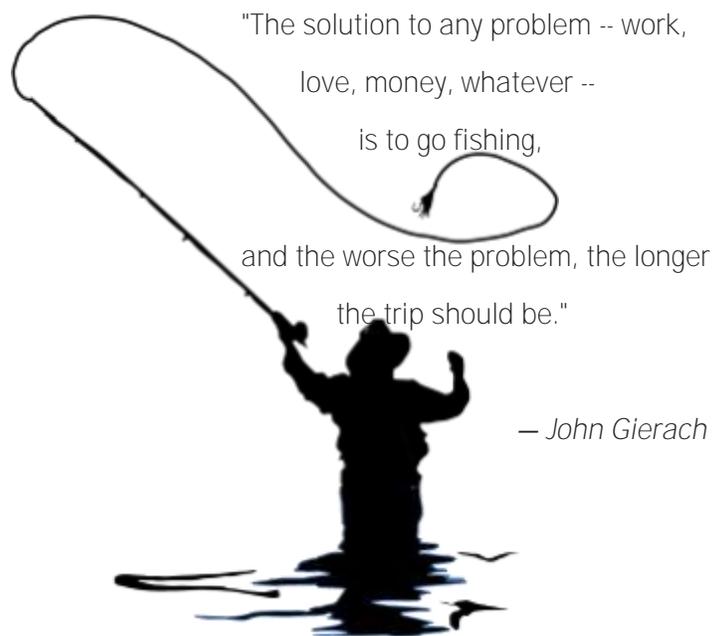
General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcomed to attend!

## Annual Cost for Membership

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## 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



"The solution to any problem -- work,  
love, money, whatever --

is to go fishing,

and the worse the problem, the longer  
the trip should be."

— John Gierach

# Flyline Funnies

**Today's topic** We are going to try something a bit different. In addition to the usual "Flyline Archive Funnies" the caption for one of the entries has been removed, giving readers a chance to supply their own. But here's the twist, readers are also **Strongly Encouraged** to email their Chuckle-buster captions to ( [bowlingdk4@gmail.com](mailto:bowlingdk4@gmail.com) ) for everyone to enjoy in the next issue. So put on your thinking caps and exercise your collective funny bones....



Well, the rivers of cards, letters, and email responses I expected to come flowing in evidently evaporated in our current drought. Never fear, however, your fearless Flyline editor will supply, not only the original caption from **May 1989 Flyline**, but a couple of hilarious (in the Editor's opinion) captions to fill the void... "I know you are out there, I can hear you breathing"....

**First the original caption from May 1989...** "That was some strike Bernie !".

Next the Editor supplied Chuckle Busters (Please hold your applause until all final entries have been announced.)

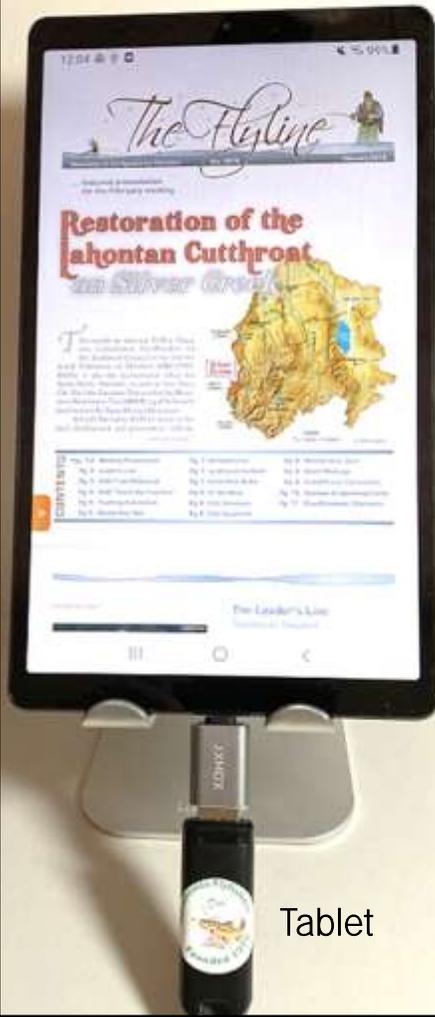
**Editor Entry #1** " Well Bernie, How is that "Slippery Slope" Line Lubricant working out?"

**Editor Entry #2** "Bernie, Remember to keep your rod tip down - in the direction of the Jet Ski"

**Editor Entry #3** "Bernie, That Lewie Fly really did the trick!"

So keep those cards and letters trickling in. Since your editor obviously has a conflict of interest, (i.e. he came up with all the entries !) we will leave it to the voice of the people -SEND IN YOUR CHOICE to email address [bowlingdk4@gmail.com](mailto:bowlingdk4@gmail.com) to choose the winning caption. In the event of a tie (or zero votes received) the original May 1989 caption will stand.

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Cell phone



PC



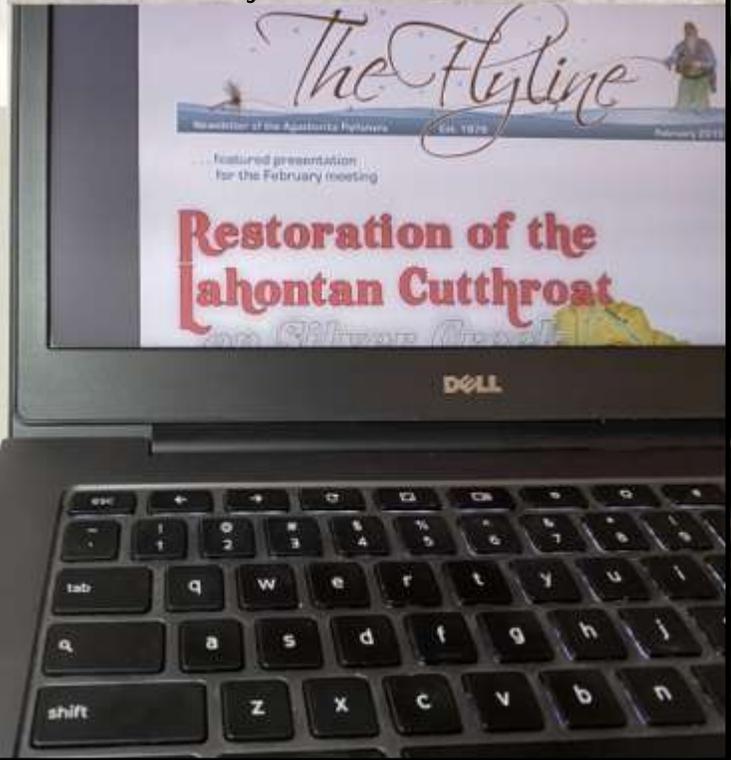
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Top



Flyline Thumb Drive



Forty-three years, and over 5000 pages of accumulated flyfishing knowledge and Aguabonita Club history are now at your fingertips! Adaptable to PCs, laptops, tablets and even cell phones. All this for a \$20 dollar donation to Aguabonita Flyfishers. Members may just mail a check to Aguabonita Flyfishers, ATTN: Flyline Editor, P.O. Box 2059, Ridgecrest, CA 93556. Please include your current email and mailing address so that I can notify you when the thumb drives are ready for pickup (at meetings for local members) and for mailing to out of town members.

Thank-you, Flyline Editor, Don Bowling

## In the Background: Don Bowling



This month's background photo was taken in July of 2010 near Coldwater Creek in Mammoth CA. I know I am rushing a bit, but I am more than ready for the arrival of spring, a new beginning with everything living and thriving. What a better way to start spring than with a rushing creek in a canopy of vibrant living green !

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](mailto:bowlingdk4@gmail.com)

Include a few details of the where, when, and why about the photo. Also, please feel free to email me any suggestions for improving the Flyline, ideas for future articles, tips on fishing, fly tying, or life in general...

Thanks...

Don Bowling

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# Calendar of Upcoming Events:

## May 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
1	2	3 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Fly Tying Session 9:00am - Noon
8	9	10	11	12	13 Deadline for Newsletter Inputs	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 FLYBUY 2022
22	23	24	25	26	27 Casting Session 9:00am - 3pm Leroy Jackson Park	28 Casting Session 9:00am - 3pm Leroy Jackson Park
29	30	31 Board Meeting 7pm				

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Record Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Aguabonita Flyfishers

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### The Goals of the Club

- Improve and increase the sport of fly fishing
- Promote and work for the betterment of fishing waters
- Provide assistance to club members to help them become more effective flyfishers and to promote the fellowship of the membership
- Encourage and assist others to become flyfishers and true sportsmen
- Encourage and advocate conservation of fishes, waters, and watershed

### 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? \_\_\_\_\_

### FEES

### 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) \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member (\$350.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

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