

The Flyline



Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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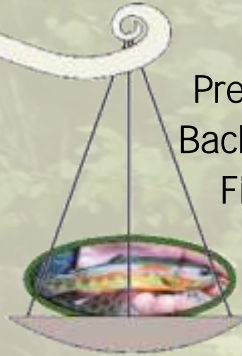
Balancing

Act

Restoring
Native
Habitat



Preserving
Backcountry
Fishing



The Aguabonita Flyfishers will be hosting James Erdman from the Bishop Field Office of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) at its Tuesday, 5 April, meeting. Since 1996 staff have been researching and restoring habitat for native frog populations in the Eastern Sierra in response to the observed decline of the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog. The CDFW initiated several actions to meet the state's responsibility to manage wildlife and their habitats for multiple uses. The two most important actions were 1) to temporarily suspend non-native fish stocking in high mountain lakes and 2) to initiate the High Mountain Lakes Project (HML) which is an effort to inventory the aquatic vertebrate species (fish and amphibians) and their habitat between 4,500 to 12,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada range. Along with these two actions, a dialogue was initiated with researchers, other government agencies, and user groups to discuss management of the Sierra Nevada

aquatic ecosystems. This continuing project is closing the gap in baseline data necessary to develop biologically sound long term aquatic biodiversity management plans specific to hydrologic basins of the Sierra Nevada. CDFW anticipates that development and implementation of these plans will help stabilize and reverse negative effects of non-native fish introductions on native frog populations while maintaining viable recreational angling at a historic use pattern. There are 22 lakes and associated waters that are fishless and being managed for native frogs.

The Aguabonita Flyfishers program begins at 7:30 PM Tuesday 5 April at the United Methodist Church (639 N Norma). All fly fishers, want-to-be fly fishers, any kind of fisher, or just interested in fishing and the environment are welcome.

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Welcome New Members !!!
Matthew and Lauren Gross
Tom Herrold

Dinner..... On Tuesday, April 5th, we will be hosting Jim for a dinner at Ale's Steakhouse starting at 5:30 PM (1730). Please let Lloyd Smith (760-377-3542 or lloyd.smith@hughes.net) know if you plan to attend dinner. We will start the meeting at the Methodist Church at 7:30 PM (1930).

Speaker's Bio: James Erdman



James Erdman
Environmental Scientist
Fisheries and High Mountain Lakes
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bishop Field Office



Excerpt from Feb. 2006 Flyline Article "High Mountain Lakes Project"

Jim was born and raised in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and is the son of a dentist and avid fisherman. His father took him on fishing trips from the time he was 5 to 6 years old and together they traipsed the streams of eastern Pennsylvania and the Pocono Mountains. Jim fondly remembers these trips more as exploring the outdoors than actually fishing. He would easily be distracted by the other animals, snakes, frogs, and toads, salamanders, etc. and often brought these animals home in his creel or vest satchel to the great surprise of his mother. Thus, the seeds were planted to inspire a lifelong journey of adventure and exploration of the natural world.

Jim has lived in Bishop since March 1999 but has been visiting the Eastern Sierra since the early 1980's to hike, fish, ski and climb in these spectacular mountains. After moving to Bishop, Jim worked for the Inyo National Forest for 6 years as a "Trails Data Collection Specialist" which required that he hike, map (GPS) and condition survey every trail in the forest. It took four summers of 800-1000 miles of hiking every summer to accomplish this task. In 2005 he began working for the CDFW.

Jim has spent a decade [written in 2006] now managing the recreational fisheries of Inyo and Mono Counties and still spends 5 - 6 months a year in the back country working to recover the Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged frog and monitoring wilderness fisheries. Jim believes he is truly one of the lucky folks who enjoys the work he does and the inspiration it may provide to a future generation of wilderness stewards.

The Leader's Line

President of Aguabonita Fly Fishers: Karl Zellner



I hope you enjoyed the outstanding presentation by Jeff Currier that Lloyd arranged. The excellent advertising brought more members; three new members and several prospective members.

I got to use the excellent information Brad gave us along with my internet research on fishing Pyramid Lake. As always, fishing a new water type is a learning experience, but that is for those like me, a fun endeavor. I hooked 4 nice fish my 1st day and brought one to the net. I also hooked several the second day and brought one to the net. Those around me, said the fish I got into shore on the third day was a 10 pounder, but I lost it when my netter was 10 yards away on the beach. The weather that day was blowing snow and temperatures around freezing. (The previous day) I quit fishing an hour early after getting blown off balance three times, teetering above the 45 degree water. I mostly stripped streamers and balanced leeches with a Popcorn Beetle in lead or trail by 3 feet. Frequently, my fingers were too cold to continue fishing. Camping right at the beach was very nice to warm up.



“Lessons Learned”

- Finger-less gloves are not sufficient for me and using a nitrile glove below helps, but I almost never changed flies so full finger is worth a try.
- Fleece sweatpants are much better than two pairs of long johns, (this shortened my time at Warrior Point.)
- Heated seats in your vehicle or fishing near a trailer is great for warming.
- Check your flies for algae often.
- **Strip, strip, strip after you hook up and don't worry about the reel unless the fish is large, under control, and is not manageable with finger tension alone. (1st loss).**
- Play the fish until it is under control and keep line taught when getting off the ladder. (2nd loss).
- **Don't let the fish get significantly behind you and especially near shore. (10 lb fish loss).**
- **When casting weighted streamers or lots of split shot wear glasses. I think Cocoons “Wrap Arounds” are awesome for all fishing situations. They block side light, and come in colors for various lighting conditions.**
- **Get a large boat net and don't force the netting.**
- Bringing a buddy gets a faster netting offer.
- Check often that your rod pieces are snug. I had a separation resulting in connector cracking while casting.

March Program Flashback: New Faces, New Places, and Fantastic Fish” World’s Best Trout Destinations - Jeff Currier



March 1st 2022 - March’s monthly club meeting, featuring speaker Jeff Currier marked a “new” post-Covid beginning for Aguabonita in-person gatherings. The evening began with dinner at Ale’s Steakhouse with Jeff and his wife “Granny”, and about a dozen ABFF members.



After dinner, everyone “regrouped” at the Methodist Church for program set-up and perusal of the Currier’s treasure trove of water color artwork and fishing related items



As folks began gathering for the meeting, several members, not recently seen, were in attendance along with several new faces. Be sure to invite your friends to become new members.

In all, about two dozen people enjoyed Jeff Currier’s presentation of “World’s Best Trout Destinations” (See next page for a few “big” reasons these destinations should be on your bucket list !)



Photos by Don Bowling

Jeff Currier's vast knowledge of fly fishing for trout is not limited to his home waters of the Yellowstone Country. His easy-going way of life, his being in the fly fishing business for more than 30 years and his connections with lodges and guides throughout the world have allowed him to travel.

In Jeff's recent program to the Aguabonita Flyfishers, he presented some of the greatest trout fishing destinations on the planet. Jeff's program began on his home waters of Snake River, and Yellowstone River in Wyoming. His initial trio of fishing travel destinations included, New Zealand, Argentina, and Iceland. Iceland was noteworthy due to the extremely large, genetically pure, Brown Trout and also the extremely large and hungry polar bears, prompting the addition of proper armament to one's required fishing gear.

Brown Trout,
Tungulaekur River
Iceland



Polar Bear,
Tungulaekur River,
Iceland



Brook Trout,
McKenzie River,
Labrador



Other fishing destinations included in Jeff's program were Bhutan, Quebec and Labrador, Canada. Jeff's photo above shows a beautiful brook trout from the McKenzie River in Labrador, Canada.

Jeff's program concluded with his all time favorite fishing destination, Henry's Fork, Idaho. Photo (right) shows Jeff with a gorgeous Idaho cutthroat.

Jeff's program provided us all with an in-person experience of the amazing opportunities to celebrate our sport around the globe.

Idaho Cutthroat



Jeff's Website: <https://www.jeffcurrier.com/>

Around The Bend: Lloyd Smith



2022 Schedule for upcoming general meeting speakers and events

April 5th 2022 - James Erdman, Environmental Scientist, Fisheries and High Mountain Lakes, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bishop Field Office

He will discuss “The Balancing Act to Restore Native Frog Habitat While Preserving Backcountry Fishing Opportunities”.

May 3rd 2022 - 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 ‘fly fishing in the surf’ guide, he knows where the fish are, what techniques will work, and which flies will catch them.

June 7th 2022 - Jessica Strickland, California Public Lands Coordinator, Trout Unlimited. She will discuss their work in the Golden Trout Wilderness and Hot Creek.

Ridgecrest United Methodist Church

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

From: Office <umcrcoffice@gmail.com>

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

To: Craig Porter <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)

In Memoriam

Word was received recently that Gary Davis, a charter member/officer of the Ridgecrest Aguabonita Flyfishers passed away on March 20, 2022.

Gary's Contributions to the Aguabonita Flyfishers over the past 43 years

Gary was always willing and extremely able to support the newly established Ridgecrest flyfishing club in many ways throughout the past 43 years. Gary served as head of the first ABFF Officer nominating committee in 1979. In 1981 he volunteered to take on the task of the editor of the fledgling newsletter, as well as serving as Vice President thru 1982. In 1983-1984 Gary took over duties as President, all the while continuing as newsletter editor. In 1985 Gary continued as editor of the newly christened newsletter **"The Flyline"**. In 1986 Gary took on the responsibility of chairing ABFF conservation efforts. In 1987-1988 Gary signed on as secretary. In 1989-1990 Gary again took over duties of President, In 1991-1992, as Past President, Gary began his long standing support and coordination of the Annual



Banquet planning committee. Additionally, in 1993 and 1994 Gary served as a board member. In 1993 Gary also began his artistic endeavors in the framing and display of flyfishing artwork and dry fly presentations. In 1994 Gary

again served as a board member. In May of 1995 Gary donated (the first of many to follow) expertly matted and framed fly plates to the SWCFFF conclave. From 1996 thru 2000 Gary along with Jay Crawford and Lew Albright planned and executed the annual ABFF banquets. In 1997- 2022 Gary continued applying his matting and framing skills to produce club Membership Fly Plates and framed artwork for ABFF Banquets, FFF and SWC International Conclaves., as well as Friends of the Inyo. In 2003-2005 Gary again stepped in to fill the VP slot. In 2008 Gary (a bass fishing enthusiast) received a special ABFF club service recognition award and was presented with a Bob Ziesler, hand carved, hand painted largemouth bass. In 2009-2012 Gary volunteered to be ABFF publicity chairman. In November of 2012, Gary was among nine members from ABFF that assisted in the cleanup at the Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery. In the ensuing years Gary and wife Karen were consistent members the ABFF contingent at the annual fund raising BBQ at the Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery. Gary and his enthusiasm and unfailing support of the Aguabonita Flyfishers will be greatly missed.



A memorial service for Gary will be conducted on Saturday, 2 April, at the First Baptist Church, 1350 S. Downs (corner of Downs and Dolphin), Ridgecrest at 1:00 PM (1300). A reception will follow. A viewing will be available at Holland & Lyons Mortuary from 5-7:00 PM (1700-1900) on Friday, 1 April. Sympathy cards may be sent to Karen Davis, 351 Lupine Lane, Onyx, CA 93255-9743.



2022 OWENS RIVER ANNUAL CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY - APRIL 23 | 8AM-NOON

2022 ANNUAL
OWENS RIVER
CLEAN UP
PLEASANT VALLEY, BISHOP



SATURDAY
APRIL 23, 2022

8am-12pm

IT WILL INCLUDE THE USUAL

FREE

BREAKFAST, LUNCH
AND RAFFLE
OF GREAT SWAG
FOR EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS



2022 OWENS RIVER ANNUAL CLEAN-UP Sat. Apr. 23rd

Help clean up Bishop's blue-ribbon moving water fishery. Bring family and friends – the more people, the cleaner the river. There will be a free raffle for participants with a lot of swag to giveaway! **You do not need to RSVP. Just show up the morning of the clean up.**

MEETUP TIME: 8:00AM + Baked goods and coffee.

MEETUP AREA:

- We meet on the northeast side of the metal footbridge.
- Near/at the bridge in the campground - our meeting point.
- GOOGLE MAPS URL (Footbridge, PV Campground, Bishop)

<https://goo.gl/maps/fKHGWCLxSb4nMoiC8>



SAFETY FIRST:

Wading will most likely not be an option as water levels could be too high

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

- Bring gloves and a mask. Optional but suggest to bring sunglasses, suntan lotion, hat.
- Trash bags will be provided.

Volunteers will divide and conquer different parts of the river.

FREE LUNCH:

Will be provided at 12PM for all volunteers.

RAFFLES & SWAG!

Several sponsors are donating some great swag to be raffled off to participants.

EVENT LEADER & CONTACT INFO:

- All questions should be directed to Chris Leonard @ 818.288.3271.

SOME GUIDELINES FOR CATCH AND RELEASE ANGLING: (Source: www.PyramidLake.us)

The most important steps an angler can take to ensure a successful release are to hook and land the fish as quickly as possible, leave the fish in the water while removing the hook, and release the fish quickly. There are several other ways to improve survival rates:

- **Whatever you do, do it quickly.** Keeping an exhausted fish out of water is like holding a bag over a runner who has just completed a marathon. They both need oxygen to recuperate.
- **Wet your hands or gloves before handling the fish. Do not drag the fish onto the sand or rocks; use a net in the water.** Do not injure the eyes or gills. Placing the fish on a wet towel will help the fish retain its protective slime. To keep the fish still, place it on its back or cover its eyes with a wet towel. Control the fish at all times! If you drop the fish, its chances of injury and death increase.
- **Decide beforehand which fish are to be kept; immediately release all others. Do not engage in a prolonged debate over whether or not to release the fish after the fish has been landed.**



FISHING TIPS

Never place a fish in your live well intending to release it later if you catch a larger one. Once you make a decision to keep a fish, stick with it. The fish you release from your live well have a decreased chance of survival.

- **Avoid the use of gaffs, and never remove large fish from the water.** Take a photograph of the fish in the water and release it.
- **Refrain from holding fish in a vertical position when inspecting or photographing them.** Internal organs are displaced and stress is increased in this unnatural position. Large fish should never be held by the bottom jaw only, with any tool designed to grip the lower jaw of caught fish to facilitate handling. Hold the fish horizontally by the lower jaw with one hand, and support the belly with the other hand. If unsupported, many large fish will rupture the isthmus - a cartilaginous bundle of ligaments that connects the head and body--and the fish will die a slow death from starvation. This connection is necessary for the tremendous gulping action during feeding.
- **If the hook is difficult to remove by hand, use long-nosed pliers or a hook-removal tool.** Do not tear additional tissue by removing the hook. Back the hook through the original wound. If this fails, cut the leader and pull the hook forward through the injury.
- **Use circle hooks. They cause less injury and increase catch rates.**
- **If your fish is in good shape, immediately return it to the water headfirst.** If it does not swim or is erratic, some "resuscitation" may be needed until the fish can swim on its own. Revive exhausted fish by first placing one hand under the tail and holding the bottom lip with the other. If it is severely lethargic, depress the bottom lip to cause the jaw to gape and gently move the fish forward. Moving the fish in an erratic back and forth motion will just induce more stress. Have you ever seen a fish swim backward and forward? At the first sign of the fish attempting to swim away-let it go. Prolonged attempts at resuscitation will be stressful to the fish.

Lower Owens Fire Summary and Photos: Phil Bowen

The fire started south of E. Line Street in Bishop. There was no sign of the fire looking south from E. Line Street.

A. The fire was about 1/4 mile wide on the Owens River at Warm Spring Road.

Fish had been planted and about 30-40 spin fisherman were catching fish 12-16 inches.

B. No fisherman at Collins Road, fire was about 1/4 mile wide. Big Pine Canal had a good amount of water flowing.

C. Fire was stopped at hwy 168 at Big Pine with the fire about 200 yards across. Fire seems to be contained solely to river bed and side roads contained it.



(Photos and summary provided by Phil Bowen)

43rd Annual Aguabonita Fly Fisher Awards Banquet

Incoming Officers



(Left to Right)

Andrew Mitchell: Secretary
Karl Zellner: President
Steven Garrison: Treasurer
Lloyd Smith: Vice President
Rachael Felsen-Richards:
1st Director
2nd Director Brian Dutton
(absent)

Mel Smith Award

This award is periodically presented to an individual whose contributions to our club emulated Mel Smith who gave so freely of time and talent.



Dave Calvert (Right) Dave served dutifully as ABFF secretary since 2012. His talented and steadfast efforts are gratefully appreciated.

Bob Cherry Award

This award was established to remember and honor Bob Cherry, one of the founding fathers of the ABFF. His legacy lives through.. the establishment of annual banquets which remain cornerstones of our club today...



Dale Harper (Left) Dale has always stepped in to help as needed to insure the success of our annual banquet, whether it be as chairman, auctioneer, master of ceremony, tireless organizer, (or all of the above). Thank-you Dale for your willingness to guide and serve.

Chuck Newmyer Perpetual Award

The "Chuck Newmyer Perpetual Award" was established to remember and honor Chuck Newmyer who was the founder of the Aguabonita Flyfishers Club and a life-long fisherman. He gave freely of his time and talent to support the Club and the sport of fly fishing. This award is given once a year to a Club Member who has given freely of his/her time and talents in service to the Club and the sport of fly fishing during the past calendar year. Unlike other Club awards; the recipient keeps the award piece in trust for a year, returning it to the Board of Directors for awarding to the next recipient.



Don Bowling (Right) Don took over as Editor of the Flyline in February of 2021. Don also digitized the ABFF Flyline Archives during the past year. (See **Editor's Spool**, page 22 for details.)

43rd Annual Aguabonita
Fly Fisher Awards Banquet
Joe Fox Auditorium, USO Bldg



Photos by
Rachel Felsen-
Richards





FW: Fly Outfits for Casting For Recovery

From: Carole Ontiveros <wwhikerlady@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:26 PM

To: Karl and Theresa Zellner <zellnerkm@msn.com>; Chiaki Harami <haramic@aol.com>

Cc: Teresa Adams <Tadams1649@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Fly Outfits for Casting For Recovery

Hello Karl and Aguabonita Fly Fishers,

Thank you for your commitment of # 3 rod packages for our Casting for Recovery, SoCal retreat participants. The highlight at the end of each retreat is the gift of a rod/reel package. This gift is **presented by the participant's personal Water Helper, and allows each woman to "graduate" with the anticipation of her first fishing trip, rod in hand, ready to tie on the leader/tippet and FISH!**

We would like to extend an invitation to your club members who may be interested in being a Water Helper at one of our CfR retreat fishing days. This year, our fishing days are scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022 and Sunday, October 16, 2022. Water Helpers arrive early in the morning. Both retreats are being held at Wonder Valley Ranch Resort and Conference Center in Sanger, CA. For more information on what it means to be a Water Helper, and how they fully support our participants, please read the following document. [3. River Helper - Description and Qualifications.2022](#)

If interested in participating in one of our retreats as a Water Helper, please email cfrso-cal@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you so much for your generous commitment of a rod package.

In gratitude,

Carole, Teresa and the CfR, SoCal Team

PS. Hi Karl, It was so nice to meet you at Pyramid. It's always a wonderful and challenging experience for me. I hope you enjoyed it and caught some fatties! Fish on! Carole

Carole Ontiveros, Volunteer

760-912-7539

Coordinator/Retreat Leader

Southern California, Casting for Recovery

(CfR) a 501(c)

Aguabonita Flyfishers Facebook Page - Snapshots

Facebook Admins: Dave Calvert, Jim Hoover



Aguabonita Flyfishers

Private group · 48 members



+ Invite

About Discussion Announcements Rooms Members Events Media



Rachel Felsen-Richards

March 9 at 6:34 PM · 🌍



Great day on the Owens!



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 48 Members !!!

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



Equipment Checkout

Club Equipment: Lew Albright

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

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

We now have 71 out of 78 (91%) complete as of 22 March. Thank-you to everyone who has renewed their membership. We look forward to an exciting year and your membership dues provides our operation resources.

We had 3 new members last month. Continue to Invite your friends to join this month.

Welcome Aboard : Matthew and Lauren Gross
Tom Herrold

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



ALL THINGS FLY FISHING!

**FLYBUY
2022**

Flyfishing lessons: casting & tying. Vendors & artists.
Welcoming newbies, kids, families & fly fishers of all levels.

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB
5201 E. 7TH ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90808

www.swcffi.org/flybuy

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL
Southwest Council

SATURDAY
21 May
9AM-5PM

Including: The Largest Fly-Fishing Garage Sale On The West Coast

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.”

Aguabonita Flyfishers Board Minutes 22 February 2022

The Meeting was called to order by President Karl Zellner, at 7:00 PM

Voting Board Members : Steve Garrison, Karl Zellner, Rachel Richards, Mitch Mitchell, Lloyd Smith, Brian Dutton (absent)

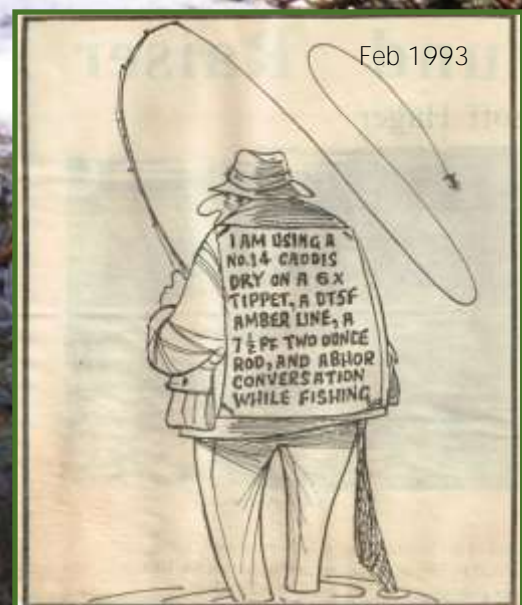
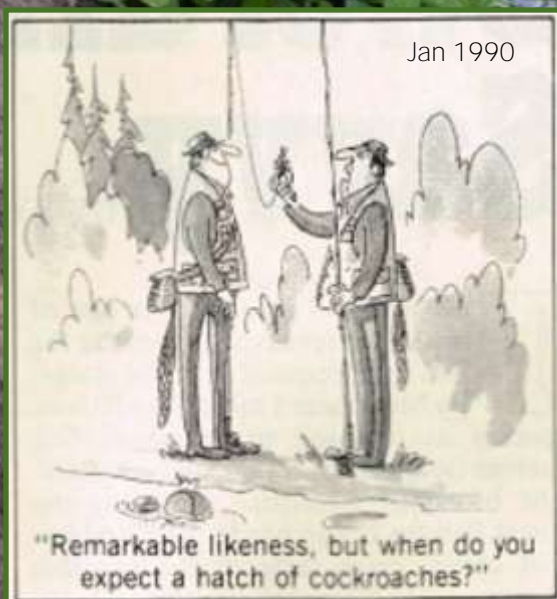
On 3/29/2022, the ABFF board passed a motion to halt publication of the monthly ABFF Board Minutes and Financial Report in the Flyline due to the publication to the internet. If any ABFF member wishes to view these documents please contact one of the board members listed above for details.

The ABFF board also passed a motion to authorize providing a website link to the SWCFFI newsletter directing public access to the ABFF Flyline for better public awareness of the opportunities our club offers and further the sharing of knowledge of our sport. This is aligned with our clubs mission statement. Please contact one of the board members or Craig Porter, SWCFFI representative for more details.

Flyline Editor, Don Bowling

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) for everyone to enjoy in the next issue. So put on your thinking caps and exercise your collective funny bones....



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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 \$45.00

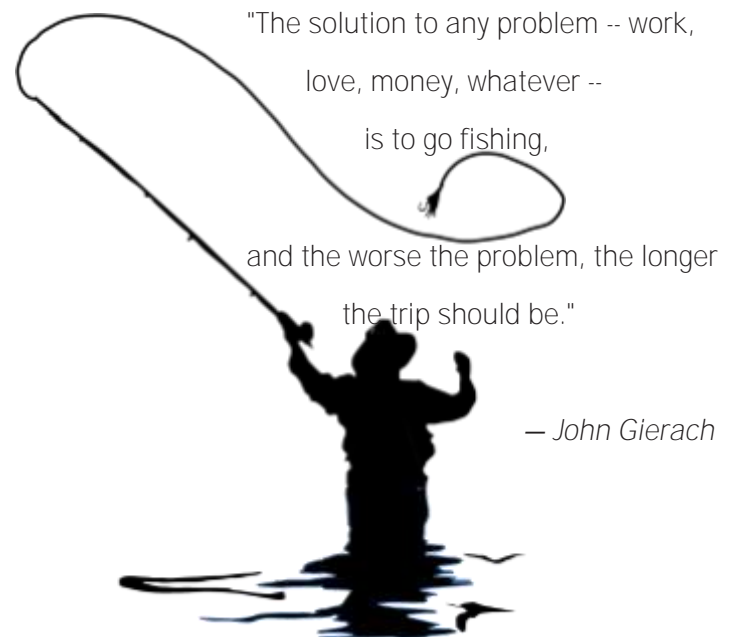
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Youth membership \$10.00

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 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



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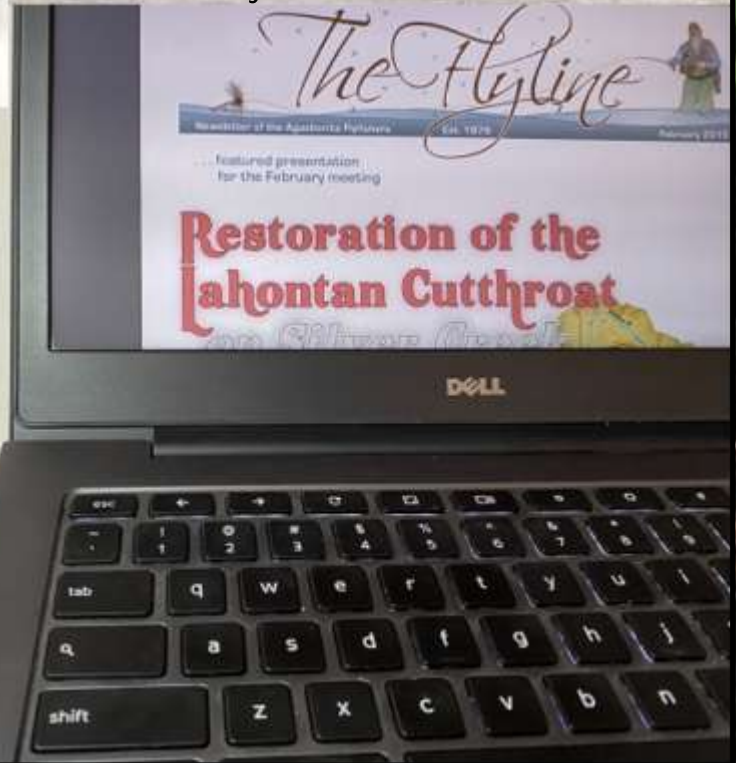
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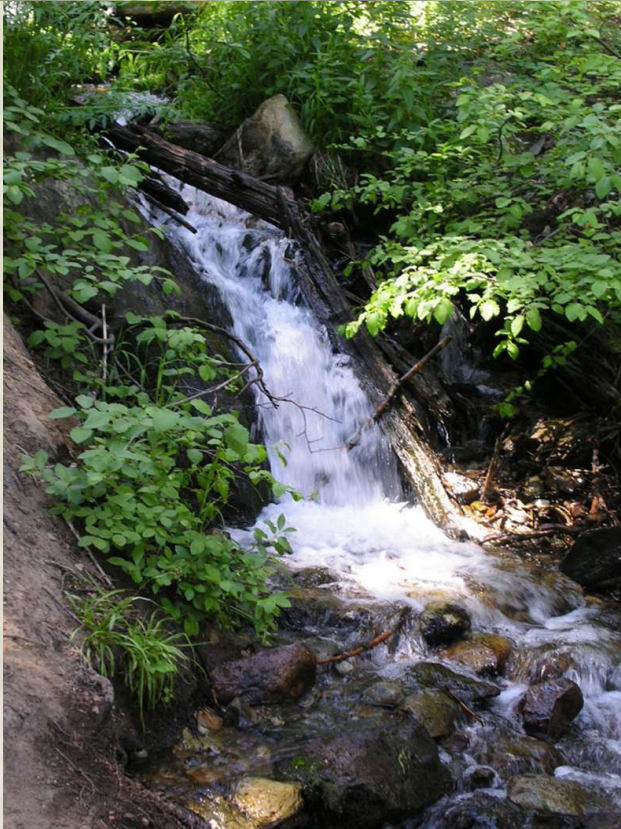
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Thank-you, Flyline Editor, Don Bowling

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

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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:

April 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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3	4	5 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 pm	6	7	8	9 Fly Tying Session 9:00am - Noon
10	11	12	13	14	15 Deadline for Newsletter Inputs	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Owens River Cleanup 8 am -12 pm
24	25	26 Board Meeting 7pm	27	28	29	30

FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL
Southwest Council

SATURDAY
21 May
9AM-5PM

ALL THINGS FLY FISHING!

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2022**

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THE ANNUAL LOWER OWENS RIVER CLEAN UP

SATURDAY - APRIL 23

It will include the usual free breakfast, lunch & raffle of great swag for everyone who attends. Meet at the metal footbridge @ campground

8:00AM TO 12:00PM

Including: The Largest Fly-Fishing Garage Sale On The West Coast



Date _____

Record Number _____

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- Encourage and advocate conservation of fishes, waters, and watershed

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First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

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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

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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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