



***Our October 4th***

***Presentation Will Be !!!***

***Patrick Jaeger -- Eastern Sierra Guide Service***

# Celebrating Simplicity



**H**ave you ever looked across the river and thought to yourself, “Man, they make it look easy”? When I started fly fishing, I would tie my flies with legs, eyeballs and gills. Then I learned how to fly fish and found out that the fish devoured this bug after the legs, eyes and gills fell off. Major discovery! The further I entered the world of fly fishing the more I pursued the pure essence, not the complexities. But I truly believe complexities are romantic to some **anglers’ pursuits.** And I believe that **fundamental skills** are considered to be boring. Once an angler gets past the romance, he or she might find that vital fishing skills are simply deadly effective.

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**Dinner.....** We will be hosting Pat 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 4 Oct. Please let Lloyd Smith (760-377-3542 or ( [lloydsmith.6699@gmail.com](mailto:lloydsmith.6699@gmail.com) ) know if you plan to attend dinner.

## **Special Reminder**

*Welcome new members*  
*Keith Craddock*  
*Jose (Joe) Melondez*

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I am blessed to have logged over 200 days a year in my wet wading boots. This program addresses my observations and easy solutions on our fishing journey. I promise an entertaining night of concepts, formulas, Jaegerisms and images of our favorite fishing spots in the Eastern Sierra. And maybe I can be persuaded to give a little Eastern Sierra winter forecast.

### Pre/Post-Program Chat;

**What's in your fishing vest?** As a fearless fishing guide, I need to be prepared for any situation. This means not only flies and tippet but consideration of the needs of clients: first aid, Tampons and a good cigar. I would like to take a moment and dissect my fishing pack with you. I would like to shed some light on the gear you can leave at home and give you a list of don't leave home with-outs.

## Speaker's Bio: Patrick Jaeger

Pat Jaeger has fished and explored the Eastern Sierra for more than 30 years. His journey began when he moved to Mammoth Lakes in 1978. In 1980, he became part-owner of the Trout Fly in Mammoth Lakes. His passion turned into a profession after serving an internship at the Clearwater House on Hat Creek and a partnership with Eastside Guide Service in 1995. Currently, Pat is a proud dad of two beautiful girls, a husband and owner/operator of the Eastern Sierra Guide Service. As a full-time guide he logs over two hundred days a year on the water. His guiding is based out of the Mammoth Lakes area: He spends a month on the McCloud River and six weeks in Oregon guiding for Steelhead on the Rogue River.



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### Pat's main objective as a guide is

**"to understand the craft in such detail that I can simplify the essential fundamentals of the sport, and streamline the learning curve to give the average angler the freedom of fishing on his or her own."** I can also break down the technical aspects of the sport and offer the more advanced anglers a new arrow for their quiver. I enjoy a little sweat on my brow getting off the beaten path. I strive for that look in **a client's eye when I hit the bull's eye** by matching the vision of the perfect fishing location or when the client learns a new method of tricking elusive trout.

Photos from Website

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## The Leader's Line

Native Alaskans - Fishing

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. It is mid 50s in Kodiak. Craig and I had rough weather on our Kodiak saltwater charter, but we caught fish. Fishing for Silvers at Saltery Lake Lodge was tough due to the low water in the streams. I hope to see everyone in October.

*Saltery Lake Lodge*

*Karl*



*Karl's Catch*



*Craig's Catch*

Photos by Karl Zellner



Craig on Fish Hawk - Kodiak Saltwater Charter (Photo provided by Karl Zellner )



Craig, Karl, and Karl's Catch on Fish Hawk - Kodiak Saltwater Charter (Photo provided by Karl Zellner )

## The Leader's Line (continued from previous page) - Still more photos from Karl



Saltery Lake Lodge Airliner Service "Waiting Our Turn" (Photo provided by Karl Zellner )



Saltery Lake Lodge Streamside Taxi Service (Photo provided by Karl Zellner )



## HOW TO HOLD A FISH THAT YOU PLAN TO RELEASE

From CDFW Angler Update  
Fri 9/2/2022 5:09 AM



<https://www.takemefishing.org/blog/july-2021/how-to-hold-a-fish-that-you-plan-to-release/>

By DEBBIE HANSON

**W**hen practicing catch and release fishing, it's important to learn how to hold a fish to minimize stress or injury. Learning how to properly hold a fish can significantly increase catch and release survival rates. Follow these fish handling guidelines to help preserve our fish populations for future generations of anglers.

### KEEP FISH WET

Keep the fish in the water while removing hooks or lures whenever possible. Removing a fish from the water can cause stress, suffocation (if the fish is held out of water for too long) and contribute to internal injuries when not handled carefully.

### USE WET HANDS

If you do have to handle a fish while practicing catch and release, use wet hands. Learning how to **handle a fish with wet hands will help reduce any loss or damage to the fish's protective slime coat.** Never use a towel or any type of cloth to hold or handle a fish because fabrics will remove the slime coat from the fish and leave the fish susceptible to infections.

### PROVIDE PROPER SUPPORT

If you need to remove the fish from the water to remove a hook or lure, use a rubberized landing net (**rubberized nets help prevent damage to the fish's slime coat**) or **cradle the fish gently with one hand** beneath the belly near the surface of the water. Hold the fish horizontally versus vertically whenever possible, using one hand to support the belly of the fish.

### TREAT THE FISH GENTLY

When learning how to handle a fish, be gentle and avoid squeezing the fish tightly. Squeezing the fish **can damage the internal organs and muscle tissue. It's also important to remember that you should** never hold a fish by the gills. Certain species of fish are more delicate than others. This means you should make every effort to learn about the anatomy and physiology of the species you are targeting. For example, when learning how to hold a bass you can use a thumb and finger grip on the lower lip **while supporting the fish's belly. However, when learning how to hold a trout you wouldn't want to grab** the fish by the mouth.

### QUICKLY REMOVE HOOKS

Keep the fish in the water or hold it upside down to calm the fish while removing the hook. If you must remove the fish from the water, be mindful of not keeping the fish out of the water any longer than you can hold your own breath.



**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.

**February 7th 2023** - (tentative) Nick Buckmaster from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bishop Office, will tell us about transplanting Piute Cutthroat Trout into Cottonwood Creek in the White Mountains.

Planning for March includes our 44th annual Banquet.

### *Help & Donations Needed for 44th Annual Banquet*

Planning has begun for the 44th Annual Officer Installation, Fund Raiser, and Awards Night. The club will be looking for donations from members of items for this year's banquet, both auction and bucket raffle items. If you have items in good condition that are just taking up space, please consider donating them to the club. The items "Do Not" have to be fly fishing related. You can bring items to a board meeting, a general monthly meeting, or contact either Dale Harper (760) 382-4903 or Andrew (Mitch) Mitchell (760) 382-9043 for pickup.

Dale and Mitch are heading up the banquet committee this year. If you would like to help with this year's or banquet or have donations, give them a call. Your help and donations are needed to help the club raise needed funds to support its various efforts, including Trout in the Classroom, the Youth Program, our conservation projects and much more.





## McGee Creek Water Quality Sampling

### Schedule 2022



The 2022 collection schedule for the Science on the Fly (SOTF) Water Quality Sampling at McGee Creek is listed below.

June 23rd Training Session (Dale Harper, Lew Albright, Craig Porter, Lloyd Smith, Don Bowling)

July 25th Don and Karen Bowling

August 20th Lloyd Smith

Future Samplings through the end of 2022:  
(Dates approximate)

Sept. 23rd Dale Harper

Oct. 23rd Lew Albright

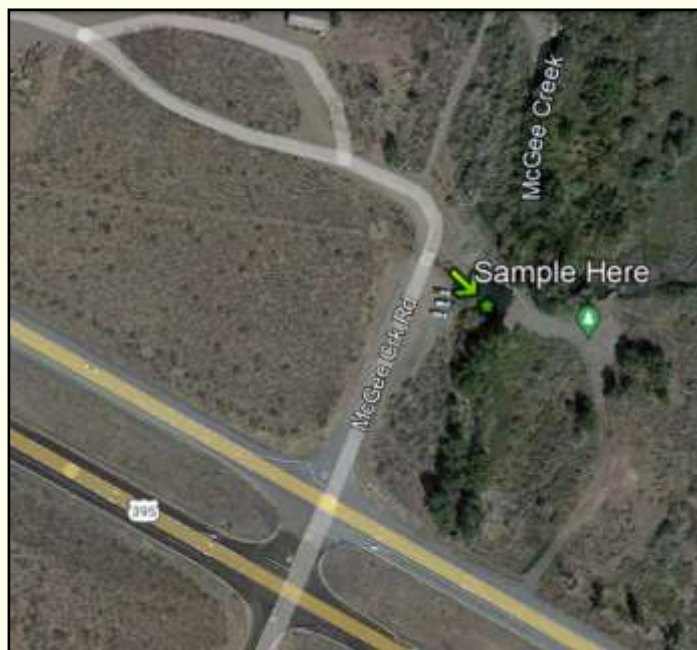
Nov. 23rd Dale Harper

Dec. 23rd Craig Porter

Thanks to everyone for volunteering to collect the water samples. Many hands makes light work. If anyone would like to participate in this project in 2023 please contact SWCFFI representative Craig Porter [cporter148@mchsi.com](mailto:cporter148@mchsi.com).



Science On The Fly Water Quality Training Session at McGee Creek.



**Sampling Location** is directly adjacent to parking lot on east side of Highway 395 at McGee Creek road -- only a few steps down to the creek.

# Hot Creek Interpretive Site Kiosk - Update

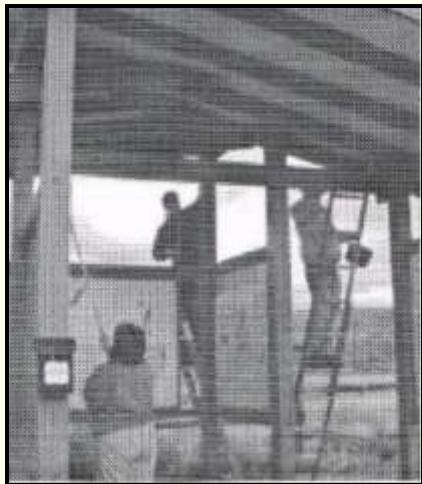


Photo by Bob Ziesler

**Kiosk History:** The Interpretive kiosk on Hot Creek was given a major rehab in 2004 with the installation of new artwork. This work was spearheaded by Chuck Newmyer and supported by many members of the Aguabonita Flyfishers. Since then, ABFF has been maintaining the kiosk with painting, fence repair, and brush removal.

**Last Month:** It was discovered that the installation of a new fishing line disposal receptacle had significantly damaged the panel structure of the kiosk.



Photo by Don Bowling

**This Month:** Lew Albright and Craig Porter sanded and painted the two signs at the interpretive site on Hot Creek. They also began weeding around the area. There is still more weeding that has to be done along the fence - that is in need of repair.



Photos by Lew Albright

On the trip home they stopped at Dale Harper's place and brought the damaged kiosk frame panel back to the club house for future rehab.



For the next kiosk work party  
-- stay tuned to the Flyline !!!

Photos by Don Bowling

# MODIFYING FLIES WITH TIM CAMMISA : PART 5 – CLOUSER MINNOW

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 5th 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?"

Tom R: All right. Let's do another untouchable.

Tim: I'm gonna go with the Clouser Minnow. So, we'll pull up Bob Clouser for this one or the Clouser Deep Minnow. When I think of this [fly], it's just another classic...even though, we all tend to use too much deer hair.

Tom R: Way too much.

Tim: I've spoken with Bob about this many times, and it's just comical because he says, "You know, you don't need that much for movement and for some transparency in baitfish." Another comical thing is, that all of us tie a version of the Clouser Minnow, and in our head, to us, that **is** the Clouser Minnow. And it's great because... Bob told this great story once, where somebody was tying the Clouser Minnow, and about halfway through, it was nothing like the Clouser Minnow. And Bob raised his hand and said, "Why are you doing it this way?" And the tier said, "Well, this is **how the Clouser Minnow is tied.**" And Bob had to "agree" because he knows that this fly is now tied using so many different variations based on how you lock it in. But at the end of the day, I've experimented with other materials that aren't all-natural, but there's something about bucktail that still just pulls me to it.

I think this is a great baitfish imitation. I've used it for hybrid stripers, for saltwater stripers, for lots of saltwater fishing. I've used it a little bit for trout, not as much. My go-to colors over the years, I love an all-black Clouser Minnow. I love an olive white where you'll have olive on the top, white on the bottom once you have those dumbbell eyes applied. And there's also a version that I tied that...it's like an orange and brown. Those are three of my favorites.

The only kind of updates I've made over the years with this fly is, whenever I tie dumbbell eyes, I don't necessarily use just lead anymore. I like to tie eyes that actually show a pupil on the outside. So I'll opt for some eyes. I still like the dumbbell style, but I just like some that will have a pupil, sometimes the color red. I like having the color red on my baitfish. And when I lock [tie in] in the dumbbell eyes, over time, they'll always spin [loose]. I mean, after I hit enough rocks on my casts, they always seem to spin loose. But I still put a little bit of UV resin on the eyes and cure it with a UV light just to lock them in place a little bit more.

To me, this is just one of those traditional flies that even though, there are so many variations out there, I still like to use deer hair, a little bit of flash in the center, and those dumbbell eyes, and I go to town!

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Cammisa Bucktail Clouser

# MODIFYING FLIES WITH TIM CAMMISA : PART 5 – CLOUSER MINNOW

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**Tom R:** Yeah. I've tried marabou, I've tried synthetics, I've tried every other thing, and I keep going back to bucktail. The Clouser Minnow, to me, is untouchable. It's simple and it works, and you don't want to mess with it.

And you're exactly right about keeping it sparse. I mean, for striped bass, I tie some small, Sand Eel Clouser Minnows for early season striped bass. And there's an olive and white with probably a dozen hairs on top and a dozen hairs on the bottom and one piece of flash in the middle... very, very sparse.

<https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/video-tying-a-clouser-minnow>

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Rosenbauer Bucktail Clouser

**Tim:** Yeah. That's right. That one piece of flash, that's something that we can take in so many directions. Many tiers are tying with so much flash that it's almost overkill. And I think back to the Copper John where there was just like one piece of flash that came over that wing case. And just that one little piece of flash when that fly was sinking and when it was rolling across the bottom, you could actually see that piece of flash just reflect light. And it's like you don't need 25 pieces of flash on a Clouser Minnow, you just need to have one in there, that's all you need.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp2phYKg5GA>



Cammisa Copper John

**Tom R:** Yep, one-piece folded over so you get two strands, that's it, I'm done. And it's a lot easier to tie a sparse Clouser. It's a little lot easier. **Tim:** Yes. And the head always comes out so clean.

**Tom R:** Yeah. They look nice. The only time I'll tie a heavy Clouser is if I'm fishing in the surf, I do want a wider profile fishing in the surf for striped bass. I will put more hair on what I call a "Surf Clouser". I usually use yellow and white instead of olive and white. I will sometimes tie them heavy but those are strictly for fishing in the surf.

**Tim:** Okay. Yeah, that makes sense. And there's also something to be said for quality bucktail, which can be tricky. And I'm definitely not an expert when it comes to selecting bucktail. I feel like I've gotten lucky with some of the pieces I've had over the years. But even where I select the hair from on the bucktail, I noticed that really has an impact too on the fly how well it moves in the water.

**Tom R:** It does. Are you a tip or a butt guy on your Clousers? (Or middle?) **Tim:** I think I'm more of the middle. I think I like a lot of the middle fibers. Yeah. I don't use the tip as much. I feel like the tips are nice and straight, but I don't know if they have as much movement that I like.

**Tom R:** Okay. Yeah. I usually go tip to middle. I will use the hairs at the tip. And sometimes for those "Surf Clousers", I will use the stuff at the bottom because, again, I want bulk on a fly in the surf so that they can see it.

**Tim:** Yeah, that's it.

## 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 (U,U) | 6. Zebra Midge- Next Month's Flyline |
| 7. San Juan Worm         | 8. Parachute Adams      | 9. Griffith's Gnat                   |

# Fly Pattern Worksheet

Name: Wonder Wing PMD

Type of Fly: Dry Fly

Hook: Size 20 to 12, TMC 100, Mustad 94840

Thread: Beige or tan, 70 denier (6/0)

Tail: Whiting Tailing Pack fibers, ginger

Wings: Large ginger feathers, looped Wonder Wings

Body: Tan muskrat dubbing

Hackle: Ginger

Head: Thread

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmkSJWoYD8U>



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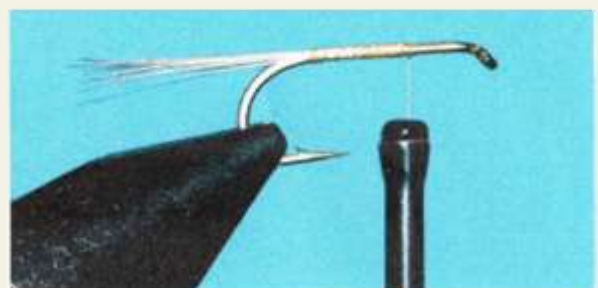
**Background:** In the late 90's and early 00's, Al Beatty landed a job as Marketing Director for Whiting Farms in Delta, Colorado. His job there was to sell feathers and expand the company's customer base. During his tenure at the "farm," we both got an invaluable education in "feathers" from soup to nuts. One of the many tidbits of information we gleaned from our feather education was the shape of the individual fibers on a hackle feather. We always assumed they were round but in fact they are not totally round but instead, they are kind of flat on the top and bottom and rounded on the sides, if viewed as a cross section of the fiber. They look like this "( ) " if the top and bottom of the two parentheses were connected by a couple of short lines.

At first that bit of knowledge didn't register until one evening after work we were tying an order of clipped-stem WW flies and Al accidentally got the wings too short. Rather than remove and retie the feathers, he gently pulled on them to make them the proper length. The feather stems slipped from under the thread turns and immediately "fell in line" with each other. In other words, all the flat edges stacked perfectly on top of each other.

The knowledge "light bulb" went off and Al immediately understood the importance of feather fiber shape in relation to looped Wonder Wings. And he shared the discovery with Gretchen. After a few minutes of experimentation, we figured out how to tie looped Wonder Wings. It was easy! All we had to do was tie them on short and pull them out to the proper length. Wow! Isn't that easy? That little trick only took us five years and you get the benefit of our trial and error.

Now the only thing we had to figure out was how long of a section of feather stems did we have to sweep fibers back on to make a consistent looking wing? In time we found sweeping the fibers back on stem sections that were equal to 2/3 the length of the hook shank (or a bit less) formed perfect looped Wonder Wings. Read on to see how it's done

**Step 1** Mount the hook in the vise and apply a short thread base starting at the 1/4 position back from the eye. Wrap the thread back several turns for a base 3 hook eyes long. Trim waste end of the thread. Select a clump of hackle fibers about as big as hook eye, even the tips and attach them to the back of the hook to form a tail slightly longer than the shank. Leave thread hanging at the 1/4 position on shank.



**Step 2** Select two large ginger hackle feathers from a saltwater rooster cape, pair them so the natural curve is **away** from each other and trim away an inch or so of the base end (thickest part) of the stem. Gently sweep the fibers back along a section of the two stems that is 2/3 the length of the hook shank. Tie them on the shank **very short**. Use three snug but not tight thread wraps as illustrated. This is **important**, so take notice!

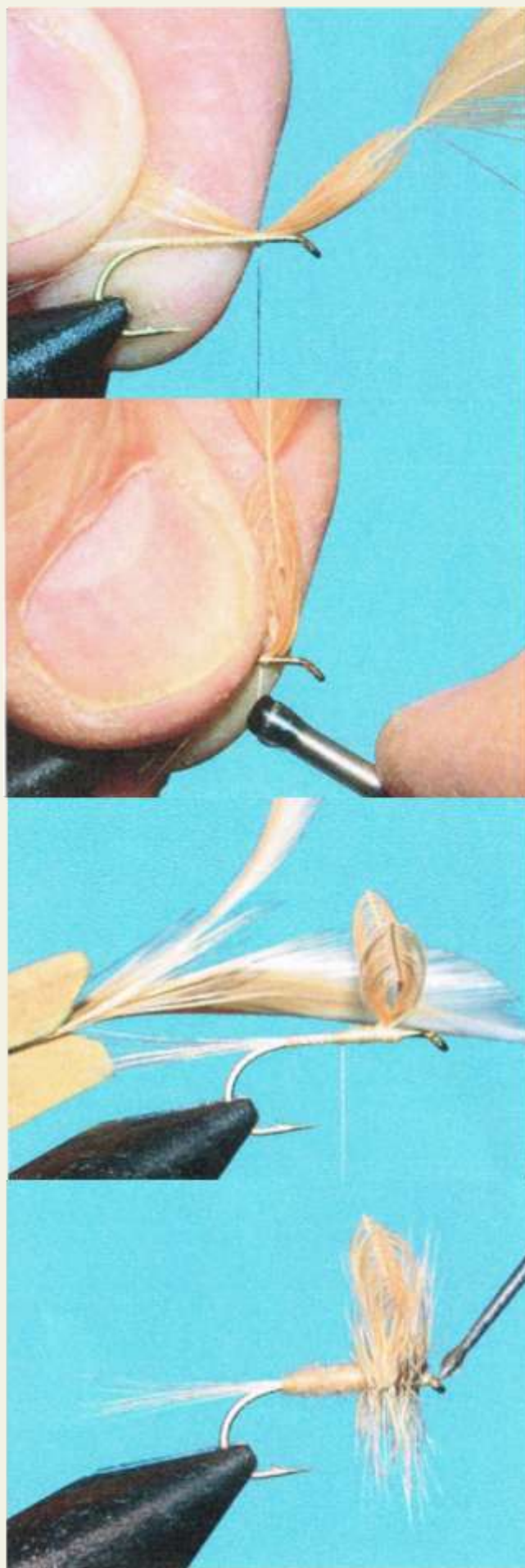


**Step 3** While holding the fibers between the left forefinger and thumb, gently pull the wings out to the proper length. Be careful, once the stems slip out from under the thread wraps because it is easy to pull the wing assembly too far. If that happens, then you'll get the opportunity to do the process over. Do not tighten the thread wraps yet!

**Step 4** Gently pull the wing assembly up and hold it between the left forefinger and thumb. **Now pull the thread tight.** Add three more turns of thread to hold the wing in place. The reason we do this is to make sure the stems in the wings are "in line" with the swept back fibers. The fish don't care but we like the wings to look symmetrical!

**Step 5** Wrap a thread dam in front of the wings, crisscross between them and trim off the excess feather tips. Place the tips in a clothespin for future reference.

**Step 6** Apply the body, the hackle, a whip-finish and a drop of head cement to complete the fly. Now, that's a good-looking wing AND it's easy to tie as well.





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## Subject: Potential Silver Lake Heritage Trout Designation

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is considering designating Silver Lake (Tulare County, Golden Trout Wilderness) as a Wild Trout Water (Figure 1), to be managed under the Heritage and Wild Trout Program. Wild Trout Waters include lakes or streams that support native or non-native self-sustaining populations of trout that provide a quality recreational fishery in an aesthetically pleasing environment. Heritage Trout Waters are a special subset of Wild Trout Waters that meet all the qualifications for designation as Wild Trout but support native (heritage) trout populations that occur within their historic range. The Department is seeking local stakeholder input regarding this designation proposal.

The Department's Wild Trout Program (now the Heritage and Wild Trout Program) was established by the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) in 1971 to protect and enhance quality trout fisheries sustained by natural reproduction. The Commission adopted a Wild Trout Policy (Policy) that provides for the designation of "aesthetically pleasing and environmentally productive" streams and lakes to be managed exclusively for wild trout. The Commission directed the Department to study and identify waters that would provide quality wild trout angling for designation as Wild Trout Waters.

The Commission expanded its Policy by establishing the Heritage Trout Program in 1998 (now incorporated into the Heritage and Wild Trout Program), such that streams or lakes featuring one or more of the State's native trout, and meeting other specific Wild Trout Water designation criteria, may be designated as Heritage Trout Waters. The management of designated Wild or Heritage Trout Waters is guided by management plans that identify strategies and actions necessary to protect native trout habitats and maintain or enhance native trout populations. Key elements of designating either Wild or Heritage Trout Waters is outreach and education to inform the public of the outstanding value and recreational fishing opportunities these waters offer and encouragement by the Department to visit and fish these unique places.

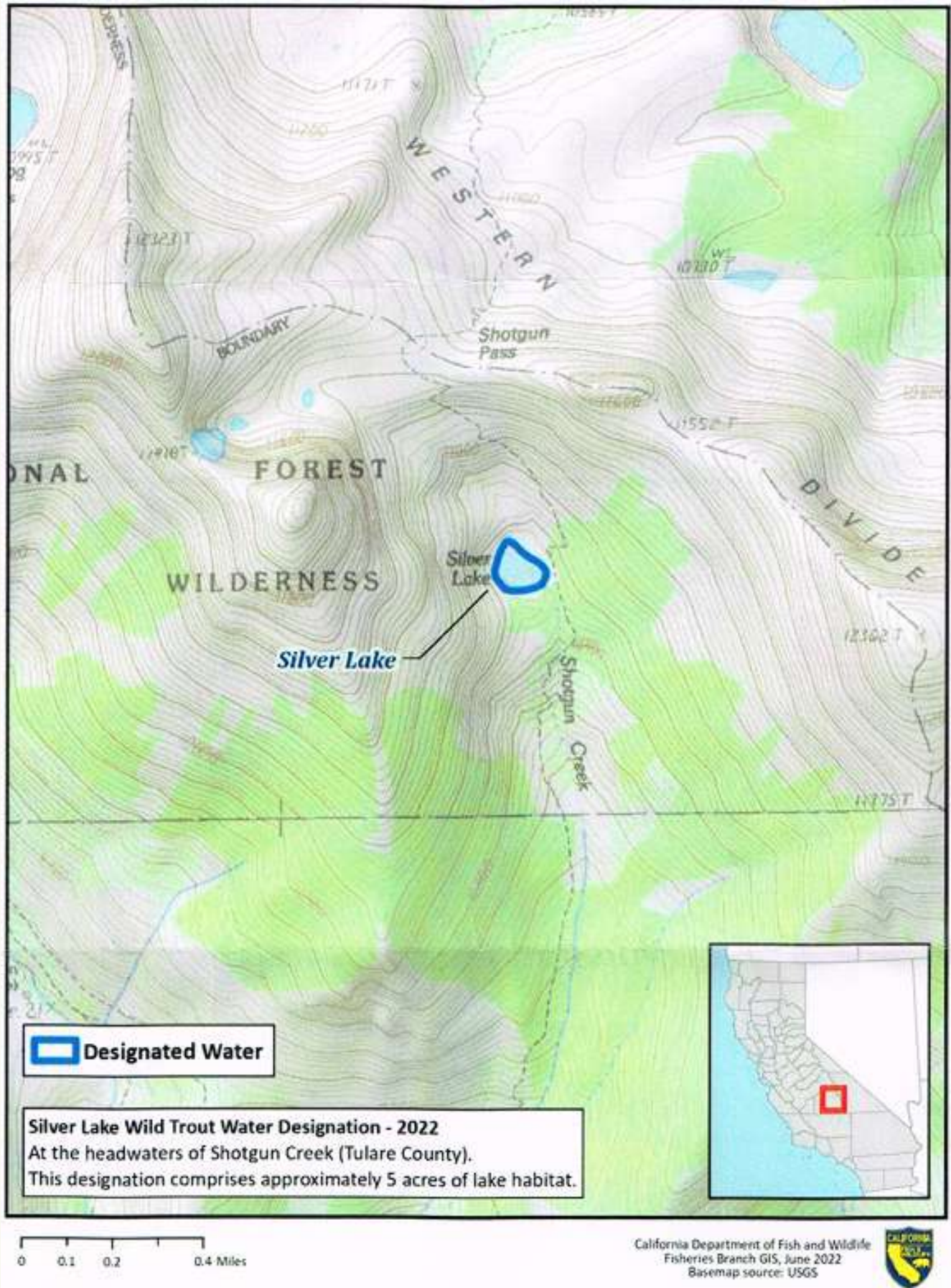
Designation of Silver Lake is intended to increase public awareness about the beauty, diversity, historical significance, and special values of the robust population of Little Kern golden trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss whitei*) and the habitat where they reside. A primary objective of the Heritage and Wild Trout Program is to offer a broad range of fishing opportunities across California and manage designated waters in a balanced approach that provides for protection of wild fish populations and their habitats, while encouraging public enjoyment of the fishery.

For more information about the designation of Heritage and Wild Trout waters, please visit our website at: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/inland/trout-waters/definitions](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/inland/trout-waters/definitions).

CDFW respectfully requests your preliminary input regarding the Silver Lake Wild Trout designation within 30 days upon receipt of this letter. If you would like more Project information, please contact Kenneth Johnson, Environmental Scientist — Heritage and Wild Trout Program, at [kenneth.johnson@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:kenneth.johnson@wildlife.ca.gov) or by phone at 559 999-3031.

Sincerely,  
Julie A. Vance  
Regional Manager  
Central Region  
Attachment: Figure 1

**Figure 1 Silver Lake (Tulare County) Wild Trout Water Designation.**





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## Kern Plateau Meadow Restoration Project

Dear Interested Party,

The United States Forest Service, Mt. Whitney Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest is proposing to undertake the Kern Plateau meadow restoration project. The project area is located in, and adjacent to, the Golden Trout Wilderness, in Inyo and Tulare Counties, from 12-26 miles southwest of Lone Pine, California (see attached map).

The proposed project would restore 13 meadow complexes located in the headwaters of the South Fork Kern and Owens Rivers. The primary goal of this project is to improve montane meadow resiliency by restoring channel ecosystems and watershed hydrologic processes. Restoration will be accomplished using low-tech process-based restoration (LT-PBR) techniques designed to restore meadow ecosystems hydrologic function by reconnecting incised stream channels to their adjacent meadow floodplain. The LT-PBR structures are hand built using locally sourced materials, including conifers, sagebrush and willows. A total of approximately 500 - 600 LT-PBR biogenic structures would be constructed and 40 - 60 existing structures will either be rebuilt, repaired or maintained. The stream length that would be protected from current and future degradation would be about 33 miles, and it is estimated that about 400 - 600 acres of meadow will be restored or protected from dewatering and subsequent vegetation change.

The project sites are meadows located on the Kern Plateau region of the Inyo National Forest in the Mount Whitney Ranger District, Tulare County, California. Ten of the meadow project sites are in tributaries and headwaters to the South Fork Kern River (Mulkey-Bullfrog complex, Strawberry, Brown, Schaeffer, Fat Cow, Kingfisher Stringer, Round Mountain, Snake, Soda, and Casa Vieja), and the three remaining meadow sites are in the headwaters of the Owens River (Horseshoe-Round, Poison and Dutch). All meadow project sites are located within the designated Golden Trout Wilderness Area apart from Kingfisher Stringer, Round Mountain, Snake and Soda Creek Meadows located in Monache Meadows area.

Additional information about the Kern Plateau meadow restoration project, including a more detailed proposal and planned resource protection measures, can be found on the project website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62408>

This proposal is being considered in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA). The proposed work is expected to fit into the CE Category 36 CFR 220.6(e) (6), "Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities that do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than 1 mile of low standard road construction". Also under CE Category 36 CFR 220.6(e) (6), "Modification or maintenance of stream or lake aquatic habitat improvement structures using native materials or normal practices". Project analysis will determine whether there are extraordinary circumstances that may preclude use of that category. Appropriate and legally required environmental studies and consultations will be completed in support of the project.

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The proposed action is currently available for a public scoping period. With this letter I would like to invite your input regarding the scope of analysis, issues, opportunities, concerns, and suggestions for the proposed project. If you are interested in a field visit to a project site or an office meeting, please let us know. If there is enough interest a field visit may be scheduled. Written comments may be emailed to Todd Ellsworth, project lead, at [todd.ellsworth@usda.gov](mailto:todd.ellsworth@usda.gov), or he can be contacted at (760)920-5648.

Comments received on or before September 15 would be most useful. We will be completing surveys and analysis over summer of 2022, through spring of 2023, and any information you provide may help with our analysis. I expect to make a decision on the project by March of 2023.

Sincerely,

JULIE A. HALL  
District Ranger

### Kern Plateau Meadow Restoration Project



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# From the Secretary : Andrew Mitchell

## Summary of Board Meeting Minutes - 30 Aug 2022

**Board Members Present:** Lloyd Smith, Steve Garrison, Craig Porter, Rachel Richards and Andrew Mitchell.

**Committee Members Present:** Don Bowling, Dale Harper and Lew Albright

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Garrison-Costs of Picnic in the Park have been paid.

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

### **Calendar:**

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 "Feastival" 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

7 February 2023: 5:30 pm-Dinner: Ale's, 7:30pm-Meeting: Nick Buckmaster, CDFW, Bishop office

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Steve Garrison-Fly fishing/casting class, last Flex Friday or Saturday (29/30) October.

**SWCFFI.ORG:** Craig Porter - 9 September Kern Plateau with Trout Unlimited.

Four members have signed up for the water quality testing, through March 2023. Next water testing for McGee Creek will be 23 September on the East side of Highway 395. 10 December basic salt water fly fishing in Long Beach.

**Web Master:** Dale Harper-Application, *The Flyline*, and calendar have been uploaded.

**Weekend Fly Tying (Ties and Lies):** Saturday 10 September, 9am at the Club House.

### **New Business:**

Nomination Committee: Needed soon, president position is open.

Plan for the banquet in March: .

Need venue on the calendar as soon as possible.

Tentative Date: 11 March 2023.

Pot luck VS dessert?

Banquet committee members needed Dale and Mitch have signed up.

# Aguabonita Flyfishers Facebook Page - Snapshots

Facebook Admins: Dave Calvert, Jim Hoover



## Aguabonita Flyfishers

Private group · 49 members



Rachel Felsen-Richards shared a post.

September 9 at 2:54 PM · 🌐

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This is going to be a great presentation!

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 52 Members !!!**

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

**TUESDAY NOV. 1ST  
AGUABONITA FLYFISHERS  
PRESENTS...**

**LUKE KINNEY**

OWNER/ GUIDE OF GOLDEN  
TROUT GUIDING CO.

**FALL AND WINTER FLY FISHING  
ON THE EASTERN SIERRA**

- Reading the water
- Best fall/winter flies
- Strategic Nymphing
- Hunting for trophy trout
- Conservation and ethics

**JOIN US FOR DINNER AND A  
POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

Dinner @ Ale's Steakhouse and Bar  
5:30pm

Presentation @ United Methodist Church  
7:30pm

639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA.





## Equipment Checkout Club Equipment: Lew Albright

### 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 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
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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 repaired or replaced.

## 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

New members from our September meeting :

Keith Craddock  
Jose (Joe) Melondez

**Bringing our total membership to 79'**

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

**We currently have 79 members!**

**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

[\*\*MORE INFO HERE\*\*](#)

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## California Fly Fishing Open OCTOBER 8, 2022



### The SSFF Club's 2022 California Fly Fishing Open is coming back to Kern River and you're invited to join the 6th annual CFFO!!

One of our many goals as a fly fishing club is to give back to the community. We created the California Fly Fishing Open with the hope of building stronger ties with fishy fly fishing folks while also giving back to such an amazing community. This year entry net proceeds will benefit [Casting for Recovery SoCal](#) and [Kern Valley Search and Rescue](#).

- Start the day with the five-person team tournament on the mighty Kern River. *Note: Clubs can have more than one five-person team.*
- Check-in will be at the Kern River Fly Shop at 7:00 am.
- You can pick up any last-minute fly-fishing supplies, scorecards and listen to general tournament announcements.
- Turn in the scorecard at the shop by 2:00 pm sharp and head over to Rivernook Campground for the afternoon and evening festivities starting at 3:00 pm.
- There will be raffles galore, vendors, team parade\*, fly fishing games, tournament awards, beverages, delicious BBQ dinner, and **LIVE MUSIC** for your entertainment!! Bernard Yin's "Par Avion", Guy Jean's "The Stoneflies" & special guests!

***Team shirts & club banners are encourage for the group parade (like the Olympics).***

Everyone in attendance will be eligible to play Heads or Tails for a custom fly rod build by Chiaki Harami.

Join the fun by going to the SSFF-Club's website:

<https://ssffclub.org/california-fly-fishing-open>



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## Long Beach Casting Club

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 12/10/22, 9am to 4pm**

for directions please visit: <https://longbeachcastingclub.org/>

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*The Double Haul Ball is an educational all day event designed to promote and teach the basics of saltwater fly fishing.*

*All proceeds from this event will be donated to Youth Programs: Southwest Council FFI Youth Program & The MayFly Project.*



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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
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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



# Flyline Funnies

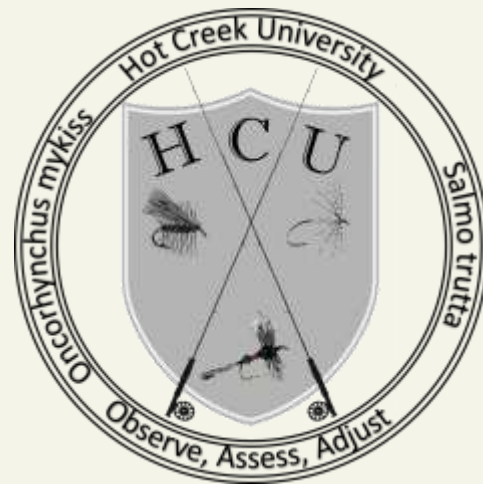
Over the years, the Flyline has published a wide variety of flyfishing humor. Just as Krystal Flash adds a little sparkle to your favorite fly pattern, the hope is that “Flyline Funnies” will add a chuckle to your day, and dust off a memory or two. The nuggets of wisdom and humor are all gleaned from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



***The Thrill that Comes Once in a Lifetime***

### ***"Hot Creek University"***

During the 3rd week of August I was able to spend a couple of days at "Hot Creek University", ( Kiosk campus). "HCU". is not a bricks and mortar university, nor is it an "online" class similar to those brought into vogue during the pandemic. No, this "On-LINE" (WF4F) class and features "On-STREAM" live tutorage, for a class of one (me, myself & I ) alone at the Kiosk on Hot Creek.



This class was taught, in tag team fashion, by professors *Oncorhynchus mykiss* and *Salmo trutta* (i.e. professors Bow and Brown). At first glance, the professors were seemingly of limited mental capacity (some might say "pea-brained"), but in actual fact, they were extremely disciplined and focused. This class uses no text books, even though, countless swarms of books have been written on all manner of topics addressing the various aspects of passing this class. By now, I assume that most readers have recognized, (and most likely have participated) in the HCU solitary learning experience known as **"Successful Flyfishing at Hot Creek"**. I know I have enrolled many times in this class, and also, failed to pass many times.

"How does one pass this class?", you may ask. Well, "Nothing Succeeds Like Success. This pass/fail class is no different, -anything less than success will not feel successful. In the final analysis the "key to success" at HCU is probably different each time you attend the class, but I will offer a few pointers - [referred to below as **Flyboxes** - (virtual, real and otherwise)], that you might want to have in your vest.

The first **flybox** you want to bring along is a **"virtual"** one containing all of your fishing knowledge gleaned from the memories of your flyfishing experiences on Hot Creek and other fishing waters. For most of us, it is a very big box, filled with a few useful knowledge tidbits mixed in with a myriad of extraneous "facts".

Secondly, you need to bring an actual **"real"** flybox with your imitations of actual **"real"** flies. We all have way more real flyboxes than we need, so cross check with your "experience" flybox and bring only a couple of real fly-boxes filled with those fly imitations most likely to succeed based upon your experience.

Thirdly, bring along a **"fishing report"** flybox. Preferably one that contains reports from reliable sources, such as local fly shops, local guides etc., not just those who write or talk about fishing (like me.) Again make sure that your real imitation flies "match the hatch" with the "fishing reports".

While these "Flyboxes" are useful for success, they are not sufficient. In order to pass this class, you must pay attention to those pea-brained professors. What are they doing? Are they feeding on the surface, or sub-surface.? Are they sipping, splashing, or jumping? What insect are they taking? What stage -- emerger, nymph, adult etc.? Constantly cross-check your observations with your experience and fishing reports. But simply cross-checking is not enough. If one is not succeeding, (i.e. the pea-brained professors are ignoring your offerings) then you need to change your approach.

In this case, **Persistent Perseverance is not your friend .... intelligent adaptation is.**

The class notes I mentally recorded during my two days at Hot Creek U are continued on the next page.

## ***“Hot Creek University” continued from previous page***

### Class Notes:

Day 1. After cross-checking fishing report and experience flyboxes I selected Trico emergers from my real flybox. Was successful within first few casts - 10” professor Bow. Was “optimistically persistent” for the next 3 hours (trying different colors, sizes etc.) without any further success. Thankfully I still have tomorrow ...

Day 2. Rechecked fishing report “flybox”, ignored experience “flybox” and selected cinnamon spent-wing Trico from real “flybox” (Origin unknown). Was immediately successful and extremely pleased with dual professor Bows 16”, 12”. Again, was optimistically persistent (trying various size and color variations) for the next 3 hours and again without any further success.



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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROOXcgM\\_OxE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROOXcgM_OxE)

There is no tomorrow in this class. I Need to re-observe and review behavior of these professor Bows.

Conclusion: Professor Bows were sipping during early success, feeding below surface rest of morning.

Last ditch effort: I ignored fishing report “flybox” and selected size 20 tiger midge with crystal flash tail and fished as a nymph under a “balloon-a-cator” indicator. First two casts resulting in hookups with professor Bows, 14” 10”.



Hoot owl says, “Turn out the lights, the party’s over.....”

Class Dismissed - Class SUCCESS - I learned something..... I’m a slow learner

**And...Don’t solely rely on past experience, constantly observe conditions, and adjust accordingly**



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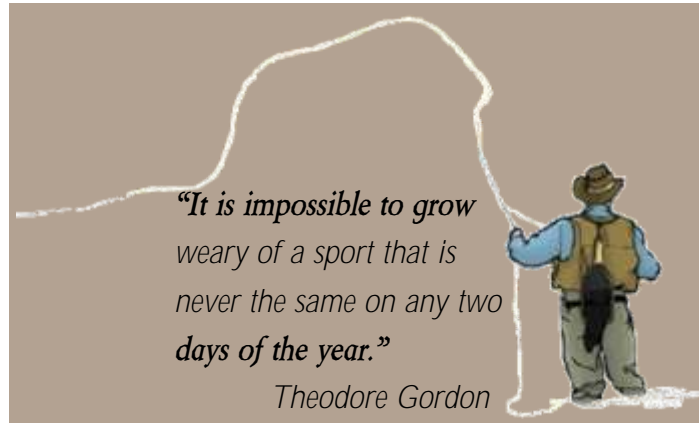
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# Calendar of Upcoming Events:

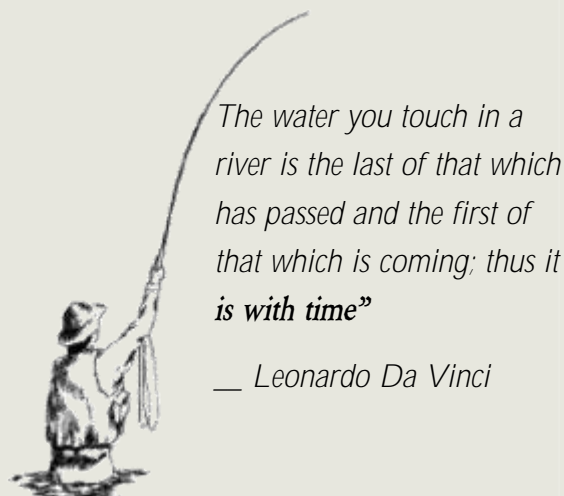
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27 Board Meeting 7pm	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm	5	6	7	8 Fly Tying Session 9:00am - Noon
9	10	11	12	13	14 Deadline for Newsletter Inputs	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Fly Fishing Casting Class 30	24 31	25 Board Meeting 7pm	26	27	28	29 Fly Fishing/ Casting Class

**Southwest Council Fly Fishers International** - The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International is a 57-year old international non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through conservation, education and fellowship.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Aguabonita Flyfishers

**P. O. Box 2059, Ridgecrest, CA 93556**

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST CLASS

Aguabonita Flyfishers  
P.O. Box 2059  
Ridgecrest, CA 93556

## Aims and Purposes of the Aguabonita Flyfishers:

To improve and increase the sport of fly fishing

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