

# The Flyline

Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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... featured presentation  
for the March meeting

## FLY FISHING TACTICS

### in the Eastern Sierra's

Presented by "Matuka Joe" Contaldi

Our featured guest speaker this month is Joe Contaldi, a veteran guide on the waters of the Eastern Sierra's.

Joe started fishing in the New Jersey countryside as a child and came to California during his high school years. Soon, he was fishing all that California had to offer. He started working for a local, outdoor retailer and started running saltwater charter trips, giving fly-casting demos and lecturing at fishing clubs and outdoor expos. He is a dedicated fly-fishing enthusiast who has fished both salt and fresh water. He is a celebrity speaker at The Fly Fishing Show both

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© Joe Contaldi Photo

*Timm and Joe with a McGee Creek Cutthroat!!!*

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in Pasadena and Pleasanton. He has been quoted in many papers and books, done multiple radio shows and has appeared in the Eastern Sierra Video Fish Reports.

During Joe's presentation, he will show you exactly which flies to use and where to fish them. His motto is, "No Secrets!"

For several years, he taught beginning fly-fishing clinics as a service to new anglers in the Los Angeles area. It was here that he met his wife, Julia. They live in Mammoth Lakes and still fish together today with their sons Quinn (13) and Logan (9).



Learn more about "Matuka Joe" Contaldi and fly fishing the Eastern Sierra's by going to his web site: <http://www.performanceanglers.com/index.html>



*Joe guiding Glenn on the Upper Owens River!!!*

## The Leader's Line

Craig Porter, President

This past month has rushed right by. There has been a great deal of activity centered around preparations for Trout-in-the-Classroom (TIC), the Annual Banquet, the beginning of SEEP, early discussions of a Hot Creek Hatchery Trout Fest for kids in late June, plans are gelling for the second annual Fly Faire in Mammoth Lakes in September, and a "Fly-In" where individual SWC FFF Clubs tie flies to promote fly fishing at the Sports Chalets in the Southland in late February. I should not forget to mention that several Club members have been taking advantage of winter fly fishing activity.

A TIC training workshop was held in the Historic USO Building on 9 February. The workshop was very successful with several third grade teachers present. We were also pleased to have an attendee of note supporting the workshop, Mr. Jim Erdman, fisheries biologist from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bishop. TIC is one of the major activities of the Club. It is a good cause; I hope you can find time to volunteer for this important outreach to our third graders. Once again Jay Crawford is doing an outstanding job of coordinating this effort.

The BLM coordinated Sand Canyon Environmental Education Program (SEEP) for local fourth and fifth grade students begins in a couple of weeks and runs through early May. John and Barbara Linder lead the aquatics insects portion of the Program for the Aguabonita Flyfishers at Sand Canyon Creek. The Linder's could certainly use your help, volunteer for a day.

Under the capable direction of Karl Zellner, the Banquet Committee is working hard to have another successful event - Saturday 2 March. This is a great event that raises funds to support Club conservation projects, TIC, interesting speakers, and our other educational programs. While you are at the Banquet don't forget to ask Lloyd and Bea Smith about their recent trip to Belize and ask what the fishing was like. Also, Dick Compton and Jay Crawford would love to

brag about their Steelhead fishing on the Trinity River in Northern California. I heard that Jay caught his first Steelhead. I wonder who our special out of town guests will be. Hope to see you all at the Banquet.

Just three days after the Banquet, the Tuesday March 5th Club Meeting will feature "Matuka Joe" Contaldi's program "Fly-fishing Tactics in the Eastern Sierra". Joe has given presentations to the Club in past years. This topic promises to be informative and of interest to all Eastern Sierra fly fishers.

Get involved, volunteer, help out, be present! Keep an eye out for the next TIC volunteer opportunity - getting the classroom equipment out of storage, cleaned up and ready to go. See you at the Banquet and the Club Meeting.

Tight Lines!!! Craig



*Trout Fest!!!*

## Up Around The Bend

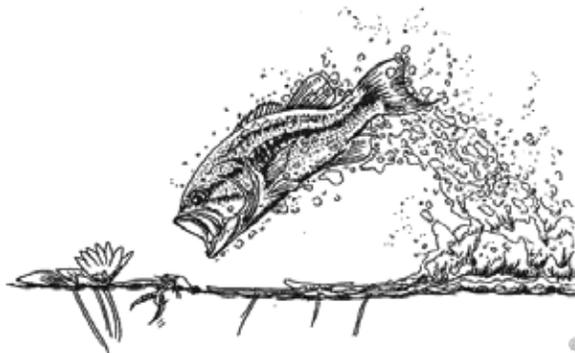
Craig Rae, Programs

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

<b>April</b>	Rob & Ryan Buhler Streamer Fishing
<b>May</b>	Dave DeBuepre South America Fly-fishing Adventure
<b>June</b>	Ernie Gulley Crowley Lake Fly-fishing Techniques
<b>July</b>	No Meeting Scheduled
<b>August</b>	Club Picnic
<b>September</b>	To Be Announced
<b>October</b>	To Be Announced
<b>November</b>	To Be Announced
<b>December</b>	Sportsperson Festival

If you have suggestions for future speakers or you would like to do a club presentation yourself, please drop me a line and we'll discuss it.

You can contact me, Craig Rae, at (760) 375-3707



## Special Artwork for Banquet

Gary Davis



## Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Director

### D iscovering My Flybox!!!

The other day, I was fishing much like normal. Fishing started slowly and after a while, I found myself doing my usual thing, going through my fly boxes, trying to figure out what these fish were taking. I do this a lot. Sometimes, I get lucky and what I start with works. Truthfully, I carry way too many flies, but I like flies. I like the easy-to-tie flies and I like the complicated-to-tie flies. I think I like them all!



A while ago, I kind of made a rule that I would only use flies that I tie. I stuck with that for about an hour until someone catching fish handed me one that he bought and that the fish were eating with gusto. I do tie a lot of flies; sometimes to give to friends, or for fundraisers to help out if I can. Those are the nice, pretty flies that I tie. Most of the time, I tie to refill my boxes. Those are usually easy to tie, well, easy because I tie those that I use most often.

Another thing I like to do is buy a book and tie most of the flies in it. I bought Charlie Craven's book, "Charlie's Fly Box". His 'Catastrophic Pupa' fly is a very effective, a lucky find. I liked the book so much, that I bought all the stuff to tie every fly in the book.



*Charlie's 'Catastrophic Pupa'!!!*

This only cost me around \$400 bucks! Maybe I'll get to tying the rest of the flies in the book sometime. This is a good one though!!

My very favorite fly tying, though, is creating my own patterns. Chuck N. taught us about variants in his tying class. Funny, when he looked at my variant, he mentioned something about mine being a mutant. There is probably a reason for that. I bought Mike Mercer's book, "Creative Fly Tying". This was a meaningful book for me and totally changed how I think of tying flies. I began changing the flies I copied and was surprised at how much better the flies worked with a tweak here and there. I moved on to creating my own pattern. All mine!!! There is something about catching a fish on a fly that you just created; after all the notes and studying to get the bug to look as it should, but more than that, it has to look like what you see the fish eating.

This fly hasn't been named yet. I haven't been able to even fish it. Mark and I got into a pretty nice hatch. The fish we were easily catching, a few minutes ago, suddenly became very difficult. As I watched the Blue Wings floating along, one landed on my hand and allowed me a good look. I noticed what its wings really looked like and compared that with what they looked like on the water. Who knows what will happen with this, maybe it will work. That is just the best to me; creating a fly and having it work right off the bat!

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*Latest new thing!!!*

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So, why is all this important? I mean really, I carry 7 fly boxes with me. I could easily estimate that I have over 1000 flies on my person at all times when I fish. Truthfully, 90 % of the time, I only use 3 or 4 flies, even with all the time and effort I put into finding

and creating new stuff. I do enjoy the time I spend in search-and-create mode. There are always new materials I have to buy for fishing, and I enjoy it. Going through 7 fly boxes fly-by-fly, if fish aren't biting, is worth it. I mean, sometimes everyone has a tough day. I remember a day on the Owyhee this fall; things had gotten slow, so I did what I always do and started changing flies. It only took me 10 flies to catch this nice Brown.

I'll tie 10 new knots for this any day!!! I caught this on an old, simple, brown midge with peacock just behind the bead. The reason I had the peacock on is because I couldn't figure out how to knot the fly and make it look good. I have a few in my box now because, no matter how long I fish, I'm always just discovering my fly box!

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies,  
Allen



## Man In Waders

Rudy N. Brown

### C alifornia Heritage Trout Challenge Certificate No. 193

In 2006, U.S. Fish and Wildlife determined that there are about 1.7 million anglers living in California who fished an average of 12 days a year. But only several of these anglers successfully caught, recorded, and photographed six of the state's eleven native trout to be awarded a California Heritage Trout Challenge Certificate. I spent nearly one and one-half years researching, studying, and analyzing Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) reports and topographical maps to find the waters home to California's heritage trout; where trout existed prior to human intervention.

I was drawn to this intellectual and physical challenge by the delight of that moment when the trout leaves my hand to return to its habitat. But not just any trout, these are elusive trout found nowhere naturally in the world, but in specific waters of California. That said, I recently came across the following exchange on DFG's website:

#### Topic: Remote controlled boat

**Question:** *I have a remote controlled boat approximately 36 inches long with a remote GPS and fish-finder system located on the boat. On the back of the boat there is a small box containing a baited hook. The hook is connected to a line with an attached weight. Once the boat is located in the area I've chosen, the line can be remotely deployed. The line (which can be as much as 2,000 ft. long) is also connected to the fishing pole I hold onshore. Once the line has been deployed, the boat is returned to shore. With a California fishing license, can I use this at lakes or at the beach? (Ron C.)*

**Answer:** *Yes, as long as the rod is hand-held or closely attended and the fish voluntarily takes the bait or lure.*

*(California Outdoors Q & A column, Department of Fish and Game, Sept 2012, CalOutdoors@dfg.ca.gov.)*

I must admit, after reading it, I had to ask myself "Why does someone fish in the manner of Mr. C.?" Maybe it's the result of a creative and inventive angler and the difference between those who fish and those who catch. Maybe what separates me from Mr. C. has something to do with how we measure success. Some anglers measure success by catching the first fish, the biggest, the most. You know, there is something said about holding a stringer of hatchery trout for a photograph! Anders Halverson wrote, "[h]old a rainbow in your hand, and you are holding a savior of democracy (a la George Perkins Marsh), and likely a partial descendant of one of the fish Livingston Stone captured all those years ago on the banks of the McCloud." (An Entirely Synthetic Fish - How Rainbow Trout Beguiled America and Overran the World, pg. 187)

Rather than roadside locations stocked with Stone's descendants created from a proration of McCloud Steelhead and resident Redband (1880-1888), I am drawn to trails less traveled in search of an indigenous trout in its historical water. It was this passion that earned me California Heritage Trout Challenge Certificate No. 193.

My angling experiences and yearnings differ from Mr. C's, but we share in wanting that moment of holding a trout in our hands. His was created to provide participants with easy access to recreate. My trout are preserved in remote pristine habitats protected so generations of anglers can have the rare experience of holding the evolutionary heritage of California's native trout.

#### Question: What is a Heritage Trout?

**Answer:** The Pleistocene time period lasted from 2.6 million to 11,700 years ago and is the most recent episode of global cooling or ice age that took place. Much of the world's temperate zones were alternately covered by glaciers during cool periods and then uncovered during the warmer interglacial periods

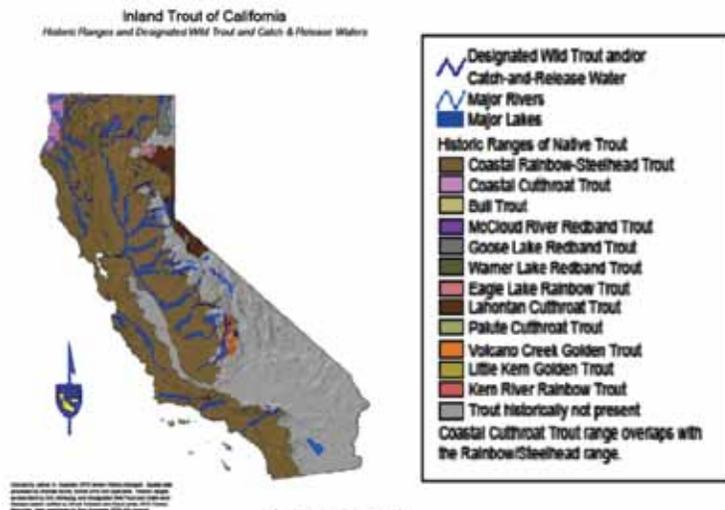
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when the glaciers retreated. As glaciers fluctuated in size they created waterways and great water basins. Next was the Holocene epoch which has lasted since 11,700 years ago and characterized by having small-scale climate shifts - most notably the "Little Ice Age" between about 1200 and 1700 A.D. (University of California Museum of Paleontology, website Oct. 2012). As glaciers receded, trout migrated from the ocean to inland through waterways and water basins. The Sacramento River, San Joaquin River and Tulare Lake basins are shown in Illustration No.1.



As these basins receded, trout populations became isolated. These isolated populations eventually evolved over thousands of generations into discrete strains and subspecies of trout. (Illustration No. 2)



Today, trout are California's principal sport fish found in 3,581 cold-water lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Noteworthy is that more than 18,000 miles of California's cooler streams have the greatest biodiversity of native trout species of any state in the nation. (California Senate Bill No. 1148, Amended in Assembly August 20, 2012) These native trout species have become California's Heritage Trout. "Heritage Trout" is a designation used by the California Department of Fish and Game (now known as Department of Fish and Wildlife) for native trout found in specially designated "Heritage Waters" within the drainages of their ancestors. These waters are now where self-sustaining, native trout populations exist and have retained their genetic integrity.

The California Heritage Trout Challenge is for an angler to catch six different native trout from their historic drainages. This requires trial and error and/or extensive research to learn about their diversity, historic distribution, and restoration efforts. Several historic trout can be caught at roadside locations while others are only found in remote areas. There is no time restriction for completing the challenge. You only need to log the native trout caught, identify the waters it was caught in, and photograph each trout.

Successful anglers receive a numbered personalized certificate featuring illustrations by Joseph Tomelleri of each trout caught. Your certificate fits a standard 16 x 20 inch matted frame and identifies dates and locations of each trout caught. The experience enables you to learn about the native trout of California, determine where they are, and what is being done to conserve and restore their waters. <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/Fishing/Recognition/HTC/>, to learn more about the California Heritage Trout Challenge.)

R. (Rudy) Nicolas Brown, AICP is a Zoning Administrator with the City of Los Angeles Planning Department. He has established Man in Waders as a not-for-profit educational entity that operates a Trout in the Class/H2O Stewards Program, helps anglers make a plan and accompany them in catching and releasing California native trout, and that seeks to motivate and organize fly fishing clubs to observe and collect information about seasonal changes in trout ecosystems.

## News from IFFF

Attention IFFF Life Members

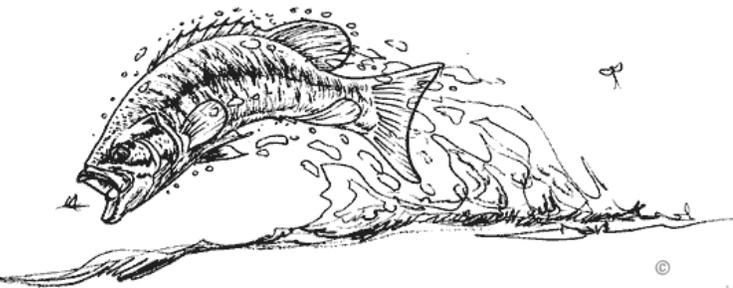
**W**e are updating our records and have found that many Life Member mailing addresses and phone numbers are no longer current. Please take a moment to e-mail your current information to [membership@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@fedflyfishers.org). This will ensure you receive Fly Fisher magazine and other correspondence from us throughout the year. Thank you!

### Help! I Can't Log In To the IFFF website!

The inability to log in to our website may be caused by several factors; however, the most common reason is using an incorrect user name or password. Please keep the following in mind:

- Can't Remember User Name: Just use your e-mail address
- Can't Remember Your Password: Just click the blue link underneath that says "Password Reminder" and it will be e-mailed to you

If those two things do not solve your problem, a quick e-mail to [membership@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@fedflyfishers.org) or a call to (406) 222-9369 will have you up and running in no time!



## 9 Behaviors Comprise the Federation of Fly Fishers' Code of Angling Ethics

- Angling ethics begin with understanding and obeying laws and regulations associated with the fishery. Fly anglers understand that their conduct relative to laws and regulations reflects on all anglers. Angling ethics begin with and transcend laws and regulations governing angling and the resources that sustain the sport.
- The opportunity to participate in the sport of fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers respect private property and always ask permission before entering or fishing private property. They seek to understand and follow the local customs and practices associated with the fishery. They share the waters equally with others whether they are fishing or engaging in other outdoor activities.
- Fly fishers minimize their impact on the environment and fishery by adopting practices that do not degrade the quality of the banks, waters, and the overall watersheds upon which fisheries depend. These practices include avoiding the introduction of species not native to an ecosystem, and cleaning and drying fishing gear to prevent the inadvertent transport of invasive exotics that may threaten the integrity of an aquatic ecosystem. In simplest terms, fly anglers always leave the fishery better than when they found it.
- Fly anglers endeavor to conserve fisheries by understanding the importance of limiting their catch. "Catch and release" is an important component of sustaining premium fisheries that are being overharvested. Fly anglers release fish properly and with minimal harm. They promote the use of barbless hooks and angling practices that are more challenging but which help to sustain healthy fish populations.
- Fly anglers do not judge the methods of fellow anglers. Fly fishers share their knowledge of skills and techniques. They help others to understand that fly-fishing contributes to sound fisheries conservation practices.

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## News from SWC FFF

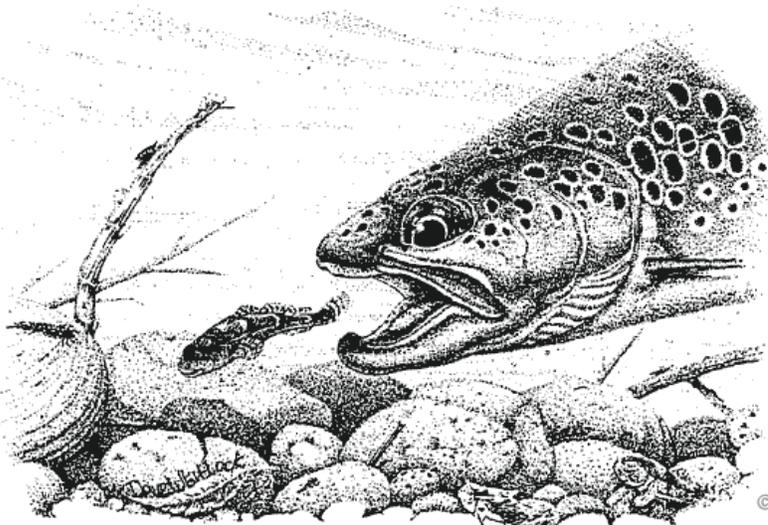
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■ Fly anglers treat fellow anglers as they would expect to be treated. They do not impose themselves on or otherwise interfere with other anglers. They wait a polite time, and then, if necessary, request permission to fish through. They may invite other anglers to fish through their positions. Fly fishers when entering an occupied run or area always move in behind other anglers, not in front of them whether in a boat or wading.

■ Fly anglers when sharing the water allow fellow anglers ample room so as not to disturb anyone's fishing experience. They always fish in a manner that causes as little disturbance as practical to the water and fish. They take precautions to keep their shadow from falling across the water (walking a high bank).

■ When fishing from watercraft fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft. They do not block entrances to bays or otherwise impede others. Fly anglers do not unnecessarily disturb the water by improperly lowering anchors or slapping the water with paddles or oars.

■ Fly anglers always compliment other anglers and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to them whether they fish with a fly or not.



### Basic Entomology Workshop for Fly Fishers

SAT. March 16, 2013  
LONG BEACH AREA

The study of aquatic insects for trout fishing. This is the 16th annual bug class. All fly fishers welcome.

#### SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR FLY FISHERS.

This workshop is offered only once a year in the spring.

INSTRUCTOR: MAGGIE MERRIMAN

TIME: 9:00am to 1:00pm

LOCATION: Long Beach Casting Club, 7th. and Federation Dr., Long Beach.

### ONE Surf Fly

<http://onesurffly.com/>

## Special Raffles

Chuck Newmyer

The club is conducting 2 special raffles.

**Membership Fly Plate:** Phil Dixon is donating the Club Membership Fly Plate that he won at the 2003 Banquet. We are selling 100 tickets at \$5 each. All proceeds go to The Friends of the Mt. Whitney Hatchery.

**Bamboo Fly Rod Outfit:** A member of The Friends of the Mt. Whitney Hatchery donated a bamboo fly rod outfit to them as a fund raiser. They asked us to conduct a raffle sharing the proceeds with them. The rod, built by Larry Tusoni (well noted bamboo rod builder) and is a 3-piece, 5-weight. There is also a Teton Tioga Reel, 5-weight fly line, and an aluminum rod case. We are selling 100 tickets at \$20 each.

All items can be viewed at the club meetings.



👍 **Federation of Fly Fishers** - Since 1964, the Federation of Fly Fishers has been an organized voice for fly fishers. The Federation of Fly Fishers and its Councils are the only organized advocate for fly fishers on a national and regional level.  
<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>

👍 **Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers** - The Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers represents all of Southern California and Nevada. The Federation of Fly Fishers is a 48-year old international non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through conservation, restoration and education.  
<http://southwestcouncilfff.org/>

👍 **CalTrout** - Since its establishment in January, 1971, CalTrout's mission has been to protect and restore wild trout, steelhead, salmon and their waters throughout California.  
<http://caltrout.org/>

👍 **Trout Unlimited** - Since 1959, Trout Unlimited has worked to conserve, protect and restore North America's cold water fisheries and their watersheds. We have protected more than 10,000 river miles nationwide and pioneered new scientific, legal and legislative tools to make America's rivers cleaner and healthier.  
<http://www.tu.org/>  
<http://www.tucalifornia.org/>

## Other Club News

### "Trout in the Classroom" In-service Training February 9th



## On the Hook

Oscar Felsen, Weekend Fly-Tying

The next weekend fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be Saturday, March 16th from 9:00am to noon at the Aguabonita's classroom, 145B Panament Street.

There's no longer a "suggested pattern" for everyone to tie at these sessions. Participants can tie the pattern(s) they prefer and need to fill their fly boxes. If you need help or assistance to solve a tying problem, then plenty of assistance will be available from the other tiers.

As always, these fly-tying sessions are open to all. You don't have to tie flies either, just come on in and kibitz or listen to the fish stories; maybe swap a few of your own stories.

This is also an opportunity for you to have access to the club's library to review, check-out and/or return any of the books, reference material, VHS tapes and DVDs that are available.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** For those tiers who wish to, we will start working on some **PINK** flies to meet our annual commitment to "Casting For Recovery." The club has a supply of pink tying materials that will be available. In addition, there is also a need for PMDs - ADAMS - CADDISs - NYMPHS and a MYSTERY FLY (could be a hopper, streamer, etc.).

At the March 5th meeting, there will be a sign up sheet for contacting the Weekend Fly-tiers. Please add your name to the list.

As always, if you have a question please drop me a line at [felsenjo@verizon.net](mailto:felsenjo@verizon.net) or (760) 446-7103.



## Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We will hold a Fly-tying Class March 9th and 10th, there's still room for additional people. If you are interested, details will be available at the March general meetings.

We are also looking at having a Fly-fishing Class on the weekend of April 6th and 7th or the 20th and 21st. If there is enough interest, we'll do both weekends. Sign-up sheets for these classes will be available at both the March and April monthly general meetings. You can also contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or [hisifly@iwvisp.com](mailto:hisifly@iwvisp.com)



## Classified Section

👍 **High Sierra Flyfisherman** - Chuck has some left-over shop inventory, including some fly-tying materials (including hooks), flies (dries, nymphs, streamers, and terrestrials), rod building components, and leader and tippet materials. 20% to 50% off to club members. To set up a meeting at the club house, you can contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or [hisifly@iwvisp.com](mailto:hisifly@iwvisp.com).

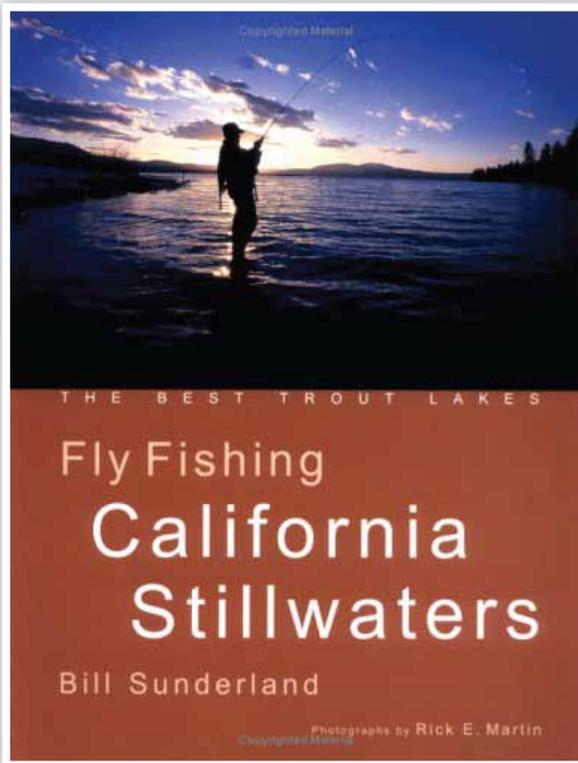
👍 **Sierra Fisherman Magazine** - The Sierra Fisherman is now publishing classified ads. Sell your old stuff and use the money to buy new stuff. Ad prices:

Photo & 15 words	\$25.00
Photo & 30 words	\$35.00

Send ad information to: [sales@sierrafisherman.com](mailto:sales@sierrafisherman.com)

## Book of the Month

"Silent Auction"



The Book of the Month for the March meeting will be "Fly Fishing California Stillwaters" by Bill Sunderland; signed by the author.

The inclination of most fly-line anglers is to fish moving water. That's a mistake, because there are bigger trout in California's lakes and reservoirs. Stillwater trout don't have to work as hard fighting currents as those in streams and rivers. And many lakes are extremely rich in food for fish so trout just cruise around slurping up dinner and getting bigger and bigger.

"Fly Fishing California Stillwaters" tells anglers where the best fishing can be found, offering directions, full-color maps and so much detail you'll never again arrive at a lake wondering what fly to use or where to start your search for trout.

**Minimum bid: \$19**

## Aguabonita Flyfishers Rod & Reel Inventory

### FLY RODS:

1.	Cortland	8'0"	5/6wt
2.	Fisher	8'6"	3/4wt
3.	Fisher	9'0"	6wt
4.	Fisher	8'6"	5/6wt
5.	Fisher	8'0"	6/7wt
6.	Fisher	9'6"	7/8wt
7.	Fisher	9'0"	10wt
8.	G. Loomis	7'9"	2wt
9.	G. Loomis	8'0"	3wt
10.	Powell	9'0"	5/6wt
11.	St. Croix	9'0"	3wt
12.	St. Croix	9'0"	6/7wt
13.	Sage	9'0"	4wt
14.	Sage	9'0"	5wt
15.	Winston	8'6"	6wt
16.	Winston	9'0"	8wt

### FLY REELS & LINE:

1.	Berkley	DT2F
2.	Cortland	DT3F
3.	Cortland	DT4F
4.	Cortland	DT5F
5.	Cortland	DT6F
6.	Cortland	WF7F
7.	Cortland	WF9F
8.	STH	10 F/S

### WADERS:

1.	2 pair	Size-10
2.	1 pair	Size-14

To check out a rod or reel, call Lew Albright at (760) 375-8725. The club requires a nominal fee of \$5.00. The money will be used for maintenance of the equipment.

When you check out a rod or reel, please return the item as soon as possible so other club members may use them too. If you break a rod or reel, let Lew know so that it can be repaired.

## Monthly Club Meeting

General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcome to attend! Our meetings feature guest speaker presentations, brief club news, refreshments, a raffle and a silent book auction.

## Annual Cost for Membership

General membership	\$ 20.00
Associate membership	\$ 5.00
Youth membership	\$ 5.00
Life membership	\$200.00
One time initiation fee	\$ 10.00

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors usually meet at 7:00pm on the last Tuesday of each month. The board meetings are held at the club classroom located at 145B Panament Street and are open to anyone with agenda items to share. To be placed on the next meeting's agenda, please send your request to Dave Calvert at [dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com](mailto:dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com)



*"Fly tackle has improved considerably since 1676, when Charles Cotton advised anglers to 'fish fine and far off,' but no one has ever improved on that statement."*

*John Gierach*

## Board of Directors and other Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Craig Porter	(760) 446-3400
<b>Vice-President</b>	Craig Rae	(760) 375-3707
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<b>Director (2-Year)</b>	Dave DeKruger	(760) 384-8760
<b>Director (1-Year)</b>	Allen Bell	(760) 371-1133
<b>Director SWC FFF</b>	Jim Hoover	(760) 371-2149

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Goodies for the  
March Club Meeting  
— Chuck Newmyer —

Goodies for the  
April Club Meeting  
— Karen Davis —

# March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Yellowstone NP Created 1872	2 34th Annual Banquet 5:00pm - 9:00pm
3	● Last Quarter 4	5 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	6	7	8 Sport's Chalet Fly-In 4:00pm - 8:00pm	9 Fly-Tying Class 145B Panamint St.
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 2:00am Fly-Tying Class 145B Panamint St.	● New Moon 11	12	13	14 Sand Canyon Aquatic Insect Program	15	16 Weekend Fly-tying "Ties & Lies" 9:00am - Noon
17	18 Newsletter "Deadline"	● First Quarter 19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Board Meeting 7:00pm Sand Canyon Aquatic Insect Program	○ Full Moon 27	28 Sand Canyon Aquatic Insect Program	29	30
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👍 **Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery** — There will be a work party at the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery on Saturday, April 13. You can sign up at the March or April meeting or you can contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or [hisifly@iwvisp.com](mailto:hisifly@iwvisp.com).

👍 **Sand Canyon Aquatic Insect Program** — We would like volunteers for March 14, 26, 28 and April 2 and 5. We have to be there by 8:00am to set up pop-up sun shades, tables, binocular macroscopes and other equipment. The students arrive by 9:00am with classes rotating through about every 45 minutes. We'll have a BYO lunch break and then resume until around 2:00pm. We pack up and load equipment back into vehicles from BLM. We then are free to return home. It is really exciting to see these kids light up with their personal hands on discovering the world of aquatic insects. For additional information, please contact John and Barbara Linder at (760) 377-5750 or email them at [drjlinder@outdrs.net](mailto:drjlinder@outdrs.net)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Trout Fest 2013 Event Series:**

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

## The Editor's Spool

Neal Barry

**V**OLUNTEER!!! It's a word that strikes fear into the hearts of even the strongest of people. Whether in a club like ours or even in a church, being asked to volunteer can cause immediate panic. Quite often our response is, "No way, I'd rather have my teeth pulled than to volunteer to do that!"; "I don't have time for that!"; "I have the game to watch on TV"; or "Find somebody else!"

Really, I'm the last person to point a finger at somebody for not volunteering for something. When counting the number of times on my hand that I didn't offer to volunteer, I soon realized that I had gone through all my fingers and toes and had to start over, for the umpteenth time. Well, as the saying goes, "Point a finger at somebody else and there are three fingers pointing back at you."

And we won't even mention the times that I have volunteered and then backed out at the last possible second. Sometimes I had to back out for truly legiti-

mate reasons and sometimes my reasons were questionable.

The question still remains, though, what am I going to say the next time the call goes out for volunteers? What am I going to do the next time I'm confronted with that word, "volunteer?" I hope my verbal response begins with a "Y" and not an "N"; I hope that my head movement is up and down and not side to side; I hope that my response will be positive because I want to make a difference in someone else's life; isn't that what volunteering is all about? Remember, 'vol\_nteer' isn't a word unless "u" are in it!

So, I would like to close by saying a big "THANK YOU" to the many Aguabonita Flyfishers club members, both past and present, who have given so much of themselves; so much of their personal time to make this club what it is today. As we celebrate our 34th year as a service organization at our upcoming 34th Annual Banquet, let's look with pride on all that has been accomplished and all that is still to be accomplished because we said, "Yes, I'll sign up to do that!"

Tight Lines!!! Neal



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- To improve and increase the sport of fly fishing
- To promote and work for the betterment of fishing waters
- To provide assistance to club members to help them become more effective fly fishermen and to promote the fellowship of the membership
- To encourage and assist others to become fly fishermen and true sportsmen
- To encourage and advocate conservation of fisheries, waters, and watersheds

