

# The Flyline

Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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## 5th Annual Aguabonita Flyfishers Sportsman Feastival



Join Us

December 4th starting at 6:00pm

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## The Leader's Line

Hardy Tyson, President

This month's Leader's Line has a potpourri of topics that need addressing.

The Aguabonita Board of Directors for 2013 to be voted on at the December general meeting is as follows: President - Craig Porter, Vice-President - Craig Rae, Secretary - David Calvert, Treasurer - Steve Garrison, Director - Allen Bell & Director SWC FFF - Jim H. This is a fine slate of gentleman I know we will all support them in the coming year.

The 2012 Board of Directors set the 2013 dues at \$40.00 consistent with the phased in approach to being a FFF Charter Club.

As published at the November general meeting presentation and to be voted on at the January general meeting; the verbiage for the definition of Benefactor for the by laws is as follows: 8) Benefactor: An individual who was a member prior to 2013 but for whatever reason doesn't want to pay the increased cost of FFF membership.

My apologies for not making the November outing. I got ill with what I think was food poisoning. I don't want to experience that again!

It has been a good experience being the president of the Aguabonita Flyfishers for the past two years. I believe our club has a positive impact on our community, and part of my efforts have been to give the club more community visibility. I believe our club has a bright future. Thanks to everyone for your support. Tight Lines!

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

The November Board of Directors meeting was held on the 27th. After much discussion, it was decided to obtain additional information and clarification from the Federation of Fly Fishers before moving forward with becoming a FFF Charter Club and the establishment of future membership dues rates.

## Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Vice-President

Going Back for the First Time!!!

This is a big weekend. One I look forward to for a long time. As summer winds down and the water cools, fishing really gets going. I always enjoy good fishing, but in the back of my mind, I start to think, "What are the water levels doing?" A couple weeks after the first thought, I'll start looking up the flow tables. Soon, I think, soon, the flows are starting to drop. Of course, I'm talking about the Lower Owens.

I recently made the trip back to the Low O. I can't wait to go back for the first time of the year. Every year, I try and fish a great spot I found a few years ago. There are no 'secret spots' on the Low O, it will all get fished hard sometime during the year. I just like places. Sometimes I like places because I catch lots of fish there. Sometimes I like the places because the fish I catch are really big. My favorite places though are places I go to because for some reason, I just feel good being there. A little parking spot in a group of trees, that invites me in and makes me feel welcome and at home. A stretch of river that never lets me down, even on the most difficult day. The best time for these places though, is the first time back this winter.

I go to my spot, it seems early for the Low O to be fishable this year. As I gear up, I'm happy to be alone, if just for a while. This is one of my favorite places on the planet. As I start to fish, I realize, the fish are happy to see me, or so it seems, I take fish on my first 5 casts. It's going to be one of those days. I have picked two hot flies on my first try. I love it on the rare occasions when that happens. The water is crystal clear, flows are perfect and the fish are biting. What more could I ask?

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*Nice Lower Owens Brown!*

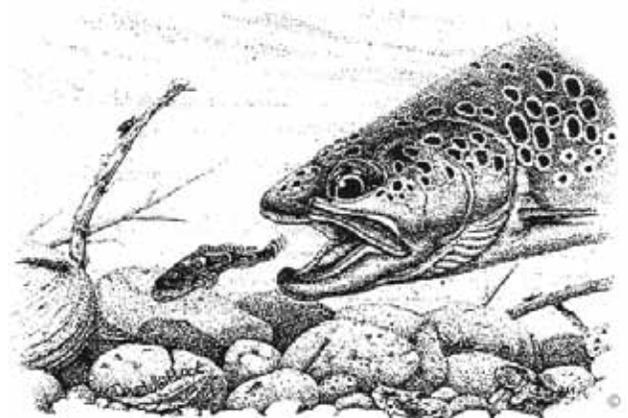


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As I fish through the day, I've seen no one so far. Sometimes this is my favorite part of fishing. My work requires me to be many things to my workers and they always have questions, which is OK. I have to deal with the public, which I mostly enjoy. But, most of the time I get no time to just work with wood, which is why I really do what I do. When I fish, what I need is the quiet solitude to be alone with my favorite fly rod. Hopefully my peace will only be broken by a fish now and then. I didn't see any people, but that doesn't mean I didn't run into any of my friends.

So morning turned to lunch, lunch turned to afternoon. I fished my way back to my truck, nestled into my groovy little spot. I just stopped and got out my Winston chair. Time to enjoy a cold Fat Tire beer. It's early, but how many fish do I need to catch. It's been an awesome day and I'm tired enough to relax and enjoy the scenery. As I sit and reflect on the day, I think about how much I enjoy the first time back to familiar places. Another year has gone by and now it's time for winter fishing again. There is something comforting about coming back. Something reassuring about visiting the familiar. It just gives me the feeling that all is well, everything will be OK. Just keep fishing.....which I gladly will do.

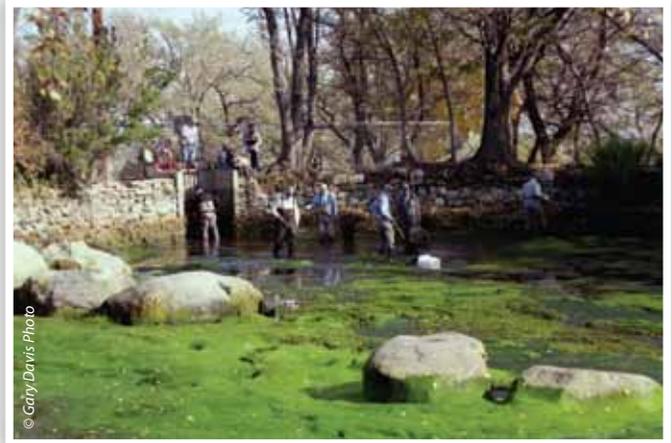
“Blue Skies and Fishy Flies”  
Allen



## Other Club News!!!

### Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery Work Party November 8th

A special thank you to the club members that helped to herd the trout out of the pond at the Mt. Whitney Hatchery. The following club members joined the Friends of the Mt. Whitney Hatchery on Thursday, November 8th, to move the fish from the pond to the raceways. Lew Albright, Jay Crawford, Gary Davis, Craig Porter, Charlene and Chuck Newmyer, Bea and Lloyd Smith, and Bob Ziesler. The pond will be cleaned and the fish will be returned.



## On the Hook

### Weekend Fly-Tying

The next fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be Saturday, December 8th 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.



## Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We are taking a break. We may have a Fly Tying Class in February, if there is enough interest. If you are interested make sure you are on the list for Fly Tying Classes, available at club meetings. Sign up at the club meetings or contact Chuck at 760-375-1126 or [hisifly@iwvisp.com](mailto:hisifly@iwvisp.com).



## Classified Section

👍 **High Sierra Flyfisherman** - Chuck has some inventory left over from his shop. Included are some fly-tying materials (including hooks), flies (dries, nymphs, streamers, and terrestrials), rod building components, and leaders and tippet materials. 20% to 50% off to club members. To set up meeting at club house, 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)

## News From SWCFFF

### Teach the Teacher

**Y**ou're invited.....to the 2nd Annual "Teach the Teachers" class series !! If you are an FFF certified casting instructor (CI) and/or a casting instructor at your local club, and you're interested in some continuing education aimed at improving your teaching skills, this is the class for you. All four Saturdays in January we'll be meeting at the Long Beach Casting Club. FFF certified casting instructors will be teaching you tried and true techniques for teaching the basic casts (pick/up lay down, false cast, roll cast). In addition, this year we'll be expanding our instruction to include techniques for teaching FISHING techniques, such as line control (mends, shooting, slipping, various slack line presentations), as well as hauling and accuracy. Instruction will include not only "how to", but methods for diagnosing faults in your student's cast, and how to correct them.

Cost: \$40.00 per person, FFF rate  
\$50.00 per person non-FFF member rate  
This is for all four classes and is NOT per class!

Time: 9 a.m. - noon

Dates: January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (Saturdays)

Location: Long Beach Casting Club,  
Recreation Park, Long Beach, CA

Contact Tim Lawson for information and to enroll;  
[tlawson11@hotmail.com](mailto:tlawson11@hotmail.com) or phone 323.3037438

## 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 (RUMC) 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)



*"There is no substitute for fishing sense, and if a man doesn't have it, verily, he may cast like an angler and still use his creel largely to transport sandwiches and beer."*

*Robert Traver,  
Trout Madness, 1960*

## Board of Directors and other Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Hardy Tyson	(760) 375-2175
<b>Vice-President</b>	Allen Bell	(760) 371-1133
<b>Secretary</b>	Dave Calvert	(760) 793-8026
<b>Treasurer</b>	Steve Garrison	(760) 375-3192
<b>Director (2-Year)</b>	Dave DeKruger	(760) 384-8760
<b>Director (1-Year)</b>	Jeremy Hale	(615) 294-0206
<b>Director SWCFFF</b>	Jim Hoover	(760) 371-2149

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<b>Banquet Chairman</b>	Karl Zellner	(760) 499-6361
<b>Conservation Chairman</b>	Karl Zellner	(760) 499-6361
<b>Education Chairman</b>	Chuck Newmyer	(760) 375-1126
<b>Membership Chairman</b>	Don Winter	(760) 375-7948
<b>Club Equipment</b>	Lew Albright	(760) 375-8725
<b>Club Library</b>	Fred Freiberg	(760) 371-1033
<b>Weekend Fly Tying</b>	Vacant	
<b>Programs</b>	Allen Bell	(760) 371-1133
<b>Publicity</b>	Vacant	
<b>Trout In the Classroom</b>	Jay Crawford	(760) 375-8275
<b>Webmaster</b>	Dave Calvert	(760) 793-8026
<b>Youth Coordinator</b>	John Linder	(760) 377-5750
<b>"The Flyline" Editor</b>	Neal Barry	(760) 301-2098

Goodies for the  
December Club Meeting  
— Festival —

Goodies for the  
January Club Meeting  
— Chuck Newmyer —

# December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Katmai NP Created 1980	3	4 5th Annual Festival 6:00pm - 9:00pm	5	6 Last Quarter	7	8 Ties & Lies 9:00am - Noon
9	10	11	12	13 New Moon	14	15
16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19 First Quarter	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas Holiday	26 Shenandoah NP Created 1935	27 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	28 Full Moon	29
30	31					

👍 **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 coldwater 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/>

## Trout in the Classroom

Jay Crawford

**I**t is time to start thinking about our club involvement next year in TIC (Trout in the Classroom).

There are a number of new teachers interested in starting a TIC program. We plan on conducting a workshop for them in February. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop.

For those new teachers to participate in the program we will need more volunteers. In this year's effort we fell short in that we could not closely monitor what was going on in all the classrooms and we lost a significant number of eggs, alevin, and fry.

The volunteer effort includes cleaning up the equipment, setting up the equipment in the classroom, taking the eggs to the classroom, monitoring the progress, and assisting in the fish release.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the next few meetings to gather the names of volunteers.

## Special Raffles

Chuck Newmyer

**T**he club is conducting 2 special raffles.

**Membership Fly Plate:** Phil Dixon donated back 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:** One of the members 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 with us sharing the proceeds with them. The rod was built by Larry Tusoni (well noted bamboo rod builder). The rod 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.

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## Aims and Purposes of the Aguabonita Flyfishers:

- 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

