

6th Annual Aguabonita Flyfishers Sportsman Feastival



Join US

Bring your favorite main dish or a dessert to share. Drinks will be provided by the Club.

December 3rd starting at 6:00pm

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The Leader's Line

Craig Porter, President

The 2013 fly fishing year is drawing to an end. This is the season when I reflect on the past year and plan (or dream of) fishing trips for next year. As I reflect on the past year, I have had a superb year of fishing. In thinking back, I remember that I have to submit my 2013 Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card to the CDFW soon so I can get my new Steelhead Card for 2014. According to the fishing regs "Anglers must have a nontransferable Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card issued by the department in their possession while fishing for steelhead trout in anadromous waters".

I am now planning some trips spread out over the next year. My first Steelhead fly fishing trip in the New Year is planned for the Trinity River in Northern California - early February. I always look forward to Steelhead fishing; fishing for the Grey Ghosts. The weather is usually nasty wet and cold - which makes the fishing memorable and creates some fantastic stories to tell. My next trips I imagine are to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, California (several backpacking trips), and possibly Alaska. I think two trips are planned for Wyoming next year. I may have to take out a loan to do all the fishing I am imagining. Next year I am imagining I will pare down my tackle that I take on the trips. I take a lot of flies with me but, in the end, use only a very few. I wish I was a little more confident in choosing the right fly. If I can fit it in, I will take another fly tying class from Chuck and develop my fly tying skills a little more.

Fly tying, well, the November Ties and Lies was very well attended. I was really pleased to see eleven fly fishers converge at the Classroom on November 16th. It is fun to hear the fishing stories and rub elbows with everyone. Thanks Gary Ahr for keeping the fly tying spark going for our Club. You might consider attending the once a month Ties and Lies sessions. I am certain you would enjoy it.

The 6th Annual Sportsman Festival

December 3rd @ 6:00pm

This is a potluck event so please bring your favorite main dish or a dessert to share. Drinks will be provided by the Club.

We hope to see you all there!

Looks like the Club dodged another bullet and can look forward to another year of superb newsletters and web site. John Linder stepped up and volunteered to be the new web master. Our fantastic newsletter editor, Neal Barry, also decided he would hang in there for another year. Thank You - Neal and John.

FYI - the Club will be moving the storage shed (mostly TIC storage) from Dennis Mason's property to Chuck Newmyer's property in late November. Dennis is planning on selling his property and moving north. The Board studied various options for storage - box trailer, commercial storage unit, new shed, and moving the existing shed. After weeks of agony, it was decided to move the existing shed with Bill Sumners providing the fork lift and his expertise. Thank You Bill for making the shed move possible. A BIG Thank You Dennis for letting the Club keep the shed on your property these past many years. Thank You Chuck for letting use your property into the future.

See you at the Festival on December 3rd. My wife is cooking up a sockeye salmon dish - sockeye that I caught at Saltery Lake Lodge. I'm hoping Ray Blackwell will bring some of his smoked salmon. Our SWC-IFFF President, Michael Schweit will be there - he will bring some blue-fin tuna he caught. This is shaping up to be a fun event.

Tight Lines!!!!
Craig

Annual Membership

Don Winter, Membership Chairman

Annual dues have been collected for the past 3 years by mailing a billing notice. This has been very successful, and I will continue to use this method. A bill has been mailed to your address of record. You should receive your bill about the same time you receive this newsletter.

One of the primary reasons for having a membership chairman is to spread the work load and to have a single database for member information. It is not the Treasurer's responsibility to collect yearly membership dues. Nor, is it the Newsletter Editor's job to keep track of the member's mailing records. These are the responsibilities of the Membership Chairman who keeps the database and records of the club's members. In turn, this information is provided, when needed, to carry out the business of the club. A major benefit of an annual dues bill is the opportunity to review your personal information and provide corrections as required.

When you send in your check, please review and return the top portion of the bill with your payment. If the information is not correct, make changes right on the bill and the database will be updated accordingly.

When you receive your bill, follow the instructions and be sure to return your stub and check in the envelop provided. Several club officers have access to the same mail box, so using the enclosed envelop will see that your payment is routed to the right person.

If you prefer to hand me (NOT Steve Garrison) your payment at a meeting, then please give it to me at the December or January meeting in the envelop provided. (Best Bet: spend 44-cents on a stamp and mail it right now while you are thinking of it).

Up Around The Bend

Craig Rae, Programs

Our tentative 2014 schedule for upcoming general meeting speakers and events is listed below:

January	Damian Ross Bug Entomology
February	Fred Ramirez Central Sierra Fly Fishing Adventures
March	Jessica Strickland Trout Unlimited SoCal
April	Tim La Fromboise Fishing Oregon's DeChutes for Red Sides
May	TBA
June	TBA
July	No Meeting/No Newsletter
August	Club Picnic
September	TBA
October	TBA
November	TBA
December	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 or email me at cakdrae@aol.com



Nominations for 2013 Club Awards

Dave Calvert, Club Secretary

Each year, at our annual banquet, awards are periodically presented to individuals who have unselfishly demonstrated attitudes and performance beyond what is expected of them. It is through the dedication and contributions of these individuals that our club lives and provides the opportunity for others to enjoy our sport. The club board of directors

is soliciting “2013” nominations for the 4 awards listed below, to be awarded at the annual banquet on March 1, 2014. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please contact Dave Calvert at (760) 793-8026 or email at: dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com

The Tommy Chapman Award

Established in 1984

The ‘Tommy Chapman Award’ was established to remember and honor Tommy who believed so deeply in preserving and protecting our fish, waters, and the watershed. As a charter member of our club, he was instrumental in establishing and promoting a conservation ethic. His legacy of conservation is honored by this award.

The Art Craddock Award

Established in 2002

The ‘Art Craddock Award’ was established to remember Art. An expert fly tier and nymph fisherman, he shared his knowledge freely. Our club has been enriched by the legacy of fly-tying skills that he taught, and the one-on-one fishing instructions he gave. His legacy of mentoring and generosity are honored by this award.

The Mel Smith Award

Established in 2002

The ‘Mel Smith Award’ was established to remember and honor Mel who gave so freely of his time and talent to support the sport of fly-fishing. An active member of club, he could always be counted on to support conservation projects, fund-raising events, fishery habitat improvements and outings. His legacy is honored by this award.

The Bob Cherry Award

Established in 2010

The ‘Bob Cherry Award’ was established to remember and honor Bob who was one of the founding fathers of the Aguabonita Flyfishers. Bob loved fly fishing and readily shared his knowledge with others. His legacy lives through the continuing educational classes and the establishment of annual banquets which remain as cornerstones of our club today. Those fortunate to have fished with Bob remember him as an excellent fly fisher, fly tier, knowledgeable mentor, and a man who just loved to have fun.



Clark Fork River, near St Regis

Do You See What I See?

By Allen Bell

This is no doubt a beautiful picture. I have many sunset pictures. I like sunsets. Sunsets represent many things. This sunset represents a wonderful day of fishing on a great river. I look at this picture and the memories flood back. The fish and the people I've come to love. The outings I have gone on. The highlight of this day was a huge foam pad rotating in the biggest back eddy I had ever seen. Hey, why not throw the big Turks Tarantula I was fishing in there. Turned out to be a good idea. The foam immediately exploded and 15 minutes later, I landed a 19" Cuttbow that was so colorful, I thought it had to have been painted. It definitely was the fish of the week for me anyway, that is one fish that I will never forget.

I have enjoyed so many beautiful sights while fishing. Mostly the scenery, but sometimes, other things make me think about why we are here. My good friend Shane and I were floating the Lower Sac with a guide. I don't remember his name, I think it was Phil, but I'll never forget the day. We caught fish after fish, almost all really big Rainbows. Shane hooked a fish he couldn't get to come up. Our guide got really excited. He was sure this was a really big fish. Shane started to laugh and guessed this was a big suckerfish. Shane was right, Phil was bummed. Now Phil doesn't know Shane's love and history for suckers. If there is a sucker around, Shane will catch it. We love them, suckers are the true native fishes of the waters we fish. They are hard fighters and sometimes they are all we can catch. What's not to like?? Phil wasn't impressed when we both grabbed for our cameras.

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We had caught so many 17 to 21" trout we had stopped taking pictures long ago. Things change, we have a SUCKER aboard now. The joke went on, we decided that since we were paying Phil, he should hold the fish for a picture. That was definitely not going to happen, so Shane held the fish as close as he could to include our guide in the picture of a life time....to us anyway.



Shane forcing a picture of a sucker with a great guide that just didn't get the 'sucker thing'

Sometimes your state of mind at the time makes what you see meaningful. Sometimes, what you catch and where you catch it is what makes the memory what it is. This Golden was caught because I lost sight of my flies and they drifted under a tree trunk submerged in high water. I was sure I had lost everything when I saw my dry fly swimming out into the open water. I had just started fly fishing and many things went wrong on a regular basis. I had tied many rigs that day and was getting frustrated. This fish made my day and when I showed the picture to a friend and he told me that this was a pretty nice Golden from this water, it made my week. Before I snapped this picture, the frustration had turned to great happiness. One little jewel of a fish turned a normal day into one I will not forget. The fish don't always have to be big to be memorable.

Sometimes I forget why I do this. I get too wrapped up into the how and where. I think too much about tying the flies and chasing gear and stuff to just sit back and enjoy the day. I'm doing better at



Beautiful Golden caught in nearby waters



The start of one of the best days of fishing I have ever experienced

that though. I've learned, with help from my friends, to live in the moment. It's good to be prepared, but it's better to enjoy the trip. The whole trip. The build up, the rush of excitement as we leave. The ability to enjoy the whole thing seems to be more important now. This year, it was good I wasn't so wound up. The weather was difficult to say the least. This picture is of a great friend in a pool that we will talk about for years. Actually, the weather this day turned out to be the best of the week, as was the fishing. That didn't really matter though. As I took this picture to record what I saw, I was thinking how lucky I was to have friends like Mark and the many others I think so much of. I was thinking how lucky I was just to be standing in this wonderful place, at this point in time. How could anything make me happier!

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies, Allen

JACKSON HOLE 1 Fly

By Ellen Dailey

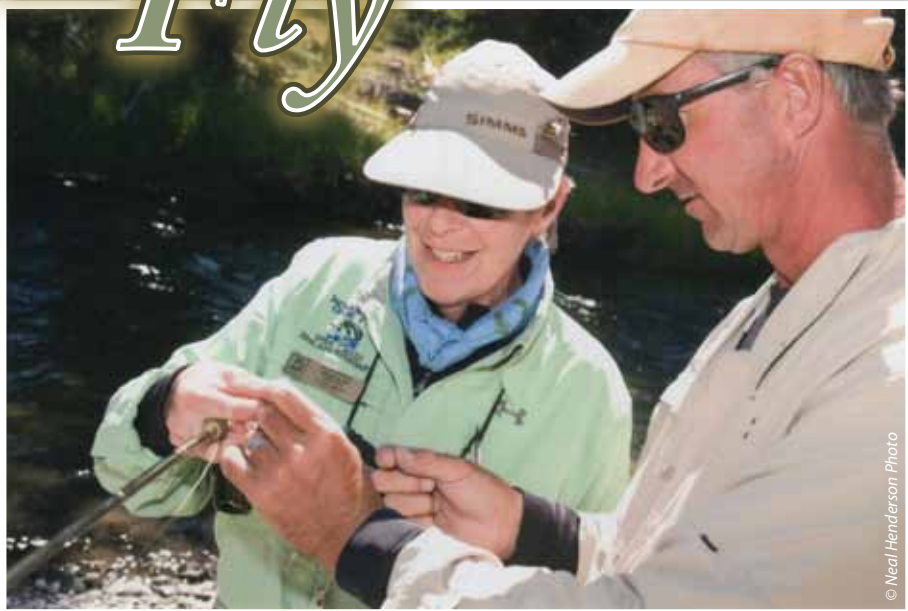
The Jackson Hole One Fly was created in 1986 to “foster friendships, sportsmanship, the simple enjoyment of fly fishing and to bring attention to the Snake River fishery”. This three day event unites enthusiastic fly fishers from around the world with premier regional guides who all endeavor to celebrate the joy and spirit of fly fishing. There are forty, four person teams with alternate positions available. Fundraising for stream improvement projects as well as education have also evolved to become synonymous with the Jackson Hole One Fly success story.

The One Fly starts with registration on the Thursday after Labor Day. Participants find out who their boat mates will be, river section and guides for each day. Guides also pick up their packets so participants have a chance to meet their guides, discuss strategy and, most importantly, fly selection. As you look around the room, you might suspect there’s some “dope dealing” going on.....OH, NO....it’s just Scotty Sanchez, Will Dornan or Ken Burkholder “peddling” their flies! We had

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*The Rusty Fly
Winner of the 2013 Event*



Ellen and Will Dornan - One Fly Selection



Will and Ellen spotting "risers"!



One Fly Catch!



Score and Release

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two dozen “One Fly Ready” flies from each of these great guides in our auction and each flybox sold for around \$1,000 on Friday evening.....demand and supply, folks!

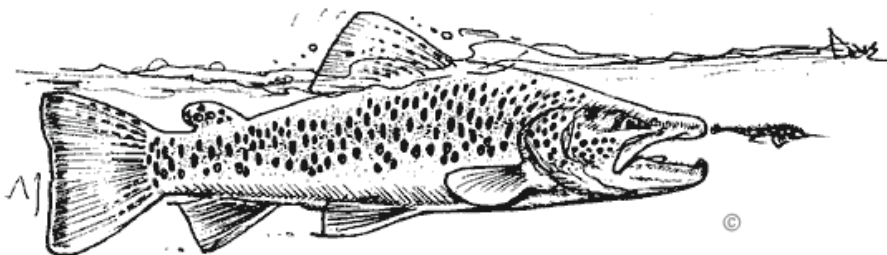
As the name implies - anglers select one fly each day hoping it's the correct size, right color, “bomb proof” and able to avoid all trees, bushes, underwater obstacles, your guide's ear and boat mate's back! Losing your fly means no more points for the day!

Scoring is based on length of fish and only fish over 12” can be counted. You are allowed to measure eight fish but only the best six are counted. You also receive 2 points for each fish under 12” and 25 points if you manage to keep your fly all day.....believe me, there are times that 25 points looks mighty good!!

Our team, “The Ladies of the Long Rod” was formed over twenty years ago. We placed eighth last year, won our only “Award” in 2011 (last place - we received the travelling Losers’ Trophy with our name now engraved for all eternity!!) but still hold the highest score for an all women's team when we placed fourth in 1994.

In retrospect, it really is not about the scoring of points. The Jackson Hole One Fly represents lasting friendships that have been formed through the years, good times spent on the river, countless “miraculous saves” and the

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knowledge that at the end of the day, you're contributing to sustaining resources and improving habitat for all those beautiful places trout live while doing what we love to do.

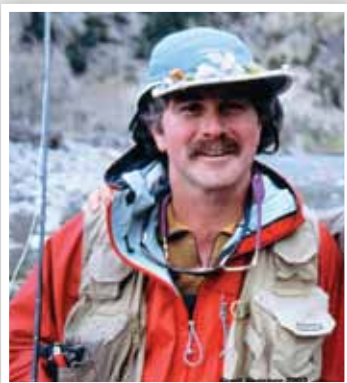
Now, really.....could it get any better?? Ellen

Please visit our website:
www.jacksonholeonefly.com

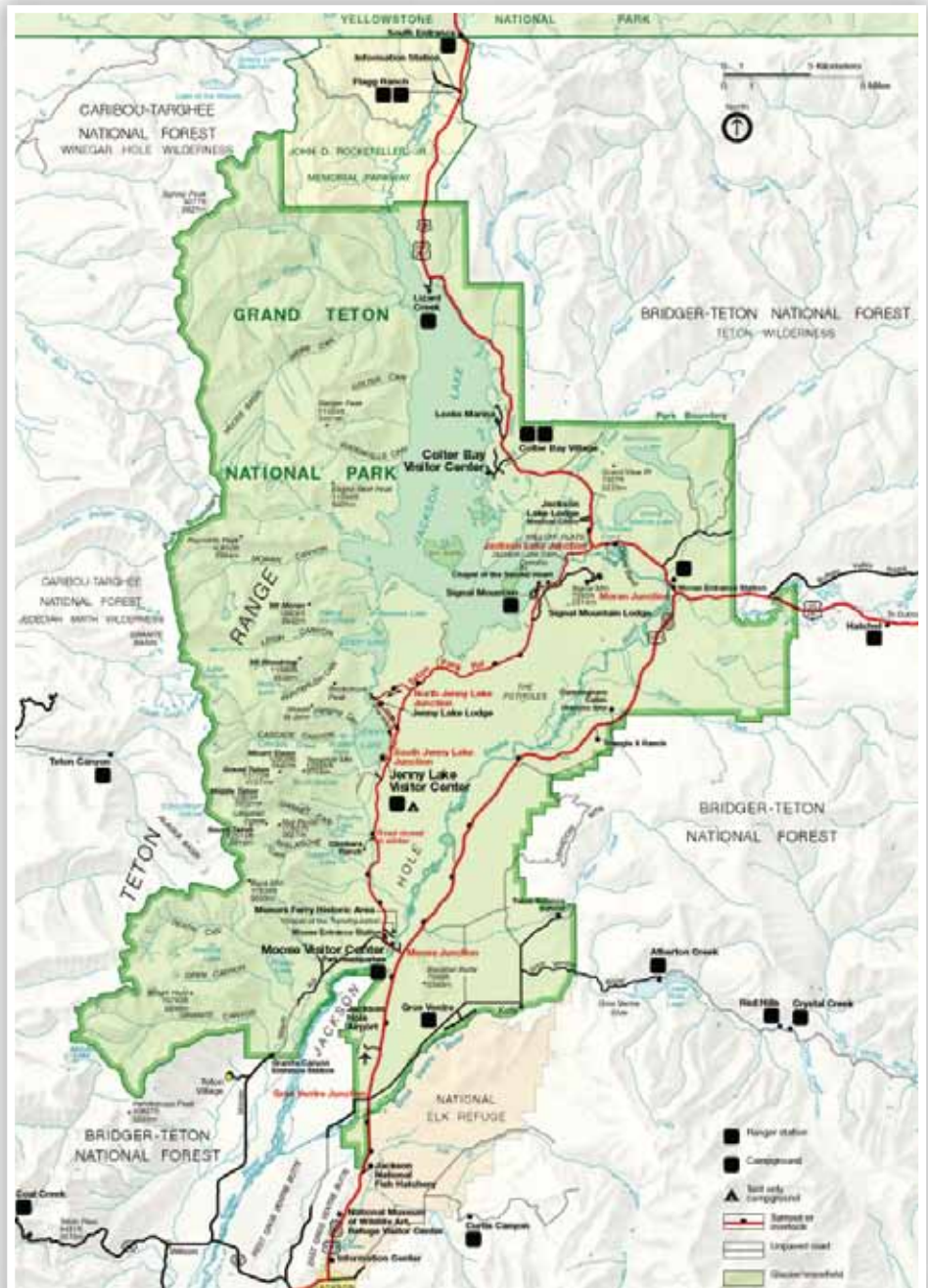
[Lastly, a word of thanks to Neal Barry for his hard work and outstanding Aguabonita Flyfishers Newsletters.]



Jack Dennis - One Fly Founder



Scott Sanchez - Past Crosby-Carlberg Award Recipient



ATTENTION: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Aguabonita Flyfishers 35th Annual Banquet

— Saturday March 1st, 2014 —



****We're still in need of several more volunteers
and donors in order to make this annual event
a successful one!!!****

Contact Karl Zellner at: zellnerkm@msn.com
or Lew Albright at: lralbright1@verizon.net



STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On the Hook

Gary Ahr, Weekend Fly-Tying

The next weekend fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be Saturday, December 14th from 9:00am to noon at the Aguabonita's classroom, 145B Panamint Street.

As always, these fly-tying sessions are open to all. If you need help or assistance to solve a tying problem, then plenty of assistance will be available from the other tiers. 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 club members 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.

As always, if you have a question please drop me a line at g_ahr@verizon.net

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.).

Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We will wait until the spring to start up our classes again. Information sheets and sign-up sheets will be available at the club meetings.

Refreshments for our Monthly General Meetings

We're taking sign-ups for our upcoming monthly meeting "Goody Providers." Cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, you name it, club members will be more than happy to eat whatever you bring. This is a perfect opportunity to bring your wife's, the girlfriend's, or the significant other's favorite dessert to share. Heck, even some of you guys can probably whip something up that's probably edible. Worse case, head to the local bakery.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the next few monthly meetings where you can choose which month to bring the goodies. Right now, we need goodie providers for January through June and September through November of 2014.

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

👍 **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

👍 **Eastern Sierra Back Country Fishing Guide** - This 41MB PDF document is a "MUST READ" for anyone who fishes the Eastern Sierra back country. Jim Erdman Jr., Fisheries Biologist with CDFW in Bishop has done an outstanding job putting this document together. You can download the PDF at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/6/>

Other Club News

Chuck Newmyer

Reports from the CDFW

John Deinstadt, long time friend of the club from the (then) CDFG, has sent us copies of two reports on assessment of the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River in the Devils Postpile area. If you fish that water, you will find these reports of much interest. They are available in the club library.

Donations

The club is looking for donations from members of items for the February Banquet and for monthly meeting raffles. 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 them to a board meeting, a general monthly meeting, or contact one of the board members for pickup. These donations go a long way 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.

Bamboo Rod Raffle

Club member, Jake Martins, has donated another one of his awesome bamboo rods to the club. It is a 2-piece, 7-foot, 4-weight, with a second tip. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be bought at the monthly meetings from Lew Albright. Hopefully we will sell all 100 tickets by the annual banquet in February and draw the winner that night. The winner does not need to be present to win.

Aguabonita Flyfishers Rod & Reel Inventory

FLY RODS:

1.	Cabela's	9'0"	6wt
2.	Cortland	8'0"	5/6wt
3.	Fisher	8'6"	3/4wt
4.	Fisher	9'0"	6wt
5.	Fisher	8'6"	5/6wt
6.	Fisher	8'0"	6/7wt
7.	Fisher	9'6"	7/8wt
8.	Fisher	9'0"	10wt
9.	G. Loomis	7'9"	2wt
10.	G. Loomis	8'0"	3wt
11.	Powell	9'0"	5/6wt
12.	St. Croix	9'0"	3wt
13.	St. Croix	9'0"	6/7wt
14.	Sage	9'0"	4wt
15.	Sage	9'0"	5wt
16.	Sage	9'0"	6wt
17.	Winston	8'6"	6wt
18.	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

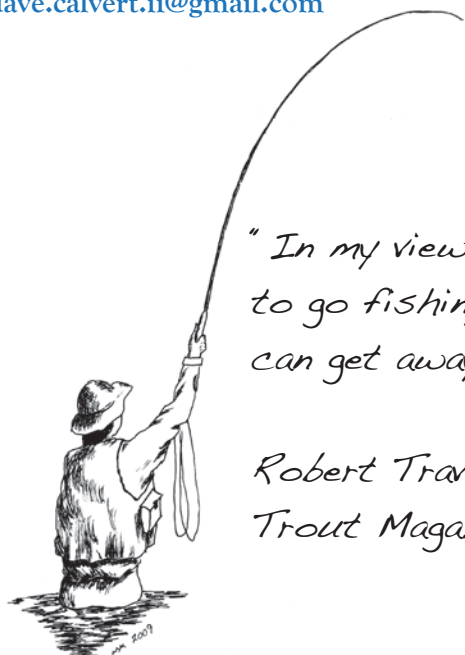
General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcome to attend! Our meetings feature guest speaker presentations, brief club news, refreshments, a raffle and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



"In my view the best time to go fishing is when you can get away."

*Robert Traver,
Trout Magazine, 1960*






Board of Directors and other Club Officers

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Youth Coordinator	John Linder	(760) 377-5750

Goodies for the
December Club Meeting
— Sportsperson Festival —

Goodies for the
January Club Meeting
— TBD —

December 2013

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

👍 **International 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 an 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 it's establishment in January, 1971, CalTrouts 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/>
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The Aguabonita Flyfishers is an affiliated club of the International Federation of Flyfishers (IFFF) and its affiliate, the Southwest Council of the International Federation of Flyfishers (SWC IFFF). The Aguabonita Flyfishers is also affiliated with California Trout (CalTrout) and Trout Unlimited (TU).

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FIRST CLASS

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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

