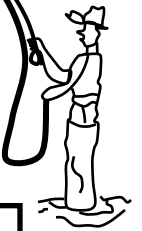


The Flyline

March 2010

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General Meeting Tuesday, Mar. 2, 7:30 pm Methodist Church

Program: Scott A. Peterson & Mike James Therapy on the Fly

Scott Peterson has been an avid fly fisherman for over 15 years and began guiding fly fishing trips in 2006. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has created a private counseling practice that combines both his education as a Social Worker and the sport of fly fishing to help others improve their personal, professional, and family relationships. He is the owner of Therapy



on the Fly based in Ogden, Utah and guides in South Central Utah.

Mike James was introduced to fly fishing by his father at a young age when the family used to take trips to Idaho and different places in Utah, his father taught him a great love and respect for nature and a love for fly fishing.

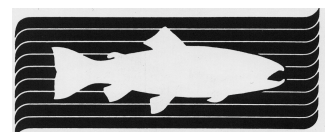
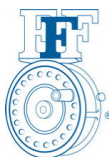
It was his father's desire, as Mike matured, to run a business that was geared more towards teaching the individual and families a love and respect

for the past time that he and his father so enjoyed together as well as his son's experience with the beauties and wonders found in nature.

Goodies for March Don Winter

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From the Prez:

Dear Flyfishers and Friends,

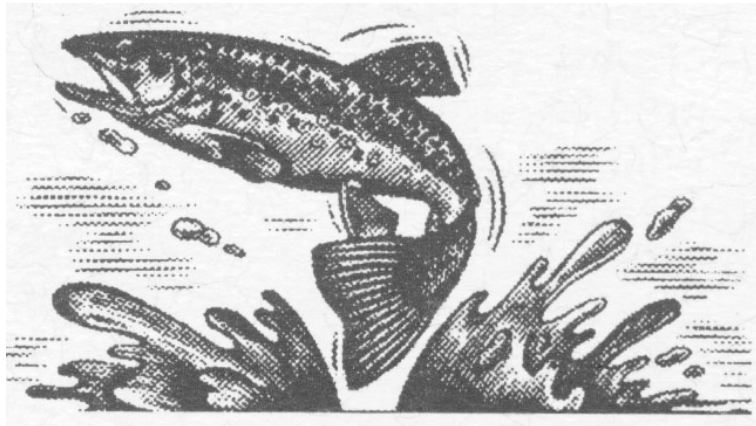
As the wind whistles and the daffodils bloom, thoughts of fishing the high Sierras are more frequent. We are so fortunate to have such beautiful waters close by and I hope you are able to enjoy them this coming season. To assist with that, outings are being planned so stay tuned for more on that. We will have some good opportunities to use those investments and prizes from our banquet, and they are fast approaching - so tie those flies and clean those lines and get your fishing vest ready (don't forget your license). This season will be here before you know it and I'm sure it will be especially fun.

I hope you were able to attend and enjoy our 31st Annual Banquet on 20 Feb. To the many folks who planned and organized, made donations, set-up and decorated, catered and made desserts, attended and entertained, MC'ed and auctioned, cleaned-up and otherwise contributed to a successful 31st Annual Banquet -- THANK YOU! We couldn't do it without your help, and our mission in service to our community and environment depends on your participation and donations at our banquet and other events.

Lastly, I'd like to say a special thank you to our President's Award winners this year — Steve Garrison, Bob Smith and Hardy Tyson. In 2009, the Aguabonita Flyfishers participated for the first time in the Desert Empire Fall Fair and I believe it was a huge success thanks to effort on the part of many club members and the Friends of the Mt Whitney Hatchery. It was also a huge sacrifice in time and energy to pull the event together and participate, and these individuals were especially key to GETTING IT DONE, so thank you Steve, Bob and Hardy — well done.

To all our members and friends — have a terrific Spring. I will look forward to seeing you again soon at an outing or general meeting. Take care.

Yours in service for 2010,
Jim Hoover



From the Editor:

What a super banquet! I hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did -- great job, Bob and all who worked to put this event together.

This is the time of year when we prune the mailing list: if you don't get this, it's probably because our records show you as unpaid.

Mike

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Conservation

Fish Stocking - Another Lawsuit

We had heard that the fish stocking issue (on the Kern and South Fork, among others) had been resolved. However, here's another lawsuit about fish stocking.

From: www.uniondemocrat.com/2010021299151/News/Local-News/Groups-sue-state-to-stop-fish-stocking

Groups sue state to stop fish stocking

Written by Walt Cook, The Union Democrat February 12, 2010 11:29 am

An environmental group filed a lawsuit Wednesday contending the California Department of Fish and Game has failed to properly analyze the impact its fish-stocking program is having on state waterways, including several in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties.

The environmental group — the Center for Biological Diversity, which is based in Tucson, Ariz., but has a San Francisco office — is one of the groups that sued the Fish and Game Department two years ago regarding the century-old fish-stocking program.

The previous lawsuit resulted in a judge ordering the Fish and Game Department to analyze the stocking program. The resulting analysis — in the form of an environmental impact report — was released last month.

In the Center for Biological Diversity's view, it falls way short. Hence, the new lawsuit, which was filed in Sacramento County Superior Court. "The department has utterly failed to mitigate for the devastating impacts of stocking hatchery fish on native fish and wildlife like chinook salmon, mountain yellow-legged frogs and long-toed salamanders," said the Center for Biological Diversity's Noah Greenwald. ...

The Fish and Game Department expressed frustration about the latest lawsuit, saying the latest analysis amounts to two years of work. "There was tremendous effort put into this at the expense of other programs, unfortunately," said department spokeswoman Kirsten MacIntyre. ...

The previous agreement, with some exceptions, prohibited stocking nonnative fish in "any California fresh water body" where surveys have demonstrated the presence of 25 specified amphibian or fish species or where a survey for those species has not yet been done." That agreement was set to expire following the release of the department's analysis on the fish-stocking program. ...

Gary Davis Frames Fly Plate for Friends of the Inyo



The rest of the story:

January 29, 2010

The framing is for Mike Prather, Friends of the Inyo & donated to him/them as a fund raiser. It was hand delivered to Lone Pine. The art is a limited edition print by Sherrie Russell Meline - "The Patriarc-Ross's Goose", AP 15/35. Gary donated the print and did the lay-out. Framing was by TMS of Ridgecrest, paid for by the Aguabonita's.

Sorry- this info got left out of last month's Flyline.

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Bob Ziesler Wins Fish Carving Awards

International Wildfowl Carvers Association
2010 Cal Open
Feb. 13, 2010

At the California Open 2010 Competition Sponsored by Pacific Southwest Wildlife Arts, Bob took third place in Best of Show - Decorative Fish Novice, and a first place in Decorative Fish Novice.



Classes

It looks like we have enough interest to set up a Fly Tying Class. If you are interested, or have questions, contact Chuck Newmyer at 760-375-1126 or hisifly@iwvisp.com. We are still looking for interest in both Fly Fishing Classes and Rod Building Classes. Let Chuck know if you are interested. Information sheets on the class structures are available at the club meetings.

Basic Entomology Workshop

Maggie Merriman

April 3, 2010
9:00 - 1:00
Long Beach Casting Club

Cost \$50
Pre-registration required; contact Maggie at
714-969-5829



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Another Great Banquet!!

We'll do a full photo layout next month -- here's a picture of your incoming officers who were installed for 2010.



Trout in the Classroom

Call for Volunteers

Again in 2010, Aguabonita Flyfishers (member of the Southwest Council of Federation of Fly Fishers) in partnership with Trout Unlimited and the California Department of Fish and Game will provide support for the "Trout in the Classroom" program.

Biology
Ecology
Environment

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Gear clean up: Late March

Classroom Setup: Early April

Deliver trout eggs: Early-Mid April

Trout release outings: Mid-Late May

Entomology
Ecosystems
Fly Tying

If we have enough volunteers we will add some new class rooms. An "In-Service" training will be held for new teachers and volunteers can attend as well.

IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

For info, or to sign up, contact Jay Crawford (375-8275).

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FFF News - from the FFF Email Newsletter

Hook up with the FFF on Facebook

Need your daily FFF or fly fishing fix? Join a community of fly fishers on the Federation of Fly Fishers Facebook page. Learn about upcoming FFF activities, fun stuff, conservation news, post fan photos and more.

Fly Fishing Film Tour 2010

Once again the folks from Mayfly Media are bringing us a big selection of short films on fly fishing, adventure and more. The film tour is hitting towns all across the USA. If you don't see it where you live, ask us how you can bring a special showing to your town.

The River Why Takes the Stage

The wonderful novel about fly-fishing, family, the love of a river and coming of age has been adapted for live theater. The River Why written by David James Duncan has changed the lives of many. The play is showing in Seattle at the Book-It Theatre. The review of the play by the Seattle Times makes a good point - "Of course if you could happily spend 16 hours a day with rod and reel in hand, "The River Why" is not to be missed. Who knows when another play devoted to this venerable pastime will bob up?" If Seattle is just too far, well then it is time to read the book.

The National Fly Fishing Fair and Conclave

August 26-28
West Yellowstone, MT

West Yellowstone has to be one of the all time favorite locations for the FFF annual gathering. You can bring the entire family and be assured of finding many things to do that fly fishing enthusiasts as well as family members can enjoy.

Workshops will start on Tuesday August 24 and run through Saturday August 28th.



Pasadena Fly Fishing Show

March 13-14

Fly-casters, fly-tiers, tackle manufacturers, authors, artists and representatives from angling destinations around the world will converge on the San Gabriel Valley with a sure cure for the end-of-winter blues: the annual Fly Fishing Show. The two day event kick-starts the 2010 fly-fishing season at the Pasadena Center, March 13-14.

The Pasadena Fly Fishing Show will feature a sneak preview of spanking new products and destinations. The show will be open 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sat.; and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sun.

Admission: Adults \$15 for one day, \$25 for a two-day pass. Children under 5 free, under 12 \$2; Scouts under age 16 in uniform free. Uniformed military are \$10. Admission includes all seminars, Destination Theater presentations, the exhibit hall, casting and tying demonstrations a fly tier's aisle and author's booth.

The Fly Fishing Show features fresh and saltwater angling from trout to tarpon, peacock bass to barramundi, steelhead to roosterfish from local waters to international hot spots. Fishing lodges and destination waters range from Alaska to Argentina, British Columbia to Belize with seminars and Destination Theater presentations.

Featured fly tiers include Ben Furimsky, Bill Blackstone, Steve Abel, Ed Engle, Jason Borger and Rickey Mitchell.

How-to-do-it and where-to-go seminars in the Catch Room include Maggie Merriman, Reading Trout Streams; Jason Borger, Nymphing Strategies for Trout; Ed Engle, Fly Fishing Tailwaters; Ernie Gulley, Crowley Lake Midge Fishing Techniques; and Gary Graham, Baja and Mainland Mexico Do it Yourself.

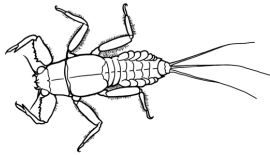
"There will be about 50 presentations, demonstrations and other fly-fishing shows per day," said show producer Chuck Furimsky. A complete schedule of all shows, casting demonstrations, featured fly-tiers and seminars is available at <http://www.flyfishingshow.com/>

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Announcements

Fly Fishing Report

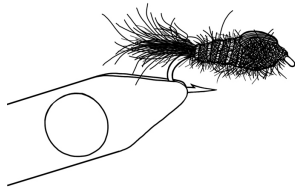
If you are not taking advantage of the fishing on the Lower Owens you are missing out on some outstanding fishing. There is surface activity all day long on Blue Wing Olives (size 16) and Griffith's Gnats (size 20 down to 24). Nymph fishing and streamer fishing are also productive. Weekends are crowded but if you can get away during the week you will have lots of room to enjoy this excellent fishing. You can get more details during the fishing report section of the general meeting.



SouthWest Council Winter Newsletter

The Winter 2010 Newsletter "Tightlines" is available for download at

<http://www.southwestcouncilfff.org/Newsletters/Tightlines%20-January%202010.pdf>



Wild Trout Symposium Second Call for Papers

Have you ever been to a Wild Trout Symposium? The tenth symposium is scheduled for September 28-30th. The Federation of Fly Fishers has been one of the major organizers of this event for many years. It is a gathering place for fish biologists, anglers, agency managers and educators to discuss the state of our world wild trout populations. Deadline to submit an abstract to give a presentation is April 1. For complete details about this event go to: Wild Trout Symposium website.

(from the FFF E-News Newsletter)

SouthWest Council FFF Club Web Sites

Aquabonita
<http://aquabonita.home.mchsi.com>

Conejo
<http://cvff.org>

Downey
<http://www.downeyflyfishers.org/>

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County
<http://www.ffcoc.org>

FRVC - Fisheries Reserve Volunteer Corps
<http://www.frvco.org>

Golden State Flycasters
<http://www.goldenstateflycasters.org/>

Hi Desert Fly Fishers
www.highdesertflyfishers.com

Kaweah Fly Fishers
<http://www.kaweahflyfishers.org/>

Las Vegas Fly Fishers
<http://sntrout.com/>

Long Beach Casting Club
<http://www.longbeachcastingclub.org>

Mammoth High School Fly Fishers
no Website

Pasadena Casting Club
<http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org>

Saltwater Flyrodders
<http://www.saltwaterflyrodders.org>

San Diego Fly Fishers
<http://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com>

Santa Barbara Fly Fishers
<http://sbflyfishers.com>

Santa Clarita Fly Fishers
<http://santaclaritacastingclub.com>

Sespe Fly Fishers
<http://www.sespeflyfishers.org/>

Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers
<http://www.spff.org>

South Bay Fly Fishers
<http://www.southbayflyfishers.org>

Southern Sierra Fly Fishers
<http://www.ssffc.com/index.html>

Streamborn Fly Fishers
no Website

Wilderness Fly Fishers
<http://www.wildernessflyfishers.org/>

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 watershed

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COMING EVENTS

Mar. 2	7:30 pm	General Meeting
Mar. 13-14		Fly Fishing Show, Pasadena
Apr 3		Maggie Merriman Entomology Class, Long Beach
Aug 26-28		FFF Conclave, West Yellowstone, MT

Regular Club Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, Methodist Church

Membership Fees	General member \$20
	Associate Member \$5
	Youth Member \$5
	one time initiation fee \$10

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Mar. 2010

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