

The Flyline

Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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... the featured presentation
for the June meeting

San Diego: From the Beaches to the Bay

Presentation by Peter Piconi



At our June meeting we will learn about a fishery that is not far from where we all live. San Diego has over 50 miles of beaches, accessible to fly rod anglers. Peter will detail some local spots and the best ways to fish them. The bulk of this presentation will focus on the beautiful and diverse 15-mile San Diego Bay. Adventurous anglers can be fish from float tube, pontoon or boat and has both top water and structure fishing available. We'll learn tactics for all kinds of fish (from bonefish to bonito to halibut, bass and corvina) during all the seasons, from summer to fall, through winter and spring.

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Peter Piconi is owner of So Cal Fly Fishing Outfitters in San Diego. Peter has been fishing the bay there since 1995, where he started the first full-time guiding service catering to bay and near-shore anglers. He's been featured on numerous fly fishing TV programs and instructional DVDs. Peter is also an accomplished photographer and writer, having been published in Salt Water Fly Fishing and South West Fly Fishing magazines.

Recently Peter joined Umpqua Feather Merchants as a contract tier and is a Sage instructor for Southern California. He guides trips not only on San Diego Bay, but also instructs clinics for casting and surf fishing and leads trips to British Columbia, Baja, Oregon and Alaska.

Peter was born in Fallbrook (think avocados) and started his life-long love of fly fishing when he was 12. He is a graduate of Humboldt State University where he earned his degree in Wildlife Management and has since worked as biologist in not only California, but also Idaho and Alaska.



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The Leader's Line

Craig Porter, President

It is hard to believe that June and the beginning of summer is nearly upon us. We are one month into the fishing season, the spring runoff is almost behind us (what little there was this drought laden year), school is out and some of us are already thinking about plans for fall steelhead fishing. I personally wonder how much hiking and backcountry fishing I will be able to get in this summer. I wonder if I will be able to volunteer for fish and habitat surveys in the Golden Trout Wilderness (a California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Heritage and Wild Trout Program (HWTP)). Will I have enough time to go on any of the upcoming Club outings such as the Onion Valley and Kearsarge Pass Lake trip on June 7th or the East Walker River overnight in July or the June Lake Loop/Rush Creek Club Campout in September? Oh, I almost forgot, I should plan to spend some time at the end of the summer at the SWC-IFFF Mammoth Fly Fishing Faire (September 19 - 21). The Faire is a celebration of fly fishing put on by all the Southern California fly fishing Clubs. The Aguabonita's will play an important part this year. Time is marching on at a very rapid pace. It seems we all need to get some fly fishing activities staked out on our calendar before it's too late for this summer.

Speaking of summer, what happened to May. SEEP and TIC finished up in fine fashion thanks to our many volunteers. I think TIC had at least a dozen aquariums set up in local classrooms. TIC leaders also trained Volunteers from Inyo County so they could set up their own program for Inyo schools. The Aquatic Entomology Program (John and Barbara Linder) was taken to several fish hatcheries for "Fish Fests"; San Joaquin (2800 visitors, 800 kids), Moccasin (1500 visitors, 500 kids), and Kernville (550 visitors, lots of kids). The next Fish Fest is at the Hot Creek Fish Hatchery on 28 June - Volunteer, it is fun. I would also like to thank the Aguabonita's who volunteered at the Free Kids Fishing Day at the Mt.



Save these dates: **September 19 - 21** for the Fly Fishing Faire in Mammoth! Mark the dates in your calendar today and start looking forward to having lots of fun at the Faire! Enjoy the beautiful Sierra surroundings, catch some fish, cast some lines, tie some flies, see what trout eat, visit some petroglyphs, take photos like a pro and much more!

For more information:

southwestcouncilfff.org/faire or (818) 200-1499



In Conjunction with Inyo National Forest

Whitney Fish Hatchery on May 17th: Craig and Karen Rae, John and Barbara Linder, Jay Crawford, Bob Ziesler, and Neal Barry. Thanks for giving 115 kids a great fly fishing experience. I heard that some kids caught trout in the 6 to 7 pound range. Wow!

Thank you to Steve Garrison for teaching the Fly Fishing class to two people (Sierra hiking partners) from Westlake Village. You might ask, how did two people from Westlake Village happen to sign-up for a fly fishing class in Ridgecrest? Well, it seems that these two people are Farmers Insurance Agents and were signed up via Dave Haugen - another Farmers Insurance Agent. Steve managed to get through the course and was to the point of taking the class fishing in Troy Meadows. While going through the drive through at our Jack-in-the-Box, Steve lost them. The students drove on to Troy Meadows (where the wind was screaming), went fishing while Steve drove around town looking for them. They called Steve on their way back to Westlake Village and told Steve he owes them a fishing trip. He said any time. I think Steve had a good time teaching the course and the students went away upstart fly fishers. Great Job Steve!

On a more somber note, everyone please keep Chuck Newmyer in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Tight Lines!!!! Craig

Up Around The Bend

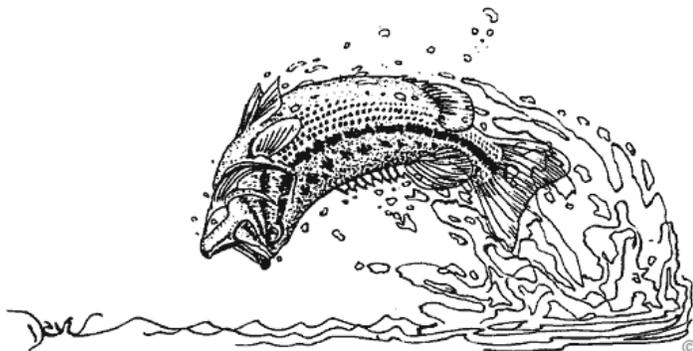
Craig Rae, Programs

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

June	Peter Piconi Fly Fishing San Diego
July	No Meeting/No Newsletter
August	Club Picnic
September	Greg Vinci American River Steelhead Fishing
October	Phil Pister 50 Years of Golden Trout Restoration
November	Jon Baiocchi Baiocchi Troutfitters
December	Sportsmen's 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



2014 Club Outings

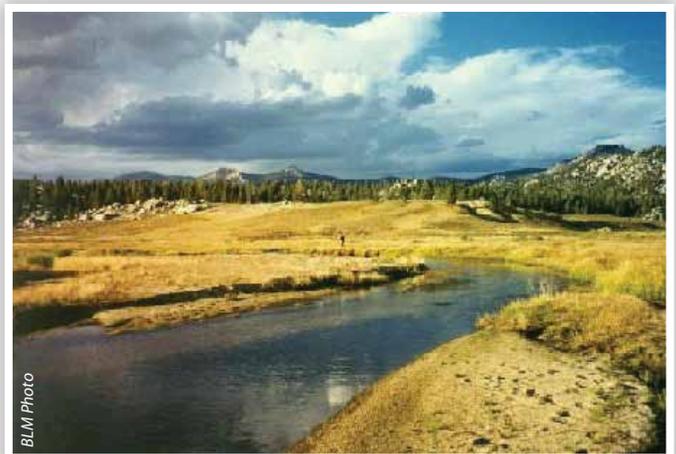
Dale Harper, Outings Coordinator

Here's our tentative 2014 schedule for upcoming Club Outings:

June 7	Onion Valley And Kearsarge Pass Lake, Moderate Day Hike Or Overnight
July 12-13	East Walker River, Overnight
August	Open
September 13-14	Club Campout June Lake Loop Day Hike Saturday, Rush Creek Sunday Morning
October 4	Upper Kern River Day Trip, Wild Trout Section
November	Kern River Trout Tournament

If you have suggestions for future outings, please drop me a line and we'll discuss it.

You can contact me, Dale Harper, at either my phone: (760) 382-4903 or my email: harperda20@hotmail.com



Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell

MENTOR!

A couple weeks ago, I taught a Mentoring class. I've done quite a few of these over the years and always enjoy teaching them. For some reason, this time, I started thinking of a mentor of mine. This man has seen the best and worst of me and if he ever thought less of me because of the times he witnessed my rough edges, I never knew it.

Years ago, I had some time off of work at the holidays. I was kind of bored and looking for something to do for a week or two. Many years before that, I had tried fly fishing and just couldn't figure it out. I had tied a few flies and enjoyed that, so I decided to tie some Parachute Adams flies. I knew Chuck Newmeyer had a fly shop in town, The High Sierra Fly Fisher. I stopped in to say hi and see if I could get the materials. Of course Chuck had the stuff I needed.

As we talked, Chuck managed to explain in detail how to tie this fly, what to do and not do. I happily took my stuff home in the cool little brown bag that I still have a drawer full of. After a week of tying and retying, I thought I had a pretty nice fly, so off to Chuck's I went. Chuck smiled that smile, held my work up in

the light so he could really admire it. "That's quite a fly, I think it will certainly catch fish." I still have a couple of those. They really aren't what I'd call 'nice'. I'd walk away thinking I'd tied a masterpiece, excited to tie a bunch more.

A few months and several patterns later, Chuck showed me a kit fly rod he had. Reasonably priced, man, that thing looked cool!! My main question, "Chuck, do you really catch fish on these kind of rods?"

Chuck smiled that smile and assured me that you certainly can catch fish on a fly rod, if used properly." So, after my rod was properly rigged, tippet and flies (by now, I realize I need flies that actually look like flies) in hand, I happily took my new rod and another little brown bag full of treasures home. I did manage to catch fish on this new rod. I really

caught more than that. What I really caught was a passion to fly fish. At least once a week, I'd stop by Chuck's fly shop with more questions than I suspect he wanted to answer. I always went home with another



Chuck showing us how on the Lower Owens!!

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little brown bag full of treasures, happily planning next weekend's adventures.

I ended up fishing with Chuck a few times, not nearly as much as I should have. We would find time for an adventure now and then. I enjoyed these trips. I could ask all the questions I wanted. No matter how badly I fished, I always walked away thinking I was getting good at this fly fishing thing. I could ask Chuck how my casting was doing. I was always doing quite nicely. "I don't know Chuck, that cast only went 10 feet." "Well, Allen, maybe the fish is only 8 feet away. Looks good to me."



Two Hot Creek Legends, Chuck and Mas!!

Among the adventures I have had were the days at Chuck's cabin on Hot Creek Ranch. I will never forget watching Chuck fish, the ease and grace in which he handled a fly rod, something I still struggle to copy. I really don't like fishing Hot Creek. For whatever reason, I just never fell in love with that water. I did enjoy spending a weekend on the Ranch though. Fishing, talking, eating, whatever we did, was very enjoyable.

What Chuck loves to do and does best though, is teach. Chuck has a gentle way of passing on the skills necessary. It doesn't have to be a prescheduled class either. I like to participate in the TroutFest at the Kernville Hatchery. Chuck and Lew usually would also take part. I was in charge of hooking a fish for the kids, handing them the rod and letting them catch the fish. We had a long line the whole time, so we explained that we didn't have time to spend an extended period with each child. The goal here is get as many children on a fish as possible. Try telling Chuck he can't teach an 8 year old how to cast a fly rod, manipulate the fly just right, set the hook and land their fish. I so enjoyed watching, wishing I had the patience and expertise to do that.



Chuck and Lew, the Heart of the Aquabonita Fly Fishers!!



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So as I look back on this great ride I have experienced fly fishing, I wonder where I would be had people like Chuck Newmeyer not taken me under their wing and nurtured the emerging passion for the sport I now have. I mean really, there is a reason they call me the Addict!! I'm not sure I would have or could have made it through the rough stretches beginning this sport contain. There were several times I was ready to give up. A trip to Chucks and one of those little brown bags always made me feel like I was really a good fisher, even if deep down I knew I wasn't. Chuck had a way of curing my bad habits while making me feel good about them at the same time. I'm guessing that I'm not the only person that could write an almost exact story as this. I wonder how different I would be both in fishing and life had Chuck not made the time for me. I do know that I am a better fisher because of Chuck. I'm also a better person. We had a discussion about what to say when people asked how I was doing on the water. This big lesson was 'counting fish is the surest way to ruin a good day of fishing'. Chuck's advice was to say, I'm having a nice day or I'm doing quite nicely. And you know what, because of Chuck, I am, "Doing quite nicely!!"Blue Skies and Fishy Flies, Allen



Thanks for everything!!!!

Conservation News

Karl Zellner, Club Conservation

Volunteers needed for fish and habitat surveys in Golden Trout Wilderness

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Heritage and Wild Trout Program (HWTP), is requesting volunteer assistance for fish surveys in the Golden Trout Wilderness Area. This is great opportunity to learn first-hand about native trout and how they are managed, while working in a beautiful wilderness setting and contributing to the conservation of golden trout. Each trip is eight days in length, including travel on both ends to and from the trailhead. Volunteers are needed to help with electrofishing and habitat surveys. Volunteers must be prepared to hike long distances (up to 10 miles a day), camp in a remote setting, carry field equipment, work in adverse weather, wade in rivers and creeks, and able to endure high elevations (up to 10,000 feet). A base camp will be set up for each trip and mules will be used to carry the majority of field equipment, camping gear, and food to this location. Trip locations will vary throughout the year and may be based out of Lone Pine or Kernville.

Survey trips will be from Wednesday to Wednesday, beginning in mid-June and ending in late September, with a general plan of:

Wednesday: Drive to trailhead and drop off gear with packer by early evening. Volunteers meet with survey crews.

Thursday: Hike in to survey location with pack stock support.

Friday-Monday: Field surveys with day hikes from basecamp.

Tuesday: Hike out with pack stock support; packers anticipate being back to trailhead with gear by 5 pm, plus or minus, depending on location.

Wednesday: Drive home.

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Volunteers must be able to commit to the entire survey effort to be considered. Pack stock will be provided to carry 50-60 pounds of personal gear per person; any additional weight must be carried in. Volunteers will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the trailhead (does not require 4WD but the road is not paved and higher-clearance vehicles are recommended), food, and personal gear (tent, sleeping bag, backpack, cook gear, sturdy hiking boots, etc). The HWTP will provide waders and wading boots and some camping gear is available as needed.

Surveys will consist of electrofishing, fish measurements and habitat assessments. Volunteers are needed to net and weigh fish, carry gear, take photographs, and assist with habitat measurements.



Due to the physical demands of the survey, please carefully consider your ability to safely assist with the surveys before committing. Up to four volunteers are needed for each trip (locations and specific details will be forthcoming):

Trip dates:

June 25th - July 2nd, 2014

July 9th - 16th, 2014

July 23rd - 30th, 2014

August 6th - 13th, 2014

August 20th - 27th, 2014

September 3rd - 10th, 2014

September 17th - 24th, 2014

Although these surveys will be demanding, they will also be very rewarding and will aid in the management and future restoration of golden trout. Volunteers will have the opportunity to fish in the evenings and catch one of California's heritage trout. If you have any questions regarding the nature of these trips, please contact Cameron Zuber at cameron.zuber@wildlife.ca.gov.

To sign up for a trip, please email Howard Kern at howardkern@roadrunner.com and provide him with the following:

- Name and phone number
- Number of people
- Preferred trip dates
- Backpacking and outdoor experience



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May Club Outing to McGee Creek

Dale Harper, Outings Coordinator

The ABFF trip for the month was held over the weekend of May 11 and 12, the location was McGee Creek. The weather was cool and the winds were blowing.

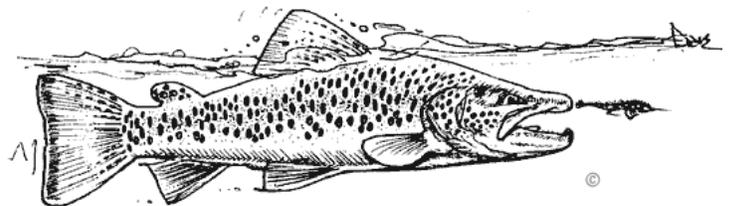
Patric Jewell arrived a day early and fished Crowley Lake Friday using the techniques he learned from a previous ABFF presentation. He was able to land several nice fish from his portable canoe. Craig Rae arrived Friday and was able to catch a few browns out of Convict Creek that afternoon. I arrived Friday and made camp at the McGee Creek campground. Saturday dawned windy and cool.

We proceeded to have an excellent breakfast along with coffee at the East Side Bakery, located a stone's throw from the campground, it's the perfect place to stop before or after fishing the creek. The bakery is also open for lunch, and serves a selected dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

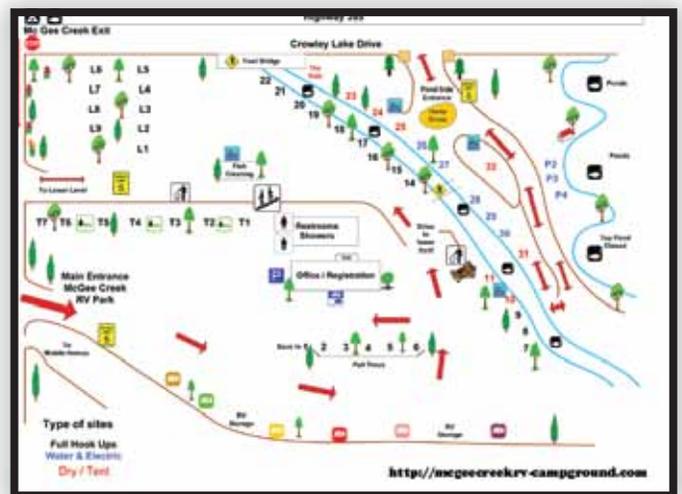
Fishing on the creek turned out to be slow and difficult to say the least. The wind blew continuously throughout the day making casting difficult. Overall the trip was enjoyable and I'm looking forward to a few trips back to McGee over the summer..



Craig Rae, Dale Harper and Patric Jewell at the East Side Bakery!!



Craig Rae and Patric Jewell holding the Aguabonita Flyfishers Club banner!!



June Club Outing to Onion Valley and the Kearsarge Pass Lakes



Dale Harper, Outings Coordinator

The trip planned for June is a day hike to from the Onion Valley trail head located west of Independence CA. The trip is a repeat of last year. The fish will likely be small Brook trout making a 3 wt rod would be ideal. Don't forget mosquito patterns and some droppers. Wet wading may be an option, however I will have my waders since the back country lakes can be very cold. The trial description is located below. I'll be traveling back south and I will meet everyone at the trail head on Saturday, June 7th at 0800. The Onion Valley trailhead is 15 miles west of Independence. From independence turn west on on West Market Road and it will become Onion Valley Road. There are several lakes we can fish during the day and if anyone wants they can obtain a back country permit from and camp overnight. Day hikers do not require a permit.

A short hike, approximately 5 miles round trip, over well-graded trail and a 1300-foot elevation gain (the equivalent of 130 flights of stairs) bring you to the justly popular lakes that compose the headwaters of Independence Creek. The angling is good and the scenery grand.

This trip also makes an excellent day hike. Read more at Trails.com:

Flower Lake | Bishop California Hikes | Trails.com
http://www.trails.com/tcatalog_trail.aspx?trailId=HGS018-075#ixzz32BsbX1tB

 **I would like a volunteer to meet people at Starbucks on Saturday at 0600 and provide any directions or last minute updates. You may contact me at harperda20@gmail.com or (760) 382-4903.**

Tight Lines!
Dale

Other Club News

The following limited edition color print was recently donated to our friends at Quail Forever in Ridgecrest. "Gambles Quail" is an illustration painted by California artist, Sherrie Russell Meline, represented by Wingbeat Gallery in Mt. Shasta, CA. This beautiful work of art is a limited edition print - 64/2000 and includes 2 stamps - one mint and one signed by the artist. The art/stamps are for the 2003 Texas Quail Stamp.

A special Thank You! to Club member Gary Davis for the design and layout and to Paula Walke of Endless Boundaries for the framing and matting. Acid free mat board and UV filtering glass was used.



"Gamble's Quail"

Club Donations

The club is looking for donations from members of items for the 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.



June 28th
Saturday 9am - 1pm

TROUT FEST

TOUCH A FISH ~ TASTE A FISH ~ FEED A FISH ~ CATCH A FISH

Casting • Rigging • Trout Tasting • Fish Printing • Kid's Fishing
 Aquarium • CDFW Displays • Dissection • Trout Touch Pool • Face Painting
 Feed the Fish • River Maze • Trout Cleaning • Fly Casting • Fly Tying

LEARN TO TIE ~ LEARN TO CAST ~ LEARN TO CLEAN ~ LEARN TO COOK



All Activities are Free
 All Gear is Provided
 Fishing for 15 years and under only.



HOT CREEK HATCHERY

121 Hot Creek Hatchery Road
 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

troutfest@wildlife.ca.gov ~ 559 765-4824





International Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Faire Facts

Hours: Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Event Name: 2014 Fly Fishing Faire

Where: Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

Venue: Cerro Coso Community College
101 College Parkway
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Theater: Minaret Cinemas
439 Old Mammoth Rd.
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
(760) 934 3131

When: September 19-21, 2014

What: A celebration of fly-fishing in Mammoth Lakes, the heart of California's fly-fishing world; an introduction to all aspects of the sport including fly casting, fly tying demonstrations and instruction.

Registration: Opens July 13, 2014
\$15 adults
\$10 for Eastern Sierra residents
Age 16 and under free.
(Single admission is good all Faire days.) Separate registration fees for some classes, seminars and film showings.

Sponsors: Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers, City of Mammoth Lakes, Giovani's, Snow Creek Resort, Fred Hall Fishing and more ...

Website: southwestcouncilfff.org/faire

Faire Fone: (818) 200-1499 for registration and information 24/7

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Workshops and programs on

- Beginning fly fishing, equipment, techniques
- Beginning fly tying
- Hot Creek
- Upper and lower Owens River
- Saltwater Fly Fishing
- Lake Crowley
- Pyramid Lake
- Walker River Basin
- Merced River
- Yosemite waters
- Small stream tactics
- Wildlife photography

SWC-IFFF Conservation News

Debbie Sharpton, SWC Conservation

Native Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Aided by Conservation Volunteers

Volunteers from fly-fishing clubs, the International Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited in cooperation with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife will attempt to restore native Lahontan cutthroat trout in an Eastern Sierra stream.

The native California Lahontan trout were all but eliminated from their native Sierra habitat by illegally planted brook trout, according to Gary Applebee, Redlands, representing the Deep Creek Fly Fishers.

Target area is Silver Creek in the West Walker River watershed near Bridgeport.

Project volunteers are needed for Aug. 13-20; Aug. 25-28; and Sept. 3-10, said Applebee.

A base camp will be established at the headwaters of Silver Creek and a team of 4-5 people will assist the CDFW with electro-fishing. The goal of this multi-year event is to eradicate the non-native brook trout so the stream can sustain a currently imperiled population of Lahontan cutthroat trout. Upon completion, Silver Creek will be opened to angling.

The project is being spearheaded by contributions from Golden State Flycasters through a Trout Unlimited grant of \$10,000; Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers, \$5,000 and the Deep Creek Fly Fishers of \$1,500.

Removal of the predatory brook trout will be accomplished with the introduction of an Alaskan weir, modified to fit the stream, within one mile from the headwaters of Silver Creek. Immediately downstream of the headwaters, block nets with approximately 1/4-inch mesh will be placed within the channel, where brook trout removal will occur incrementally within block netted sections, working downstream to the weir.

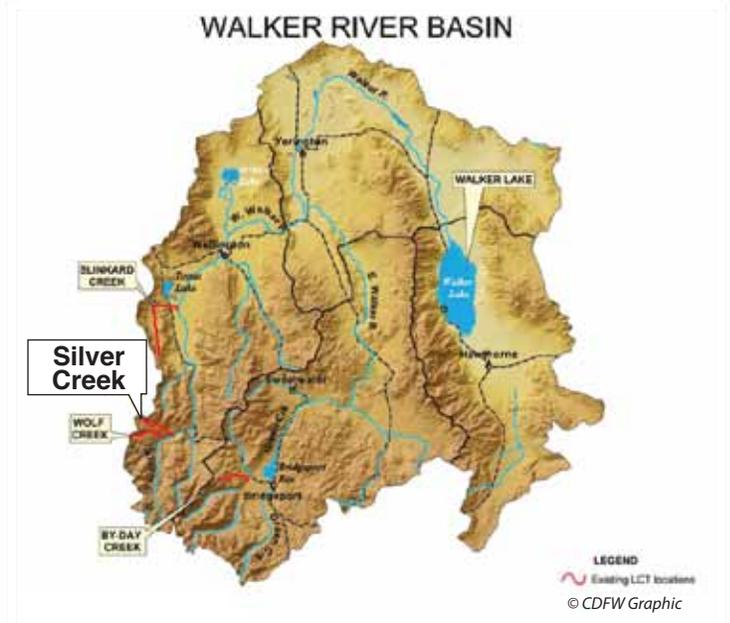


Information for older teens and adults wishing to volunteer on the Lahontan restoration project is available at:

<http://southwestcouncilfff.org/Conservation/swc-iff-conservation>

Silver Creek, a tributary to the West Walker River in Mono County, is Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery water that was illegally stocked with brook trout. Brook trout were discovered in Silver Creek in 2004 during a survey intended to collect baseline population information to support opening the stream to regulated angling. Lack of ability to utilize efficient methods of brook trout removal that could be completed within two or three seasons has resulted in the lost opportunity of angling for a native Walker Basin cutthroat trout in this mountain meadow stream.

Media Contact Info: Debbie Sharpton, swcconservation@gmail.com or (805) 338-8278





News from California Trout

Keepers of the Stream

Help Save California's Last Wild River

No Strip Mines in the Headwaters of the Wild & Scenic Smith River!

The foreign-owned Red Flat Nickel Corporation is proposing exploratory drilling as the first phase of a strip mine for nickel on public land in the headwaters of the Smith River, which is one of the premier “salmon strongholds” along the Pacific Coast. The Smith is exceptional ~ it’s the last major undammed river in California and over 300 miles of the river is included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Thanks to the work of California Trout, Smith River Alliance and others ~ most of the Smith River is protected from mining by the Smith River National Recreation Area which was passed by the 101st Congress and signed by George Bush in 1990. However, approximately 45,000 acres of the North Fork Smith in Oregon is outside of the protection of the National Recreation Area which stops at the Oregon/California border. For more on the proposed mine read last weekend’s SFGate story.

The good news is Oregon’s Senator Wyden will introduce legislation to withdraw these public lands from mining. We need our California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer to co-sponsor this legislation. We also need Congressmen Jared Huffman and Mike Thompson to help. They both know the Smith River and have been and can continue to be valuable partners in preventing this serious threat to wild trout, salmon, and the local communities who rely on the Smith River for their drinking water.

Please take a minute and send an email to your representatives urging them to continue protecting the Smith River. Email addresses and suggested copy are below.

Senator Feinstein email:

<https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me>



Senator Boxer email:

<http://www.boxer.senate.gov/en/contact/policycomments.cfm>

Congressman Huffman email:

<https://huffman.house.gov/contact/email-me>

Congressman Thompson email:

<https://mikethompson.house.gov/contact/email-me>

Dear Senator/Congressman:

Thank you for your outstanding partnership over the years to protect the Smith River in northern California. As you know, the Smith is one of our most treasured Wild and Scenic Rivers and it is also one of the premier “strongholds” for wild salmon and trout along the Pacific Coast.

I am contacting you to ask for your assistance to help prevent a foreign company from locating a strip mine in the headwaters of the Smith River and on adjacent lands in the headwaters of the Wild and Scenic Illinois River. Please work with Senator Wyden, Congressman DeFazio, and the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to see that these critically important trout and salmon habitat areas are never strip mined.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Conservation News

Karl Zellner, Club Conservation

Do Not Sacrifice Fish To Big Agriculture Petition

Here is a chance for our membership to voice their opinion on whether we should take a short term outlook on the water situation and compromise California fish populations or suck it up and take the loss of revenue for Big Ag.

Senator Feinstein is working with her colleagues to pass legislation to respond to California's historic drought. Her legislation calls for a variety of actions that, on paper, respect the crucial, existing laws that protect salmon and California's rivers, lakes, and streams. However, in her letters to state and federal agencies she repeatedly instructs these agencies to take actions on behalf of agricultural interests that violate the flexibility of the laws and puts water and wildlife at great risk.

http://www.credomobilize.com/petitions/senator-feinstein-don-t-destroy-california-s-rivers-to-benefit-big-ag?sp_ref=41751020.4.7648.t.0.2&source=tw_sp

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 September through November of 2014.

Trout In the Classroom

Jay Crawford, TIC Coordinator

"TIC TROUT FRY RELEASE"

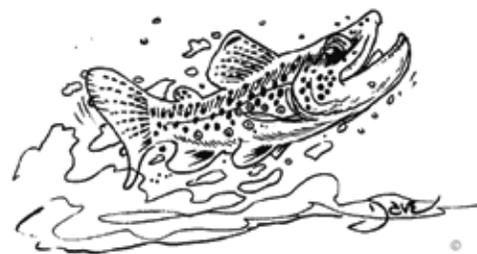
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Trout In the Classroom

Jay Crawford, TIC Coordinator

"TIC TROUT FRY RELEASE"

GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MAY 12TH, 2014



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John Linder setting out bug displays (alive from the stream as well as dead samples) at Lone Pine Creek for the Gateway Elementary School release!!



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Fred Freiberg helping kids release the fry into Lone Pine Creek!!

On the Hook

Gary Ahr Sr., Weekend Fly-Tying

The next weekend fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be Saturday, June 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 1: 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.).

SPECIAL NOTE 2: We're tying "Safety Pin" Woolly Buggers for the upcoming CDFW "Trout Fest" to be held this month at the Hot Creek Trout Hatchery.



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Aguabonita Classifieds

Where We Can Buy, Sell, Rent,
Trade, and Barter



Spend a HOT August week (Aug 8-15) in a Gold Crown Resort at Avila Beach where it's COOL! This is a 1-bdrm sleeps 4 unit, full kitchen, pool, jacuzzi, game room, exercise room, BBQ, laundry, golf course down the hill, across the street from the ocean beach front, and only 2mi from Patriot sportfishing and the pier. You can view the resort at www.sanluisbayinn.com

I am asking \$1250 for the week in my other ads but for Aguabonita flyfishers \$1200. IF interested call Craig Rae 760-375-3707

👍 **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@hotmail.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/>

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



*"A fishing knot does infinitely more than bind a fly or lure or bait to line, it binds a person to the idea of catching fish."
The Tie That Binds
by Doug Humphreys*

Board of Directors and other Club Officers

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Goodies for the
June Club Meeting
— Neal Barry —

Goodies for the
August Club Meeting
— Club Picnic —

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	4	5 ● First Quarter	6 ● SMOKN' HOT	7 ● New Moon Club Outing Onion Valley/ Kearsarge Pass Lakes
8	9	10	11	12	13 ○ Full Moon ● SMOKN' HOT	14 Weekend Fly-tying "Ties & Lies" 9:00am - Noon
15 Great Smoky Mountain NP Created 1934	16	17	18	19 ● Last Quarter	20 ● LEND A HAND	21 SWC-IFFF Rush Creek Cleanup
22	23	24 March Board Meeting 7:00pm	25	26	27 ● New Moon ● FAMILY FUN	28 Trout Fest Hot Creek Fish Hatchery
29 Olympic NP Created 1938	30	1	2	3	4	5



Club Affiliations

We don't just hangout with anybody!

👍 **International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF)** - 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 International Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC-IFFF)** - The Southwest Council of the International 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/>

👍 **California Trout (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 (TU)** - 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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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



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