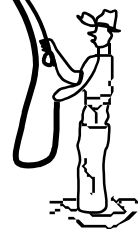


# The Flyline

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**Happy New Year!**

**General Meeting  
Tuesday, Jan. 6, 7:30 pm  
Methodist Church**

## **January Program:**

### **Video: "The Lower Kern River With Guy Jeans"**

*Sierra Fly Fishing, vol. 1: Halflight Productions, 2006*

The following excerpts are taken from a review by Jerrold Paul Shelton from the June 2007 issue of California Fly Fisher Magazine.

"It pains me to admit this, but most fly-fishing videos leave me unimpressed and uninspired. I can tolerate only so much 'Here I am again with yet another really big fish' before I start yawning uncontrollably and nod off to dream of more pleasant things — like root canals or barium enemas. In most cases, the typical fly-fishing DVD amounts to little more than watching someone else catch fish, which isn't as much fun as catching them and is about as interesting to me as watching paint dry. Sierra Fly Fishing, vol. 1: The Lower Kern River, however, isn't like that at all. It succeeds handsomely in creating the illusion that you are a part of the action in real time, rather than the after-the-fact witness to it that you really are as a viewer. ..."

In this DVD, [producer/director/cinematographer Tysun] McMullan has done something that is easy to conceptualize, but very difficult actually to do, and that is to deliver the essence of what fishing a particular body of water is all about. As I noted, the cinematography credit also goes to McMullan, and 'exquisite' is a fitting adjective with which to describe much of the camera work this DVD contains. ..."

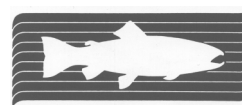
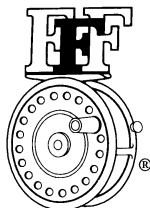
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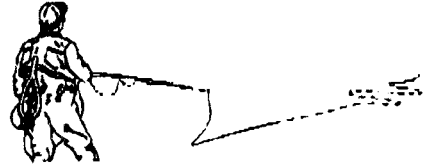
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Gary Davis**

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## From the Outgoing Prez,



I would like to this final opportunity to thank everyone in the club for their support during the last year culminating in our first annual Sportsman's FEASTival and Fly Tying Bazaar held during last month's meeting. I would like to especially thank Fred and Linda Freiberg for generously supplying the "nail" for the "nail soup" (i.e. Fred's elk stew). Early donation commitments from Dennis Mason and Bob Zeisler also helped to get the event off the ground. (It was especially great to see both recuperating quickly from their surgeries such that they could join in on the festivities). Also, thanks to everyone who brought all of the great food that made the evening a success.

A special thank-you is extended to Julie and Bob Smith for their special gift of transforming our meeting hall into an elegant and warm gathering place for meeting old and new friends. Special thanks also goes out to Jim Hoover, and the Methodist Church for providing the hall with it's modern, efficient kitchen facilities that made setup and cleanup as quick and easy as tying on a leader with a double surgeon's knot. (Thanks to Jim for his generous donation of time and elbow grease.)

Thanks also to all the fashioners of feathers, foams, and furs, (otherwise known as our very own ABFF fly tiers), who filled the fly tying demos with lots of helpful tying and fishing advice and all around friendly conversation. Fly tiers participating included; Oscar Felsen, Lew Albright, John Auburn, Jim Hoover, Allen Bell, Chuck Newmyer, Steve Garri-son, Don Bowling, and Craig Miller. Thanks to Charlene Newmyer and Karen Bowling for donating goodies and craft items. Rounding out our recognition roster are the "Z"s, Bob Zeisler, who shared some of the results of his wood carving skills, and Karl Zellner who shared his petrified wood lapidary skills.

In conclusion, as they say in Lake Woebegone "A good time was had by all."

Looking forward to the coming year.

Thank-you.  
Don Bowling



## Education

We are on our winter break; will start again in the spring.

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### Mt. Whitney Hatchery Restoration

We are still looking for volunteers to help out at the Mt. Whitney Hatchery recovery effort. There is still a lot of work to do in fixing up the pond, cleaning up the interior of the main building, and more. They're trying to get it cleaned up before their "grand opening" in March. Tasks may be things like tree-trimming, mud cleanout, etc. Contact Chuck at 375-1126 or hisifly@iwvisp.com.

### Hot Creek Kiosk

We are working on getting the new art work for the Hot Creek Kiosk. In the spring we will be looking for volunteers to help on touch-up work on the kiosk and the surrounding area. Put this on your to-do list and be ready to volunteer some of your time. With proper planning we should be able to work in some fishing time.

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## Conservation

### Happy Holidays from the Golden Trout Project!

*From the Kern Valley Sun* [www.kvsun.com](http://www.kvsun.com)

Hello everyone!

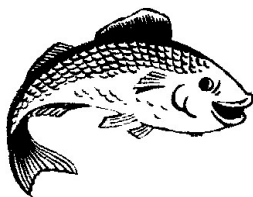
I'm a little late in the season for this message that I like to send out, but I wanted to wish all the volunteers for the Golden Trout Project a happy and healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year for 2009! You ALL are a very dedicated bunch and I appreciate ALL the time, talent, and treasure you put out for our state fish. The Project had a tremendous year and I can only expect better things for the coming summer season. I would expect a list of volunteer projects to be posted on the California Golden Trout Project web site ([www.californiagoldentrout.org](http://www.californiagoldentrout.org)) sometime in late April. Speaking of the web site, it is run by a very dedicated volunteer who lives on the island of Kona and also happens to own a coffee company! If you are thinking of sending out some last minute gifts to clients, friends, or family please visit: [www.konaearth.com](http://www.konaearth.com) for some fantastic coffee grown on the island of Kona. Consider buying some for the entire year!

I also want to point out that we have a VERY dedicated group of professionals. The folks that work for the US Forest Service and the California Department of Fish and Game are some of the best people you can work with and I consider it a privilege to be associated with such an outstanding group. Lastly thank you to the professionals at CalTrout, FFF and TU who are all diligent workers and want nothing more than to see the golden trout return in strength to its native ranges. All of these individuals should be commended for their commitment to not only to the fish, but also the volunteers they work hand in hand with.

Have a safe and happy holidays!

Tight lines,

Howard E. Kern  
Volunteer Project Coordinator  
California Golden Trout Restoration Project  
[www.californiagoldentrout.org](http://www.californiagoldentrout.org)



### Order To Stop Stocking Kern With Rainbow Trout

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 Valerie Cassity

With a Nov. 24 court order that would end stocking the Kern River with non-native rainbow trout, more than 50 people packed into the Kernville Chamber Community Building for the Kern River Valley Revitalization (KRVR) December meeting Dec. 3.

### Fish Stocking to Cease in Kern River by Court Order

Guest speaker Christy McGuire, Fishery Biologist with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), gave a presentation about the recent court order to stop stocking the Kern River with non-native rainbow trout. Isabella reservoir will not be affected by the ruling, which was given on Nov. 24, after the Center for Biological Diversity and Pacific Rivers Council filed a lawsuit against stocking non-native fish in all California rivers that contain one or more of the 25 threatened or endangered species listed in the suit. McGuire explained that there is one species of concern in the Kern River, the hardhead minnow, but it has a thriving population here despite the stocking of non-native fish for over 70 years. The DFG is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to show biological evidence that the hardhead minnow is not in danger from stocking. "There is no biological reason to stop stocking the rainbow trout," said McGuire. "I'm here to express the Department's interest in working with community leaders and members to get our river back."

Guy Jeans, owner of Southern Sierra Flyfishing in Kernville, makes his entire living from guiding fishing trips on the Kern River. However, Jeans believes that the court order is not a death sentence for trout fishing. He suggested that the Fish Hatchery begin stocking only native rainbow trout, which is acceptable in the suit. Former Hatchery Manager Greg Kollenborn explained that the shift to native trout is already in the works, but will take 3-5 years before catchable fish are produced.

KRVR President Joe Ciriello passed around a sign-up sheet to start a committee on this issue so that the Kern Valley can present the information to the plaintiffs with one voice. "It's time again to rally around our hatchery and river to get this minnow issue resolved," said Jim Hunt, President of Friends of the Hatchery.

To learn more about this, or to sign up to be part of the committee, go to [KRVR.org](http://KRVR.org) and look for Kern River Fish Stocking Issue.

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### Aguabonita 30th Anniversary Banquet Feb 28th, 2009, Carriage Inn

For tickets, contact Dave Haugen or Karl Zellner, or get them at the club meeting. The banquet cost will be \$30.00. Ticket prices will not include raffle tickets.

The menu will again be the buffet style. It will include a variety of meat and pasta so everyone can fill up on their favorite dishes whether they are vegetarian or carnivorous!

Two decks of cards have been purchased for Chuck's custom built rod. Some cards have already been purchased. Jim Netzer will take this - see Jim to buy cards.

A sign-up for the deserts is ready and will be available at the next meeting.

Karl has been active in obtaining donation items.

Raffle tickets for the drawings will be sold at the start of the dinner and will go for \$1.00 each. There will be special raffles again this year. This year's items include a custom "light action" rod built by Chuck Newmyer. The auction list continues to grow. Items include Alaskan guided trips, numerous fly fishing accessories, clothing, art, fly plates, and special gift items.

And don't forget the dessert auction! This is such a huge hit every year. We still need more people to sign up to make this year the best ever.

David Haugen



#### Some of the Banquet Donations!



Pontoon boat donated by CalTrout  
Items from Art Suppona's donation  
Rod donated by Carol Porter



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### Feastival Pictures



*Photos by Bob Smith*

### Library Additions

Books recently acquired by ABFF library - contact Joe Rice to check these out.  
Reviews from Flyfishing and Tying Journal Winter 2009 by reviewer Preston Singletary

#### **Gary Lafontaine's Legacy** By Al and Gretchen Beatty

The late Gary LaFontaine was one of the most innovative fly tiers of our time. His unique creations were the result of meticulous observations, both above and below the water's surface, of the appearance and behavior of the creatures that trout eat. Careful observation and a highly imaginative hand at the vise led to some of the most productive flies ever created and his books are, and will remain, standards on the fly tier's bookshelf.

Al and Gretchen Beatty were long-time friends of Gary and collaborated with him on a number of projects. Here they present Gary's final legacy, twenty-six patterns that have never before been published.

#### **Trout Flies For The 21st Century** by Dick Talleur

I'm sure that Dick Talleur requires no introduction here; his many fly tying books and innumerable articles in national magazines have made him one of the world's best-known writers on fly tying. The flies featured in this book represent a selection of the best from the past and some of the most effective contemporary patterns; a compendium of flies that should outfit the angler for nearly any situation at almost any place.

Before delving into the patterns, the author has penned an interesting and detailed discussion of that most important of fly tying materials; the hackle.

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### Dec. 13th Saturday Session

*Photos by Bob Ziesler*



**Ed.:** *From time to time we hear from Jack Gartside (in the Boston area), especially about striper fishing. Here's a recent note:*

Jack Gartside's Flyfishing Newsletter for December 2008 -- Greetings and Salutations

This is Jack here, back to leading as normal and as full a life as I can while undergoing the treatments that I have to go through that will bring me back to full health and a future filled with more adventures and explorations, ideas and creations, friends and follies. So stay tuned.

As you probably learned, I've been diagnosed with small cell lung cancer and also what is called superior vena cava syndrome. I was in the VA hospital for several weeks but am now home as an outpatient. So far the treatments have been going very well, better than expected actually. I just finished a second round of chemo last week (two more to go) as well as my first radiation treatments (only 33 more to go). As you can guess these treatments are a little tiring but on the whole not so bad as you might think. I'm in pretty good spirits, experiencing no real difficulties (except for a radical change in my sense of smell and in my taste buds which makes a lot of food taste just awful—but this will pass as the weeks go on). I just try to live each day as best I can and to be thankful for all that is good in my life.

Hundreds of emails, get-well cards, and telephone calls have come in within the past few weeks, from all over the world.... I appreciate your thoughts and concern much more than you can know, than I can tell. It means the world to me to know that people care; they really do. And I do, too. God bless you all.

As I said at the beginning of the newsletter, I'm going to carry on as best I can while going through treatments, with my life and with my business. I'll continue to tie flies, put together framed items, write books, sign them, etc., etc., etc., but the pace will necessarily be slower for a month or so since I tire fairly easily.

[www.jackgartside.com](http://www.jackgartside.com)

Cheers, Jack

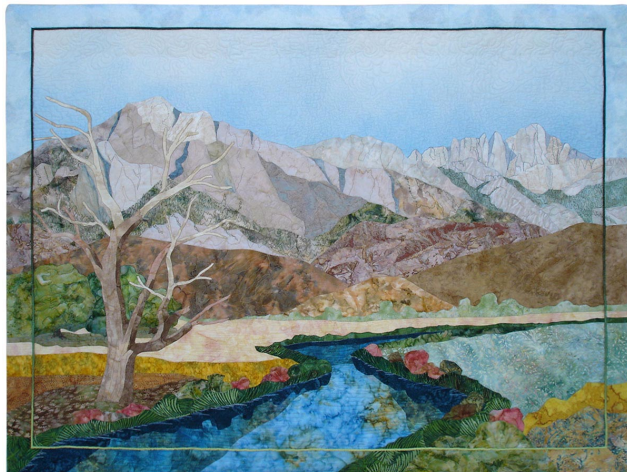


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## Announcements

### Owens River Restored

Since the club has been interested and involved with the restoration of waterflows to the lower Owens River, here's an interesting quilt opportunity from the Quilt Guild:



© 2008 Terry Millett and Linda Anderson

2009 Opportunity Quilt of the Hi Desert Quilt Guild, Ridgecrest CA

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. Contact Linda Anderson for tickets (446-0867).

The quilt is 33" x 48", 100 percent cotton, hand appliquéd and free motion machine quilted. In this joint effort, Terry Millett was the mountain specialist and her sister Linda Anderson was the foreground specialist. Featuring Lone Pine Peak (on left) to Mount Whitney (on right) with the rewatered Lower Owens in foreground.

The drawing will be at 3 pm March 8, 2009, at the Hi Desert Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, Ridgecrest. You need not be present to win. The winner also wins a throw quilt (56" x 88"), Owens River Restored II.

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### Correction

The Pasadena Fly Fishing Show will be held February 21-22, not January 21-22 as reported on Page 7 of the December Flyline.

Dan Warner

### Dues Reminder

Response has been very good during the first 3 weeks since Dues Bills were mailed. A total of 73 bills were sent out and 45 members have already responded with checks. If you are one of the 28 who has forgotten to send in your check, please drop in the mail in the envelope which was provided with your bill.

Thanks to all our members who were so prompt.

Don Winter, Membership Chairman

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### Saturday Flytying Session

We will have a Saturday Fly Tying Session on January 10th from 9 - 12 at the club's classroom, 145 B Panamint. We will be tying the Klinkhammer Special an emerger pattern. This pattern from Dutch tier Hans van Klinken has become popular with American fly anglers, such as our own Steve Garrison. The thread, abdomen, and hackle colors can be changed to match this fly to specific insects, but a light-colored pattern and a dark one in a few different sizes can see you through a lot of hatches.

These sessions are open and all are welcomed. One doesn't have to tie the suggested pattern but can tie any pattern they choose. If you would like to be on the "reminder" list, send your e-mail address to Oscar at [felsenjo@verizon.net](mailto:felsenjo@verizon.net).

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### Alaska Trips

Once again Sallery Lake Lodge is donating two of their "2 for 1" trips for the Banquet Auction. The cost will be \$2370. The available dates are July 19 to 25 and August 23 to 29. This includes 6 days and 6 nights at the lodge with nice cabin accommodations, three excellent meals a day, and guided fishing for six days. A number of our club members have been to the lodge at various times and have had great times. The fishing has been very good to excellent. More information will be provided at the meetings or you can call Chuck for more information; 375-1126.

More Alaska

If the above dates aren't good for you but you would still like to get to the Lodge we can put together another club trip. If you are interested let Chuck know; 375-1126 or [hisifly@iwvisp.com](mailto:hisifly@iwvisp.com).

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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 watershed.

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### **COMING EVENTS:**

Jan 6	7:30 pm	General Meeting, Methodist Church
Jan 10	9:00 am	Saturday Session
Feb 21-22, 2009		Fly Fishing Show, Pasadena
Feb 28, 2009		30th Annual Aguabonita Banquet
Mar 4-8, 2009		Fred Hall Show, Long Beach

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

<b>Membership Fees</b>	<b>General Member</b>	<b>\$20</b>
	<b>Associate Member</b>	<b>\$5</b>
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