

... featured presentation  
for the September meeting

## American River STEELHEAD FISHING

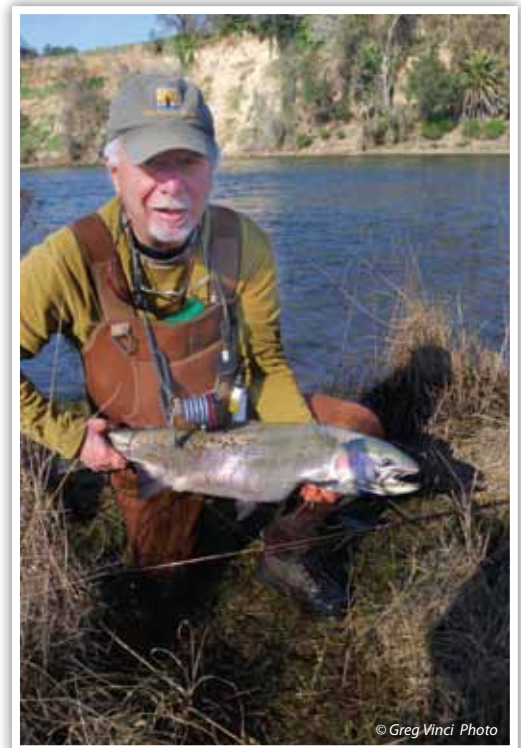
Presentation by Greg Vinci

Northern California's American River is one of the southern, most reliable, trophy Steelhead fisheries in the northern hemisphere.

The size of the fish are large and they return each winter like clockwork. The American also hosts annual runs of "half-pounder Steelhead" and good runs of American Shad and Stripped Bass. All of this in one of the most populated cities in the state.

Greg's presentation consists of over a hundred photos taken during the past several years to illustrate the stories he has written for major fly fishing and outdoor magazines. The "tour" begins at the most downstream access point and then continues upstream to Nimbus Hatchery near the dam. Along the way he "visits" each of the access points and the best holding water for Steelhead. Fly patterns and techniques are covered and lots of maps to provide orientation as we proceed. This is a great introduction to those who have never fished the American and it will also provide some good information to regular anglers.

Join us for this "must see" presentation!



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## The Leader's Line

Craig Porter, President

Fall is almost here and the Aguabonita Flyfishers are starting off September with a great speaker:

Greg Vinci discussing "American River Steelhead Fishing." Fall through winter are great times for steelhead fishing. Come to the Club meeting on Sept 2nd and get your juices flowing for steelhead fly fishing. In fact, if I remember correctly our Vice President, Craig Rae, was the high bidder on an 11.75 ft. 7 wt. Ross Spey Rod at last year's banquet - a perfect steelhead rod. I will bet you - 10 to 1 odds - that Craig has not christened that rod yet. I wonder if Greg Vinci can inspire Craig enough to get him out there fishing for steelies this fall with his new rod.

Chuck will not be forgotten. The Club has taken several actions to recognize Chuck. We gave \$500 in Chuck's name to the American Cancer Society. Pressure has been applied to finish the artwork for the last of the original interpretive site posters that were being restored at the Hot Creek Kiosk. This poster lists the contributors - this poster now gives Chuck credit as the person who spearheaded up the restoration of the Kiosk. The poster will be framed and mounted in late August. The SWC IFFB will follow up this fall with a formal dedication of the Kiosk to Chuck Newmyer. Thank you to all the Aguabonita's who helped Chuck with the restoration - particularly Lew and Jay. The Board voted to name the classroom/clubhouse after Chuck - hence forth it will be called "Chuck's Place" at Gary Davis' suggestion. Bob Ziesler is making the "Chuck's Place" sign. Thanks guys! Chuck has given much of his time, talent, and resources to make the Club successful over the past 35 years the Club has been in existence. He will be missed but not forgotten.

A huge donation of fly fishing equipment showed up in "Chuck's Place" (the classroom). There are numerous rods, fly plates, books, fly tying material, and etc. Rumor has it that Phil Dixon is getting married, moving into a new house, and consequently he wanted to make room for his bride. Congratula-

tions Phil and thanks for the donation. I hope Phil's bride likes to fly fish. Phil, bring your bride down to a Club meeting and introduce her - we'd all like to meet Mrs. Dixon!

While we are on the subject of donations to the Club, Clyde Hazen and Mike Charlon have also made donations of fly fishing paraphernalia. Clyde and Mike hope that others will get as much pleasure out of their fly fishing equipment as they have had over these past many years. Thank you Clyde and Mike for your generosity!

SWC Mammoth Fly Fishing Faire - is coming up on September 19th through 22nd at Cerro Coso Community College, Mammoth Campus. The Aguabonita's need some volunteers on Sunday afternoon, September 21st from 1pm until 4pm. Helpers get free registration at the Faire. The Club has committed to putting the College back the way the SWC found it before the event started. This involves putting tables, chairs, and wall hangings back into the position in the College classrooms at the end of the event. Please help!

- The Club POC is me, Craig Porter. You can contact me at either my email: [cporter148@mchsi.com](mailto:cporter148@mchsi.com) or by phone: (760) 446-3400.

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*Interpretive panel at Hot Creek Kiosk!!*

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This event is also a good opportunity to get some good training on the water and in the classroom. John Linder will be teaching a class in Entomology – signup and learn about bugs. There will be classes in casting, fly tying (beginning, intermediate and advanced), learning to fish streamers, high country fishing, basic fly fishing, knots, rod building, Boy Scout merit badge classes, conservation projects at Silver Creek, women only fishing classes, and much more. There will be socializing, dinners, and movies. Meet fellow fly fishers from Clubs all over California.

As an aside, one of the movies is a documentary on the Fisherman at Manzanar during the WWII Japanese Internment. Lew Albright, Dick Compton, and I met one of these fisherman while staying at the Hot Creek Ranch in June, Mas Okui. Mas talked to us for quite some time – he already knew Lew from previous trips. He was very interesting and has quite a story to tell about his experiences at Manzanar and his life in the US Military after Manzanar. He is also quite a successful Hot Creek fisherman. He is one of the voices on the Manzanar film being shown at the Mammoth Fly Fishing Faire. Mas is also teaching a class on how to fish Hot Creek. Join in and meet people like Mas – find out firsthand what it was like to sneak off and fish up the Shepard Pass trail from an internment camp during WWII.

Tight Lines!!!!  
Craig



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## Up Around The Bend

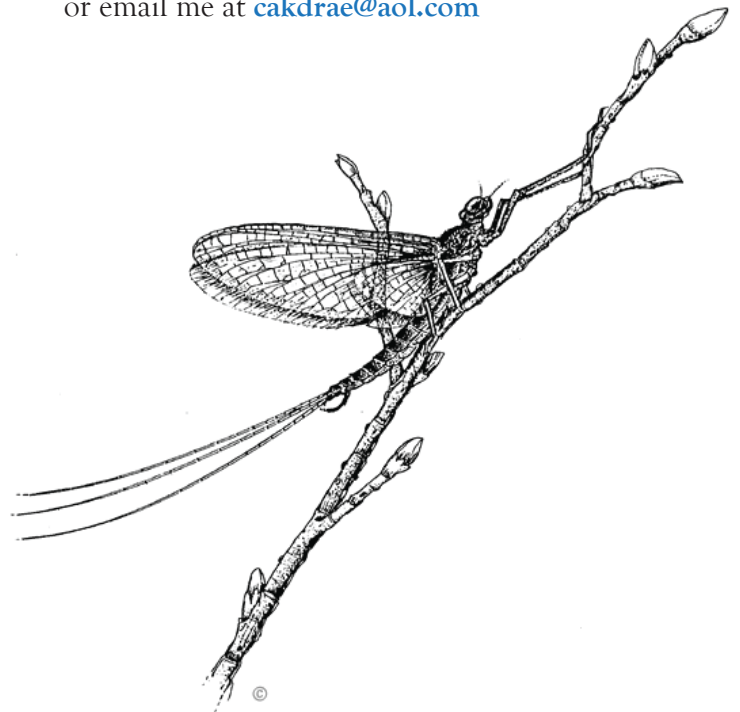
Craig Rae, Programs

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

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](mailto:cakdrae@aol.com)





## 2014 Club Outings

Dale Harper, Outings Coordinator



## On the Hook

Gary Ahr Sr., Weekend Fly-Tying



Here's our the remaining 2014 schedule for upcoming Club Outings:

**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](mailto:harperda20@hotmail.com)

## 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 monthly meetings where you can choose which month to bring the goodies.

The next weekend fly-tying session, "Ties & Lies," will be Saturday, September 27th 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 [gary\\_ahr@yahoo.com](mailto:gary_ahr@yahoo.com)



*The Wascally Rabbit pattern  
was designed by Chuck Newmyer!!*

[Editors Note: I tied the above fly during a fly tying class by Chuck. Chuck watched and kept smiling, I figured I must have been doing a fantastic job with my new found fly tying skills, right! After I was done, Chuck kindly informed me that my fly looked great, though I soon realized that I hadn't followed Chuck's instruction and instead, had tied the rabbit fur strip backwards. LOL!!! Thank You Chuck for your awesome patience with newbie fly tiers like me! Forever Tight Lines!!!]

# CHARLES “CHUCK” NEWMYER

JULY 31, 1935 – JULY 22, 2014

Charles Thomas Newmyer passed away in his home in Ridgecrest on July 22, 2014, from complications due to prostate cancer. His family and beloved dog Herman were with him. Known to everyone as Chuck, he was born in Long Beach, California, on July 31, 1935, to William and Lois Newmyer. Chuck was raised in Long Beach and graduated from Poly High School where he held the position of school officer, played varsity football, and was selected for the All City football team. Chuck attended Stanford University and graduated with honors from UCLA in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

Chuck married his high school sweetheart, Charlene Lewis, in 1954, and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May. Although born and raised in the city, Chuck and Charlene developed a love for the China Lake community and desert living. Chuck's first job in engineering began at Sandia Corporation in Livermore in 1958 and he relocated to Wyle Lab in El Segundo in 1961. In 1962, Chuck began a 32-year career at NWC, which included WALLEYE and CONDOR projects. He retired in 1994 as head of the Manufacturing and Technology Transfer Office.

As a life-long fisherman, Chuck founded the Aguabonita Flyfishing Club in 1979. He opened the High Sierra Flyfisher business in Ridgecrest in 1982. Many have enjoyed Chuck's teaching and mentoring, which includes fly fishing, fly tying, rod building, and Trout in the Classroom. He was a member of the

International Federation of Fly Fishers and received awards for Legends of Flyfishing, the Charlie Brooks Award, and Fly Tying Teacher and President's Pin. He spent many years at the annual FFF Conclave and won the Casting Contest on one occasion and was a Certified Fly Casting Instructor. Chuck was the only angler to receive the California Department of Fish and Game Volunteer Award for work on the Wild Trout Program. Chuck's influence and love for the outdoors was far-reaching and he never missed an opportunity to fly fish in Montana, Utah, Alaska, and New Zealand. He made countless trips into The Sierra Nevada with friends and



family and Hot Creek Ranch was his favorite. His other interests included Burros Boosters, UCLA sports and scholarship committee, the Angels and Lakers, men's fast-pitch softball, camping and backpacking, puzzles, home and yard projects, and many environmental conservation projects.

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Chuck is survived by his wife, Charlene, son Billy (Ann Arbor, Michigan), daughters Karen (San Jose, California) and Diana (Ridgecrest), granddaughters Veronica Benavides (Denver, Colorado) and Stacey Newmyer (Costa Mesa, California), grandson Charles Newmyer (Boulder, Colorado), and great-grandson Brandon Benavides (Denver, Colorado), and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Chuck is predeceased by his parents, brother Gary Newmyer, and nephew Richard Newmyer.

Chuck will be remembered for his humor, kindness, and humanitarian spirit. You can honor the memory of Chuck by making a donation to The American Cancer Society.



## Plans being made to organize local fly fishing club

Fly fishermen and persons interested in fly fishing are invited to attend the organizational meeting of a local fly fishing club on Oct. 3. The meeting will be held on the second floor of the First Federal Savings and Loan building, 111 N. Balsam, St., Ridgecrest, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Besides discussing plans for the formation of a fly fishing club, persons attending the meeting will see a 20-minute movie on fishing entitled "Atlantic Salmon in Newfoundland."

Additional information about the formation of this club may be obtained from Chuck Newmyer by telephoning 446-2845.

Newmyer has requested that persons who are interested in joining a fly fishing club but are unable to attend the meeting contact him. If enough interest is shown, fly fishing may be taught to club members.

## Fly fishing meeting Tuesday

The as yet unnamed fly-fishing club will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday in the Friendship Room of the First Federal Savings and Loan building, 111 N. Balsam, according to organizer Chuck Newmyer.

A slide-tape show on trout streams of the west will be shown but the purpose of the meeting is to continue structure work on the objectives of the club. Newmyer says that several people have shown an interest in getting the club started.

"ONE THING BECOMES CLEARER AS ONE GETS OLDER AND ONE'S FISHING EXPERIENCE INCREASES, AND THAT IS THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF ONE'S FISHING COMPANIONS."

JOHN ASHLEY-COOPER

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## Aquabonita Flyfishers tab officers

Chuck Newmyer was elected president of the newly formed Aquabonita Flyfishers at a recent club meeting to select a name for the organization and the adoption of a charter and by-laws.

The club's title derives from the scientific name of the golden trout, *salmo aguabonita*.

Other officers named were Len Haugen, vice-president; Jay Crawford, secretary; Mel Smith, treasurer; and Gary Davis and Tom Oshel, board members.

Next meeting is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the First Federal Savings and Loan building. Special guest will be Bob Doody, Region IV manager for California Trout. Doody was scheduled to appear at the last meeting but had to cancel due to bad weather.

Doody will discuss Cal Trout activities and wild planning sessions to be held with the Department of Fish and Game in February.

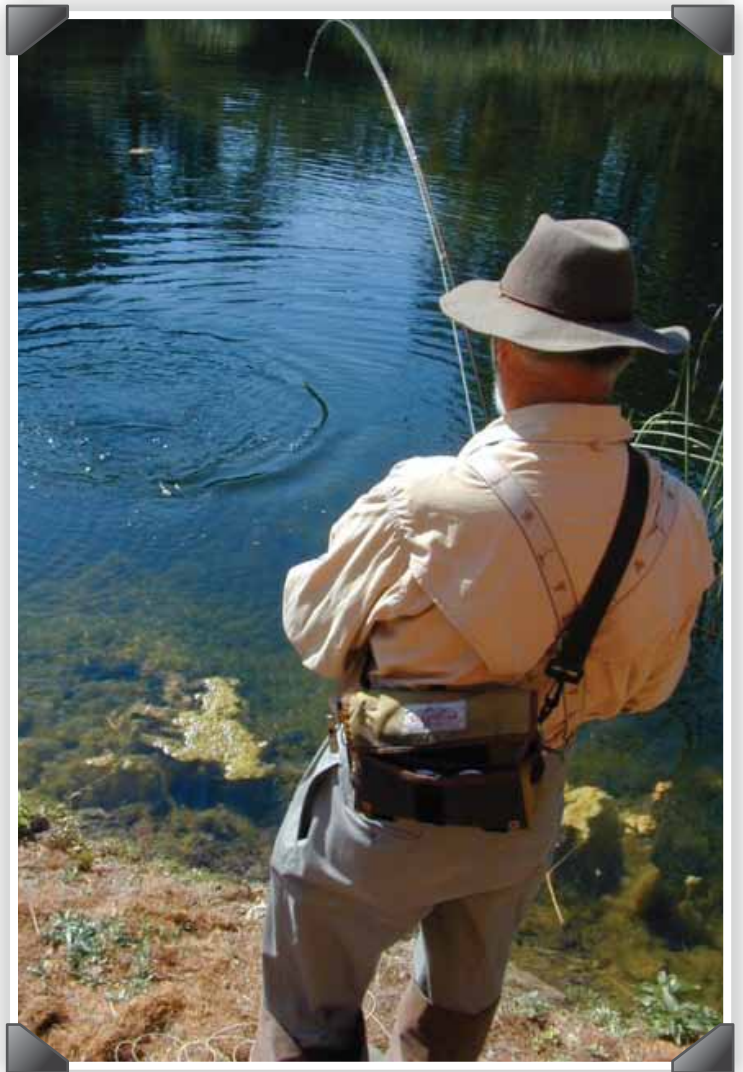
Also up for discussion is the first fly-tying class offered by Aquabonita Flyfishers on January 9.

There will also be a showing of "Three Trout to Dream About," a 16 mm color movie.



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"HE TOLD US ABOUT CHRIST'S DISCIPLES BEING FISHERMAN, AND WE WERE LEFT TO ASSUME... THAT ALL GREAT FISHERMEN ON THE SEA OF GALILEE WERE FLY FISHERMAN AND THAT JOHN, THE FAVORITE, WAS A DRY-FLY FISHERMAN."

*NORMAN MACLEAN - A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT*



## Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell

# Who needs a *NICKNAME?*

A couple years ago, I went to a river named the Owyhee with my friends Ellen and Mark. It turned out to be an epic trip. We all caught many, really pretty, really big fish, mostly Brown Trout. Mark was in hog heaven, which is similar to Stocker Heaven, but different. Every afternoon, we would stop fishing wherever we were and head up near the dam. Ellen and I would hang out and wait for the PMD's to emerge and the sippers to soon follow. Not Mark, he loved the Owyhee and the magnificent fishes that live there. He would keep nymphing in a nice area, way upstream. Ellen thought this was so funny, that Mark just refused to take a break. One evening as the trip wound down, Ellen remarked that Mark loved this place so much, she should start calling him 'Owyhee Mark'. Well, the name has stuck and as I think of that, I'm reminded of a few of my other friends that either I have given a nickname or was present when the name was earned. After all, there is a story behind every nickname.



*Owyhee Mark!!*

Since Ellen is responsible for a nickname, she shouldn't be exempt. I call Ellen 'Eagle Eye'. The first time I met Ellen in person, we met in Carbondale Co. and fished the Frying Pan and a spring creek there in town. After that, we drove to Ellen's home and fished a small nearby water, the Big Thompson. The first evening, Ellen took me to a nice little caddis run she likes to fish. A few fish were rising, and Ellen would always get so excited and point out each one. "Oh, there's another one!!" Ellen is an expert entomologist, I would ask her what type of caddis these were. Of course, these are little brown ones....Of course, there are lots of them too!!! Ellen may not know the Latin names, but she sure can fish dry flies. This past spring, Mark and I took her to our favorite spots and she gave us another lesson at fishing dries, this time, little gray ones, or Blue Wings.

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*Eagle Eye Ellen!!*

My very favorite nickname though is the one I gave my good friend Chiaki Harami. I 'met' Chiaki on the Kern Fly Fishing Forum, many years ago. We had talked online, but never actually met face to face. Chiaki invited me to fish a small pond with really big fish somewhere in California. He picked me up on Highway 14, my wife dropping me off with some stranger I had never met. Well, we hit it off from the start. That Chiaki can really talk, me being the quiet wall flower I am, I barely got a word in all the way to Mammoth. Well, maybe I said a thing or two on the ride up. Anyway, it was the start of a long and great friendship. Chiaki and I have shared much water and many adventures together. One time I was reading the forum and received a message from Chiaki. He had just been named 'Global Moderator' on the Forum. I kind of understood what this was, mainly, don't say bad things on the internet, or you would be in contact with the Global Moderator. My twisted little mind went crazy with this. I'm not sure why it was so funny to me, but it was. I kept thinking, Hey, Mr. Global controls the globe!! He can do anything!! Now, lets end world hunger, Chiaki, send them a message and tell them to get something to eat!! While you're at it, take care of all those terrorists creat-

ing fear and hurting innocent people. Drop them a note and tell them to just stop it and stop it now!! I laughed so hard the first time I went through all this stuff with my friend. Poor Chiaki had no clue what I was babbling on about and still probably doesn't. The whole thing turned out to be my own personal little joke, no one else got it, especially Mr. Global. Thankfully, he doesn't hold it against me for still using it and it truly has become a term of endearment.



*Mr. Global, with yet another really nice fish!!*

I wouldn't trade these friends and stories for anything in the world. In fact, I have met so many quality people fly fishing, I could fill the newsletter with stories of adventures and great days we have had together and I truly appreciate every one. The thing about our world is that everything seems to change. Whether we want them to or not. Thus, nicknames. They remind us of happier days and hold the promise of more to come. I can't think of a name for that but Incredibly Blessed!!

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies, Allen



# JACKSON HOLE ONE FLY

## *29 Years Funding Conservation & Preservation*

"It is through the generous donations of private individuals, foundations and corporations that the One Fly Foundation has been able to accomplish so much good for the health and welfare of trout environments, benefit the sport of fly fishing and communities. We invite the public to visit the One Fly website, [www.jacksonholeonefly.com](http://www.jacksonholeonefly.com).

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From its beginning, the Jackson Hole One Fly's focus on contributing to stream habitat improvement has been second only to the enjoyment of the fishing event itself. But our initial task was to provide for the future education of the children of Peter Crosby.

Our first stream projects were very few in number, very local (Flat Creek bank stabilization, Wilson boat ramp toilets, for example) and of modest cost. As more money was collected at the event in the 1990's, we expanded our vision geographically, but still with a strong emphasis on cutthroat trout, especially the Yellowstone/Snake River cutthroat.

The Jackson Hole One Fly Capital Foundation was formed in 2002 to focus solely on stream improvement funding. We later partnered with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), improving the management of grant application and oversight, and doubling the money we could contribute.

We have since funded new types of projects: dam removal, invasive aquatic species, rainbow trout hybridization, fish population assessments, water quality, irrigation entrapment, facilitating fish movement, Whirling disease, education programs for school children and others.

Our greatest focus has been on the Snake River, Flat Creek, South Fork, Teton River, Henry's Fork and tributaries to all of these. Multiple projects have also been funded in other parts of Wyoming and in Idaho, Montana, Colorado, California etc.

We have partnered in projects with many governmental and non-governmental organizations such as Trout Unlimited, Yellowstone and Grand Teton Parks, National Forest Service, state Game and Fish Agencies, the Teton Conservation District, BLM, Snake River Fund, Teton Science School, Teton Regional Land Trust in ID and others.

Over these more than 20 years of project grants, about 150 projects have been funded. The One Fly has contributed about \$1.4 million, with an equal amount of matching dollars from NFWF. These projects' total costs exceed \$10 million.

One Fly habitat improvement funds are raised almost exclusively through enthusiastic participation of event contestants and spouses at our Friday night auction. We could never have done all this without the wonderful generosity of our donors of fishing trips, fishing gear, artwork, jewelry, wine and other collectibles.

Our association with NFWF has been invaluable over the past 11 years. Although our relationship with NFWF ends this year, their contributions to the Jackson Hole One Fly Foundation conservation and preservation efforts will provide benefits for many years to come. JHOFF will continue to partner with other environmental, state, government and private organizations in the future to assure effective stream conservation efforts.

**Dennis Butcher, MD** (Jackson, WY)  
One Fly Foundation Board Member  
One Fly Participant Since 1986

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## September Club Outing to June Lake Loop and Rush Creek

Dale Harper, Outings Coordinator



The next scheduled Club outing is in September, the weekend of the 11th through the 13th. This will be the Annual Club trip to the June Lake Loop area.

The current plan is a day hike to Fern Lake or one of the other nearby lakes and then to fish Rush Creek on Sunday morning.

I intend to set up camp on Friday the 11th and have the club banner displayed. Hope to see a turn out for the trip and look forward to stories by the fire in the evening.

Additional information will be discussed at the August and September monthly meetings.

Tight Lines!  
Dale



*Ansel Adams Wilderness mountains from June Lake!!*

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## Other Club News

The following fly plate, “Flies of New Zealand” was designed by Club member Gary Davis for the upcoming Jackson Hole One Fly Tournament auction. Thank You Gary for your time and talent! A very special “thank you” also goes out to Paula Walke of Endless Boundaries for the awesome framing and matting. Only high-quality, acid free mat board and UV filtering glass was used in the making of this beautiful fly plate.

All flies on this fly plate were tied exclusively by New Zealand fly tiers. A New Zealand 2014 Scenic Definitives First Day Cover with four gummed stamps and two self-adhesive stamps affixed occupies the top-left inset. The fly plate also features a 2014 1oz. Silver (99.9%) Proof New Zealand Treasures \$1 Kiwi Coin.





# Teaching Kids To Fish

**A California Nonprofit Public Benefit, Faith Based Organization**

Teaching Kids To Fish is an outreach for kids in this community. Now Teaching Kids To Fish is reaching out to YOU! Teaching Kids To Fish has had its doors open for over 3 years now and has served many kid's in this community. However, the progress on Ridgecrest Blvd. has made access to the Thrift Store and The Bait & Tackle Shop limited and business has been drastically affected.

Since the road work began in front of the building two weeks ago, sales have dropped 85%. The sales are a major source of funding for the program. Not only do sales fund the out of town fishing trips, food, drinks and gear for the children in the program, but sales also fund the utilities and lease of the building.

Teaching Kids To Fish is a public benefit, non-profit, faith-based organization, which helps provided a safe, fun, and educational environment at absolutely NO COST to the kids in this community. The kids were planning to do a car wash in our parking lot to help support the program, but due to the road work it needs to be postponed. We are calling out to this community to help keep us in operation while this road construction is going on. A large portion of our funding comes from sponsorship through our individual sponsorship and business sponsorship programs. There are three levels to sponsor Teaching Kids To Fish (Platinum, Gold, and Silver) that businesses and individuals can sponsor and your Tax deductible donations can be payable in advance for the 2014-2015 fishing season. With the help of your sponsorship and support together we can continue to help kids in this community. For those who are already sponsors, thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

We are inviting everyone to come and get involved with us. Please continue to support our Thrift Store, Tackle Shop, and make donations. As a courtesy, we pick up donations FREE of charge. You don't even have to drive thru the road work to drop off your donations, we will pick them up. Please continue to support this worthy cause. Everybody working together can be an effective way to get the most of the limited resources in this small town.

For more information please call (760) 371-5950 or come by 317 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. across from Alvord Street Market or visit our website at [www.teachingkidstofish.org](http://www.teachingkidstofish.org)

**"Together we can make a difference!"**

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# 2015 Annual Banquet!

## Call for Volunteers

Dave Calvert, Banquet Chairman

The call for 2015 Aguabonita Banquet Committee volunteers and support is starting. As the new Banquet Chairperson, I would like to begin preliminary planning for the banquet and one of the first things to do is find folks willing to help out. So if you are creative, organizationally gifted, or just plain bored then join the Banquet Committee and help us put together a great program for our Club's big, yearly bash and fundraiser in 2015!

Starting with the September general meeting, a sign-up sheet will be available for volunteers. Check future newsletters and the Club web site calendar for additional information on upcoming banquet planning meeting dates.

If you can't make it to a monthly meeting, you can also send me email at [dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com](mailto:dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com)

Thanks!  
Dave

**AGUABONITA  
FLYFISHERS**  
*36<sup>th</sup>*  
*Anniversary*  
1979 - 2015



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## Nominations for 2014 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 “2014” nominations for the 4 awards listed below, to be awarded at the annual banquet in

2015. The Board of Directors encourages “All” Club members to review the awards and make appropriate nominations. The Board will then review and vote on all nominations at the upcoming October Board of Directors meeting. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please submit your nomination(s) to the Board via the Board Secretary, Dave Calvert at (760) 793-8026 or email: [dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# Mammoth Free Kid's Fishing

Snow Creek Resort Ponds, Mammoth Lakes, CA

Photos by Bob Ziesler







## 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](http://southwestcouncilfff.org/faire)

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

**Information:** Michael Schweit, president, SWC IFFF - [msangler@earthlink.net](mailto:msangler@earthlink.net); (818) 757-3474

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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

## Aguabonita Classifieds

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

👍 **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

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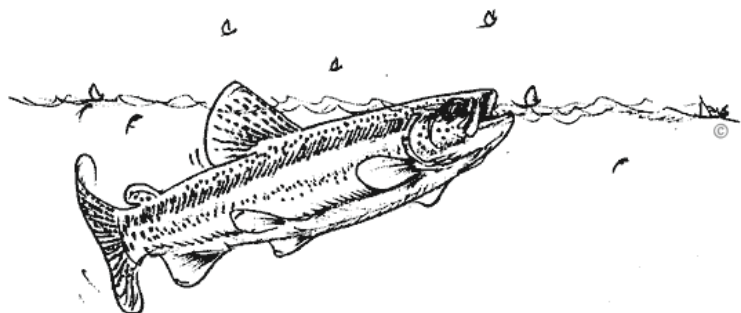
Send ad information to: [sales@sierrafisherman.com](mailto:sales@sierrafisherman.com)

👍 **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/>

### 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.



## 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 or replaced.



## 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](mailto:dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com)



*"I firmly believe that  
any man's finest hour,  
the greatest fulfillment  
of all he holds dear, is  
the moment when he  
has worked his heart  
out in a good cause and  
lies exhausted on the  
field of battle - victorious."  
Vince Lombardi*

## Board of Directors and other Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Craig Porter	(760) 446-3400
<b>Vice-President</b>	Craig Rae	(760) 375-3707
<b>Secretary</b>	Dave Calvert	(760) 793-8026
<b>Treasurer</b>	Steve Garrison	(760) 375-3192
<b>Director (2-Year)</b>	Dave DeKruger	(760) 384-8760
<b>Director (1-Year)</b>	Gary Ahr Sr.	(209) 918-1053
<b>Director SWC FFF</b>	Craig Porter	(760) 446-3400

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<b>Club Equipment</b>	Lew Albright	(760) 375-8725
<b>Club Library</b>	Fred Freiberg	(760) 371-1033
<b>Conservation Chairman</b>	Karl Zellner	(760) 499-6361
<b>Education Chairman</b>	Vacant	
<b>Membership Chairman</b>	Don Winter	(760) 375-7948
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<b>Outings</b>	Dale Harper	(760) 382-4093
<b>Programs</b>	Craig Rae	(760) 375-3707
<b>Publicity</b>	Barbara Linder	(760) 377-5750
<b>Trout in the Classroom</b>	Jay Crawford	(760) 375-8275
<b>Webmaster</b>	John Linder	(760) 377-5750
<b>Weekend Fly Tying</b>	Gary Ahr Sr.	(209) 918-1053
<b>Youth Coordinator</b>	John Linder	(760) 377-5750

Goodies for the  
September Club Meeting

— Karen Davis —

Goodies for the  
October Club Meeting

— Lloyd Smith —

# September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day Holiday	2 ● First Quarter Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	3	4	Flex-Day 5	6
7	8	9 ○ Full Moon	10	11 Day of Remembrance	12 MUST DO Club Outing - June Lake Loop	13
14	15	16 ● Last Quarter	17	18	19 Flex-Day DON'T MISS SWC IFF Fly Fishing Fair	20
21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 ● New Moon	25	26 SMOKN' HOT	27 Weekend Fly-tying "Ties & Lies" 9:00am - Noon
28	29	30 August Board Meeting 7:00pm	1	2	3 Flex-Day	4



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## 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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