

The Sportsmen's Feastival



~ December 1st starting at 6:00pm ~

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Leader's Line

Dale Harper, President

The Holidays are fast approaching with the annual ABFF Feastival set for 1 December.

This will be a potluck. It is also a chance to show off your culinary skills and impress your fellow fly fishers. The feastival will be at our normal meeting place starting at 6:00 PM vice our normal 7:30 start. Election of officers will also be conducted as required.

Our annual fund raiser is approaching and we are soliciting volunteers and donations. Remember this is the main fundraiser for the club. A successful banquet and auction enables us to conduct our conservation and youth outreach programs. Trout in the classroom, San Canyon entomology, trout fair, trout fest are just some the events our members supported this year. Our returns from the banquet have been dropping and this is having an effect on our ability to fund our club.

Lastly, don't forget our service men and woman who are in harm's way to protect the freedoms we so often take for granted.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

R/s, Dale



In Fond Memory of Gerald "Jerry" Fujii

Jerry passed away in September of this year after battling a second bout of cancer. Jerry was a longstanding member of the Aguabonita Flyfishers Club and supported the Club in many different ways, especially at our Annual Banquets.

Our condolences go out to Christy and to Jerry's family and many friends.



2016 Membership Dues

Lloyd Smith, Membership Chairman

Your 2016 membership dues are due in January. I will send out renewal notices the last week in November. Notice will include your membership information (please check it over for correctness) and the amount due based on your prior member status. PLEASE include the return slip with your dues as this is our way of confirming your membership status and your membership information. You will have the opportunity to pay in person at the December and January general meetings or you can return your payment in the envelope that will be provided with the notice.

Friends of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery

Lloyd Smith, FotMWFH Liaison

The Friends will have their Annual Gift Shop Sale on the 5th of December from 10am to 3:30pm. The hatchery will close for the winter on the 12th of December.



THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

Tippets from the Fly Addict - Allen Bell

Have you ever heard the saying "The more things change, the more they stay the same"? I've heard that many times and every time I hear it, I wonder if it is really true. In fact, I'm not sure I believe that at all. I think the more things change, the more they change. I've lived most of my adult life as a cabinetmaker. We, as a group, are notorious for hating any type of change. I'm worse than most. I like how I do things. I like my world and all in it. Please leave it alone. I don't need or want anything coming along and changing anything. The list of changes I hate is long and despised. I even have a special place for those that feel they must change my phone. I just figured out how to use it, leave me, and my phone alone, thank you. It doesn't need to be better.

There are changes in my life that haven't really turned out to be too bad. On a good day, I could even be convinced that some of the changes have been really for the best. Take fly fishing for instance. I started fishing with a fly rod around ten years ago, give or take. That was a big change. I knew how to fish, and I guess I was considered to be adequate at it by my peers.

Fly fishing was a logical next step, a new challenge. There were bumps in the road, but I finally figured it out and started enjoying a little success. That was a change I hope never goes back to the same as before.

I fished the Kern River exclusively for the first few years. With good reason, those were magical years. The winters were long and full of snow. The summers were nice and the cold water was incredibly addictive. I remember fishing places on the Kern that have changed, not how I would like them to, but those easily will change back, maybe sooner than we think.



Just getting this figured out!!

in. Another day that can't be replaced is in the books, but not without irreplaceable memories.

The changes in my life were much better. The people I met and the fishes I caught were the stuff I still dream about. We had a miracle summer of cold clear water and lots of really big fish. Too much fun, I wish those days never had to end. Unfortunately on every great fishing day, sunset comes and it's time to head

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Miracle fish, miracle summer!!

A few years later, I decided I wanted to pay back to the sport I had come to love so much. I wasn't sure what to do, I finally decided to teach a Fly Fishing Mentoring Class. I would take a few unfortunate souls that would volunteer to spend the day fishing with me and try my best to teach them pretty much all I knew about fishing. That took about fifteen minutes. The rest of the time I acted like I knew what I was doing, showing holding water, sneaking up on the little fishes, that kind of thing. Those classes for some reason went over really well. Many of my students caught either their first fish on a fly rod or their personal best on those outings. I was blessed more than my students. I met some really wonderful people, most of which still will talk to me. Truly, I have met life changing people teaching those classes, doing that is something I would never change and hope never changes on it's own. I certainly plan to spend more days Mentoring.

**Adding awesome people
to your world is always
a good change!**



Three great fly fishers, one life changing friend!!

Fly fishing has introduced me to others I never would have met. The Aguabonita's were tying some pink flies for some lady named Ellen Daily. She was helping a group of ladies fighting the good fight against breast cancer. It was called 'Stripping for a Cure'. Catchy huh!! We tied lots of flies, she had asked for a couple dozen, we sent fifteen and that doesn't count the three or four I sent on my own. That certainly changed their group. They probably still are using those flies. Anyway, Ellen sent a donation and joined our club. I sent a nice thank you and we started chatting via Email. Next thing you know, wifey and I are on our way to Colorado to meet and fish with Ellen, whose neighbors were truly upset, after all, people you meet on the internet are usually axe murderers. We definitely were carefully checked out when we arrived at Ellen's. This is a change I can live with. Adding awesome people to your world is always a good change.

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Good Changes!!

Some other things have changed in my fishing. I started taking vacations. A week in a new place, figuring out how to catch fish in a river I've never been is something I have grown to love. It wasn't always that way. At first I just compared the fishing to the places I normally fished. Nothing ruins a good fishing trip as fast as expecting to catch fish. That, my friends, was a hard learned lesson. The trip that made the biggest change in how I looked at my fishing world was the first trip to the Beaverhead. I would live there if I could ever convince my wife that it REALLY IS warmer in SOUTHERN Montana. I'm not holding my breath, especially since she now has a coworker that grew up there. Bummer! Anyway, the Beaverhead opened my eyes to what fishing can be, but the biggest change was in me. I went on that trip with a truly open mind. I was excited to fish a famous river and had expectations only in the things I could control. Eat well, drink some, laugh often. That became a recipe for a great trip that probably is the best, or at least, favorite so far. It could have gone bad easily. Never in my life have I fished through weather like that. The next day was always worse than the day before, until the last glorious day. We caught lots of fishes, ate the best food ever and I will never forget the amazing brown trout hammering those Zonkers.

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Mark enjoying the Chamber of Commerce Montana fall!!

I guess I have seen a great deal of change in my life, new places, people and fishes. Not all change is good, but then, not all change is bad either. I have been extremely blessed in the changes God has caused in my life. Some have been hard, but most have been amazing. I guess maybe I should learn from my experiences and welcome change. After all, most are really good. Ok, I can do that and will, just please, leave my damn phone alone!!

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies, Allen

The Chuck Newmyer Commemorative Fly Plate

Lloyd Smith, Membership Chairman

Club member Gary Davis is making headway on producing the Chuck Newmyer Commemorative Fly Plate. He has settled on a display area of 10" x 17 ¾", displaying 18 of Chuck's flies, a Steve Jensen handmade bobbin, and the following quotation from Steven Raymond, *The Year of The Angler*, 1983:

"A fly tier is an artist. The pelts of exotic birds and animals are his paints and the hook is his palette. He uses a vast and varied assortment of materials . . . and binds them all together with natural silk to create his impression of a living insect. His work is subjected to an eye far more critical than that of any human reviewer – the sharp, wary eye of the trout."

No doubt this will be a collectors item. Don't wait until the last minute to get your chances from two decks of cards to win this fly plate created by our own innovative artist Gary Davis. You can get your winning card from Lloyd Smith at our monthly meetings or you can call Lloyd at (760) 377-3542 or email lloyd.smith@hughes.net to reserve a card or two.

Fly Plate for Carson Fly Fishing Club

Aguabonita Club member, Gary Davis, shares his fly plate design talents with many organizations, especially other fly fishing clubs. Gary recently designed another fly plate for the Carson Fly Fishing Club (CFFC) in Carson, Nevada.

Thanks to former Aguabonita Flyfisher Club member, Stan Zuber, it seems that Gary has been creating fly plates for these fellow fly fishers for over the past six years. Every November at their annual banquet, the fly plate is presented to one of their members as the "Fly Fisher of the Year" award.



Lefty's Non Slip Loop

Submitted by Steve Garrison



Step #1: Make a simple over-hand knot and slip the tag-end through the hook eye. Leave yourself about 2 inches of this tag-end when you first start tying this knot.



Step #2: Pass the tag-end back through the knot the way it came. (If the hook were not there you'd be untying the knot.)



Step #3: Now make 5 (repeat, 5) overhand wraps around the standing part of the line. (The number of wraps is dependent on the size of the tippet. For most bonefish tippet of 10-14 pound test, 5 wraps are essential for full strength).



Step #4: Again, pass the tag-end back through the eye of the knot the way it came out. All entrances and exits should be on the same side of the original knot!



Step #5: Finally, hold the standing part of the line and pull on the tag-end after moistening the knot. After the knot is seated, pull on the standing part and then pull firmly on the tag-end again to finish. Clip the tag but leave about $\frac{1}{8}$ th-inch extending. This knot draws up as it is exposed to pressure (say a running bonefish) and a close-cut tag will pull through!

Card Raffle for a Custom Fly Rod

Craig Rae, Club Director

Fly Fishers -members or not - Brad Weich (master rod maker) will make the rod you have always wanted - super light weight up to a power saltwater heavy weight! Just be the holder of the winning card drawn. The materials costs are limited to \$350 for your winning card (custom handle and _____ rod blank) but if you want an even fancier rod or a more deluxe (expensive) rod blank or specially engraved you may pay the extra material costs to get those features in your rod.

This is to be a two deck card drawing raffle - all 104 cards must be sold @ \$5.00 each before the drawing is held. We are hoping to complete card sales before the banquet and hold the drawing then. Cards will be available at the regular meetings before the banquet, by mail, or at the banquet if not sold out before it.

Send your order to director, Craig Rae; 616 W. Coral; Ridgecrest; Ca. 93555 with

- 1) A self addressed stamped return envelope
- 2) A check for the number of cards desired
[Make your check payable to the:
Aguabonita Flyfishers Club]
- 3) If you are superstitious you may request a specific suit, number/s, and deck(Dragon Back or Club Tattoo)



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On The Hook

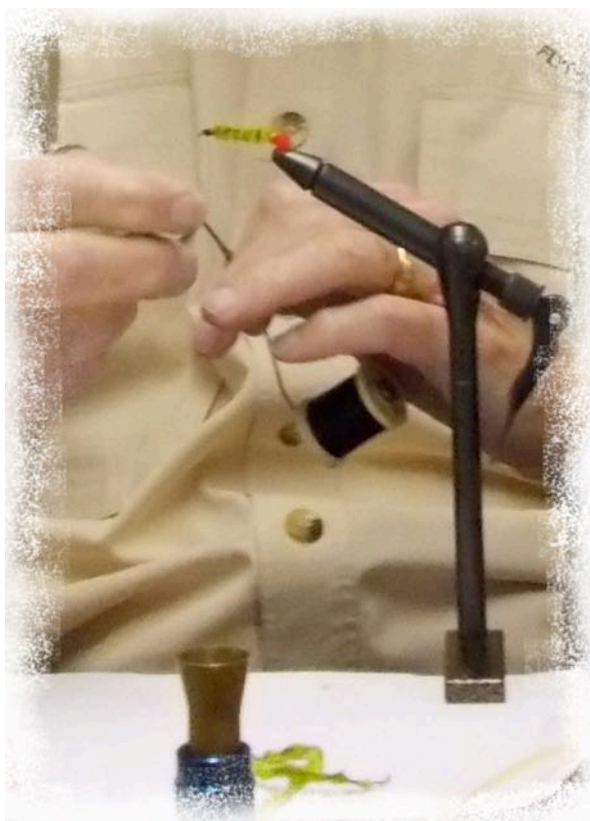
Gary Ahr Sr., Weekend Fly Tying

The next weekend fly tying session, called "Ties & Lies," is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th from 9:00am to noon. Come in out of the cold and join us at "Chuck's Place," 145B Panamint Street.

As always, these fly tying sessions are open to everyone. If you need help in solving a particular fly tying problem or have a question, others are there to help out. You don't even have to tie flies, just come on in and watch, kibitz or listen to fish stories; maybe tell a few of your own stories.

This is also a great opportunity for members to gain access to the Club's extensive book and video library. There is a small fee to checkout books or videos from the library though.

If you need additional information or directions, please contact me, Gary Ahr Sr. at my email address: gary_ahr@yahoo.com.



Up Around The Bend

Fred Freiberg, Programs

We're already gearing up for 2016 with several speakers scheduled to give presentations at our monthly general meetings.

January 5th	Pat Jaeger "Drift Boating the Lower Owens"
February 2nd	Jim Eerdman Fisheries Biologist, California Dept of Fish & Wildlife
March 1st	Jana Leiran Fish & Wildlife Interpreter, California Dept of Fish & Wildlife
April 5th	Michael Schweit President, SWC-IFFF
May 3rd	TBA
June 7th	TBA
July	No General Meeting
August 2nd	Annual Club Picnic
September 6th	TBA
October 4th	TBA
November 1st	TBA
December 6th	Annual Sportsmen's Festival

If you have suggestions for future speakers or you would like to give a presentation yourself, please drop me a line and we'll discuss it.

You can contact me at (760) 793-6964 or my email; fredfreiberg@hotmail.com

Refreshments for our monthly General Meetings

We're taking sign-ups for upcoming, monthly meeting, "Goodie 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 girlfriends, or the significant other's favorite dessert to share. Heck, even some of you guys could probably whip something up that's probably edible. Worse case scenario, head to the closest bakery.

A sign-up sheet will be available on the back table at general meetings where you can choose which month to bring the goodies.

January	Karen Davis
February	Neal Barry
March	TBA!
April	TBA!
May	TBA!
June	TBA!
July	No General Meeting
August	Annual Picnic
September	TBA!
October	TBA!
November	TBA!
December	Sportsmen's Festival

Club Equipment Inventory

FLY RODS:

1. Cabela's	9'0"	6wt.	4-piece
2. Cortland	8'0"	5/6wt.	2-piece
3. Fenwick	7'6"	5wt.	2-piece
4. Fenwick	7'6"	6wt.	2-piece
5. Fisher	8'6"	3/4wt.	2-piece
6. Fisher	9'0"	6wt.	2-piece
7. Fisher	8'6"	5/6wt.	2-piece
8. Fisher	8'0"	6/7wt.	2-piece
9. Fisher	9'6"	7/8wt.	2-piece
10. Fisher	9'0"	10wt.	2-piece
11. G. Loomis	7'9"	2wt.	4-piece
12. G. Loomis	8'0"	3wt.	4-piece
13. Powell	9'0"	5/6wt.	4-piece
14. Sage	9'0"	4wt.	4-piece
15. Sage	9'0"	5wt.	4-piece
16. Sage	9'0"	6wt.	4-piece
17. Sage VT2	9'0"	5wt.	4-piece
18. St. Croix	9'0"	3wt.	2-piece
19. St. Croix	9'0"	6/7wt.	4-piece
20. St. Croix	9'0"	8/9wt.	2-piece
21. St. Croix	9'0"	9/10wt.	2-piece
22. St. Croix	9'6"	7/8wt.	4-piece
23. Winston	8'6"	6wt.	2-piece
24. Winston Accent	9'0"	4wt.	4-piece

FLY REELS & LINES

1. Berkley	DT2F
2. Cortland	DT3F
3. Cortland	DT4F
4. Cortland	DT5F
5. Cortland	DT6F
6. Cortland	WF7F
7. Cortland	WF9F
8. STH	WF10F/S
10. Okuma	WF8F

WADERS:

1. 2 Pairs	Size-10
2. 1 Pair	Size-14

To check-out equipment please 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.

Monthly Club Meetings

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, some brief club business, 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 Director Meetings

The Board of Directors meet at 7:00pm on the last Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at "Chuck's Place" located at 145B Panamint St., Ridgecrest, CA.. These meetings are open to everyone 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

Club Donations Needed

The Club is looking for donations for our monthly, general meeting raffles. If you have items in good condition that are just taking up space then please consider donating them to the Club. These items "do not" have to be fly fishing related. You can bring items to Board meetings, monthly meetings or contact someone on the Board.

These donations go a long way to help the Club raise needed funds to help support our many projects and outreach throughout the year.

Board of Directors and other Club Officers

President Dale Harper	(760) 382-4903
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Weekend Fly Tying Gary Ahr Sr.	(209) 918-1053
Youth Coordinator John Linder	(760) 377-5750

Goodies for the
December Meeting
— The Sportsmen's Festival —

Goodies for the
January Meeting
— Karen Davis —

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 "Sportsmen's Festival" 6:00pm - 8:00pm	● Last Quarter 2 Katmai NP Created 1980	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	● New Moon 11	12 Weekend Fly Tying "Ties & Lies" 9am - Noon
13	14	15	16	17	● First Quarter 18	19
20	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22	23	24	○ Full Moon 25 CHRISTMAS	26 Shenandoah NP Created 1935
27	28	29 December Board Meeting 7:00pm	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE	1	2

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Club Affiliations

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

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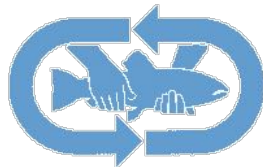
To improve and increase the sport of fly fishing

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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