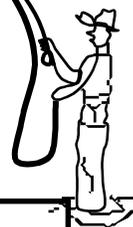


# The Flyline

May 2009

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## General Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 pm Methodist Church

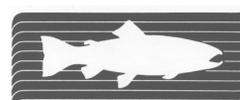
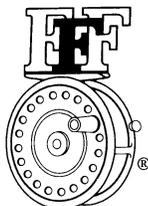
### Pacific Crest Trail Horsepacking and Flyfishing Jim Hoover and Hardy Tyson

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) through the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains provides access to a lifetime of nearby Ridgecrest flyfishing opportunities. One of the best ways to enjoy this beautiful and rugged environment and the great fishing it offers is with the help of a dedicated, capable wrangler – Lori Tyson (left) and her pack horses (left-right: Romeo, Rainmaker and Tari).



During July 2006 and July 2007 pack trips, Hardy Tyson (right) and Jim Hoover (center) were able to focus on hiking, flyfishing, camping, and picture taking while Lori cared for her team. Together we explored the PCT from Horseshoe Meadows south to Kennedy Meadows in 2006 and from Horseshoe Meadows north to Tyndall Creek in 2007.

These trips allowed us to enjoy fishing many backcountry lakes and creeks and remote sections of the South Fork of the Kern River. Meadows of wildflowers and wildlife added to our enjoyment of the high Sierra camping, while every day was much like a day-hike thanks to Lori and her team carrying most of our gear. It's hard to imagine a more enjoyable way to explore the Sierra Nevada Mountains and we hope you enjoy hearing more about it.



# Aguabonita Flyline - May 2009

**From the Secretary (our Prez is in Ireland -- tough duty):**

## 2009 Banquet Review Meeting - Highlights

8 April 2009

The Club's 30th anniversary banquet was held on Saturday, 28 February 2009. The banquet was well attended, approximately 112, and the net profit from the auction and raffle was approximately \$7000.

The "Save the Date" and "Invitations to Purchase Tickets" mailers worked well and will be used again next year. Approximately forty tickets were purchased by mail.

Dave has reserved the Carriage Inn for the last weekend in February 2010. However, the committee would like to consider at least one other venue for next year.

Robert D. Smith (Secretary)

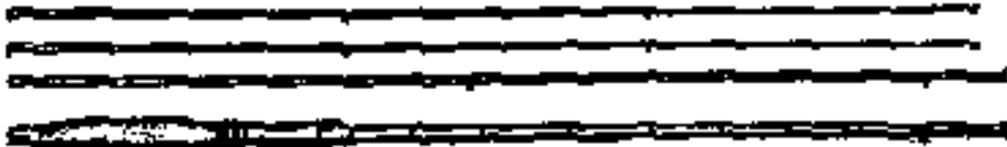
## March Board Meeting - Highlights

In an effort to attract new members it was suggested that we "advertise" at Big 5 Sporting Goods store and Wal-Mart in their sporting goods department. Jim has the action to check with the managers of these two stores to see if they would allow us to have "tri-folds" and perhaps a few copies of the Flyline available for interested shoppers.

Our Club received a thank-you note from the Friends of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery thanking us for our \$200 donation. The donation was in lieu of an honorarium for Bruce Ivy, Head of the Friends of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery, who spoke at our General meeting.

Our Club History DVD is available for sale. The Board has the action to determine the selling price. A suggested price is \$8 per copy.

Robert D. Smith (Secretary)



## From the Editor:

Have you gotten out to fish, now that the eastern Sierra general season is open? Me neither. Today (Apr. 27th) we drove by the West Walker and Lake Crowley, coming back from Lake Tahoe. The West Walker looked good, but also high - don't know how it would have fished. Crowley had a number of boats on it, so I hope people were catching fish. We'll get out some time soon — I hope.

Clyde Hazen sent an article about "Brownline Fishing", which is fishing in runoff from urban areas, industrial zones, and wastewater facilities (hence "brownline"). Apparently in many areas, these are becoming sport fisheries — don't eat the fish, but many are out there. See Clyde for a copy of the article. And maybe, for info on his favorite brownline fishing spots.

Mike

**Flyline Online:** Remember, if you want to receive the Online Edition of the Flyline, let me know, either at 375-5876 or at [j.mumford@mchsi.com](mailto:j.mumford@mchsi.com)



# Aguabonita Flyline - May 2009

## Conservation

### Hot Creek Kiosk

We have scheduled a work party at the Hot Creek Kiosk for June 12 to 14. We will be doing some painting, structure repair, and weeding. If you can make any of these days please let Chuck know; hisifly@iwvisp.com or 375-1126.

### Mt. Whitney Hatchery

The Friends of the Mt. Whitney Hatchery are having their “grand opening” on Saturday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m.

### Aguabonita Flyfishers Propose Raffle In Support of Friends of the Hatchery

The Aguabonita Flyfishers have made the following proposal to the SouthWest FFF and it's clubs:

Goal: Raise funds to assist with recovery of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery.

Background:

In March 2009, Bruce Ivey, head of the Friends of the Mount Whitney Hatchery organization, described the California Wild Trout program, the key role of the Mt. Whitney hatchery and the damage sustained by the hatchery after the Independence fire and subsequent heavy rains.

A 1990 California Wild Trout Print (Al Agnew signed limited edition print, #79 of 450) was donated to the Aguabonita Flyfishers and professionally framed by Gary Davis along with its companion stamp and an artist-signed stamp. The Aguabonita Flyfishers propose to raffle this unique artwork among the FFF SWC clubs as a fund raiser for The Friends of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery.

100% of money collected from the raffle will be presented to The Friends of the Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery.

Raffle Ticket Contact:

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## Aguabonita Flyline - May 2009

From Related Fishing Organizations:

### Southwest Council

### Federation of Fly Fishers

## THIRD ANNUAL RUSH CREEK CLEAN-UP

Sponsored by: SILVER LAKE RESORT

June 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00AM Till Noon

Meet at the Silver Lake boat ramp for signup at 7:00  
Bring gloves, hat, and (Waders if you have them)  
Trash bags will be provided

Bar-B-Que lunch provided by Silver Lake Resort after clean-up

The Council will be installing monofilament recycling tubes at key areas

Hope to see you there



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## Trout-in-the-Classroom (TIC)

### TIC - Active, but Volunteers Needed

We braved ice and snow to travel to the Hot Creek Hatchery on 15 April. We picked up the eggs and returned to Faller School.

Clyde Hazen, Craig Porter, Don Bowling and Karl Zellner met Chuck and I at Faller. We split up and made the egg delivery to all the schools. Steve Garrison joined us at Pierce.

At Inyokern one of the schools already had a fish in the tank!! After a little struggle we scooped him out. We'll have to see if it impacts that batch.

By Chuck's scientific calculations the eggs should hatch on or about 23 April.

The Ridgecrest and Inyokern schools have scheduled their release field trips. We'll be heading out on 13, 18, 19, and 20 May (two classes each day). Tehachapi is still in the process of setting up their trip.

We'd appreciate any help from anyone who can make any of the releases. The volunteer turn out has been much better than previous years. Thanks to all!!

jay

*Here's a neat TIC poster,  
received via the SouthWest Council.*

From the March Board meeting:

Nine classrooms have been set up. A tenth will be set up at Tehachapi on Wednesday 1 April. However, there is a problem at Gateway. The school is turning off most of the power to the classrooms on the weekends. This would leave the tanks without aeration and chilling. The tank scheduled to be at Gateway is in our Club's classroom, and is being tested to determine the temperature rise that will occur if the chiller is not run for two days.



### Life Stages of the Rainbow Trout

**The embryonic (egg) stage**  
Within 10 to 14 days of fertilization of the egg, the embryo has developed sufficiently for the eyes to be seen. This is the "eyed egg". Eggs that have turned white are not fertile and will not hatch.



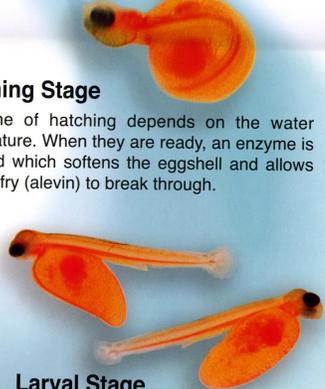
Actual size of egg  
Actual size of alevin

**Hatching Stage**  
The time of hatching depends on the water temperature. When they are ready, an enzyme is secreted which softens the eggshell and allows the sac-fry (alevin) to break through.



Enlarged photo of a immature alevin inside the egg

**Larval Stage**  
When hatched the alevin retains its yolk sac and remains hidden in the gravel as protection from predators.



**Juvenile Stage**  
In 10 to 20 days the alevin has absorbed the yolk sac and emerged from the gravel as fry. They now begin to feed on plankton and free floating organic matter. The fry gradually acquire the characteristic body markings of Rainbow Trout

Poster courtesy of Mission Peak Fly Fishers - 2007

# Aguabonita Flyline - May 2009

## Saturday Fly Tying Session

We will have Saturday Fly Tying Sessions on May 9th and May 30th, from 9-12 at the club's classroom, 145B Panamint. The pattern for both sessions is your choice. Check your flyboxes for the patterns that you need or are missing and come tie them.

These sessions are open and all are welcomed.

If you would like to be on the "reminder" list, send your e-mail address to Oscar at [felsen@verizon.net](mailto:felsen@verizon.net).

## From the Sat Session April 4th

Fly tying Terrestrials. The beetles are Oscar's on the vertical pin and the Beetle with pink is Bob Ziesler's. Also the hopper and the Muddler fly.



# Aguabonita Flyline - May 2009

## Announcements

### SWC FFF Announcements

#### Mount Whitney Restoration Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are still available for the Framed 1990 California Wild Trout Stamp and Artwork. Tickets are \$5 each and available through all SWC/FFF Clubs. 100% of proceeds will go to The Friends of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery toward restoration. Please get your tickets from Fred Freiberg, Jim Hoover or at the 5 May General Meeting and stay tuned for the date of the drawing.

#### SWC FFF Quarterly Meeting

The 2nd Quarter meeting of the SWC/FFF will be held at Marie Callender's Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano, Saturday, 13 June 2009, 1:45-5:15 p.m. If you would like to car-pool to the event, please contact Fred Freiberg, Jim Hoover or sign-up at the 5 May or 2 June General Meetings.

#### SWC FFF Website

New SWC/FFF Website is coming. A revised SWC/FFF website is being developed by SWC/FFF Secretary Melinda Burns. It will include a calendar of SWC/FFF Club events including those for the Aguabonita Flyfishers.

### Winston Rods' 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

May 16 at Fishermen's Spot

Winston Rods, founded in 1929, will celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary May 16 at the Fishermen's Spot, Van Nuys, with new fly-fishing gear, a viewing of classic and new bamboo rods, an opportunity to win a 5-weight graphite rod, free logo hats, watches and an anniversary cake.

The Fishermen's Spot is at 14411 Burbank Blvd., one block east of Van Nuys Blvd.; two miles east of the San Diego Freeway.

At the May 16 anniversary event, Winston will provide a logo hat to anyone who casts a RLW rod; everyone who casts a rod will receive a free raffle ticket to win a BIIX 9-foot 5-weight; everyone who purchases a rod will receive a free logo watch; and Rajeff Sports will give an Airflo Ridge flyline with every rod purchase.

For information phone (818) 785-7306.

### LOST

Karen Davis is looking for the plate and stainless pie server she used for the banquet dessert donation. The plate has "Easter 1982" on it. Please return both to her at the May meeting.

Thanx, Gary

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### Alaska 2010

A number of Alaska lodges are offering 3 for 1 packages for this year and next. We have contacted Lake Marie Lodge and they have penciled us in for next year. We have 6 spaces for the week of July 31 to August 7. You can learn about the lodge by going to [www.lakemarie.com](http://www.lakemarie.com). Their regular rate is \$5,800 per person. Our rate would be \$1,933 per person. We have until the middle of May to make a firm commitment, which will require a \$200 deposit per person. Let Chuck know if you are interested; [hisifly@iwvisp.com](mailto:hisifly@iwvisp.com) or 375-1126.

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### Flies Needed

This is a request for flies that will be used to fill the Aguabonita's donated fly boxes. At different times we have donated to other organizations. These fly boxes will be used in auctions and raffles to raise funds for others. Our supply of flies is at a minimum and needs to be replenished. When tying for yourself, remember Aguabonita and tie a few for our future donated fly boxes.

Contact Oscar Felsen when you have flies available or bring them to a meeting or fly tying session.

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### Trout Festival at KV Fish Hatchery

The Kern Valley Trout Festival at the Fish Hatchery is scheduled for 9 May 2009 - refreshments, casting lessons, fish feeding, booths, etc. (from Gary Davis)

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**Classes** - No classes are scheduled.

## Aims and Purpose of Aguabonita Flyfishers

- To improve and increase the sport of fly fishing.
- To promote and work for the betterment of fishing waters.
- To provide assistance to club members to help them become more effective fly fishermen and to promote the fellowship of the membership.
- To encourage and assist others to become fly fishermen and true sportsmen.
- To encourage and advocate conservation of fisheries, waters, and watershed.

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Outings Chairman	Open

## COMING EVENTS:

May 5	7:30 pm	General Meeting, Methodist Church
May 8		CalTrout Gala, San Francisco
May 9	9:00 am	Saturday Session
May 9		Kern Valley Trout Festival
May 13		TIC Release
May 16		Winston Rod 80th Anniversary
May 18-20		TIC Release
May 30		Friends of the Hatchery Grand Opening
May 30	9:00 am	Saturday Session
Jun 12-14		Hot Creek Kiosk
Jun 13		SWC FFF Quarterly Meeting
June 20	7:00 am	Rush Creek Cleanup

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

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

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