

... featured presentation
for the April meeting



Presented by Lee Baermann

Lee's love of fishing began at an early age when his maternal grandfather showed him how to catch Musky in the lakes of Northern Wisconsin. After his family moved from Milwaukee to Oxnard, California in the early 60's, that love continued, not only at the local lakes in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, but on the beach, where he grew up.

As a child, Lee began fishing from the docks with a \$.50 drop line, graduating to spinning gear, then to a long surf rod, and finally to a fly rod.

Lee fishes the So. California surf at least 300 days per year. Whether guiding for his



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business; 'FLY FISH THE SURF' or just for fun, Lee has caught barred surf perch, corbina, halibut, leopard shark, striped bass and all other surf species. When Lee is not fishing in salt water, you can find him in the local canals guiding for carp.

Lee also spends at least 4 weeks per year in Baja, California fly-fishing in the waters of the Sea of Cortez where his "Bull Candy" fly has been lauded by Pam Bolles of THE BAJA BIG FISH COMPANY. To quote Pam, "I have NEVER seen a fly absolutely dominate sales and effectiveness. It was hard keeping one for myself as guys were fighting over them."

On most Fridays, Lee can be found at Eric's Tackle in Ventura, California tying flies and spreading the word on the ease of fly-fishing from the beach. Most conventional fisherman express surprise at the fact that there is a sport like fly-fishing in the surf. Lee is also on the pro staff with Rajeff Sports and Waterworks-Lamson Fly Reels.

Lee is a full-time surf fly-fishing guide, living in Oxnard, California with his wife, Karen and their Akita dog, Nana.



The "Bull Candy" Fly

The Leader's Line

Hardy Tyson, President

The Federation of Fly Fishers Board of Directors voted to grandfather the Affiliate Club category and only allow clubs into the Federation via a Charter Club application. Since that time, some Affiliate Clubs have expressed interest in converting to a Charter Club, but the dues for each member can be cost prohibitive. On February 20, 2012 the Executive Committee of the Federation of Fly Fishers voted to extend a discount program described below to any club, new or affiliate that joins the Federation of Fly Fishers as a Charter Club.

Affiliate Clubs may convert to a Charter Club with a sliding scale as follows:

1st Year	\$20.00
2nd Year	\$30.00
3rd Year	\$35.00 or the normal rate

Benefits of a Charter Club: 501©(3) status, legal support, conservation grants, education, Flyfisher Magazine, FFF, Councils, FFF Web Site, Clubwire Monthly Newsletter, savings on FFF merchandise, and club eligible for awards.

The benefits we currently have as an Affiliate Club: Flyfisher Magazine, Clubwire Monthly Newsletter, able to apply for annual FFF conservation grants, recognition on the FFF website, club eligible for awards, support from regional FFF council, and access to FFF tying material/loaner equipment

I have always been proud of our club because we offer such a quality organization at an affordable cost.

Entering this program, and staying on track to become a Charter Club, would require our dues to more than double over three years. But the benefits are substantial. I would appreciate feedback on this issue especially from non-FFF members.

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Other Club News!!!

Hot Creek Kiosk Update

We have scheduled a work party at the Hot Creek Kiosk for the extended weekend of April 13th-15th, depending on the weather. We will be putting up the new artwork panels, painting the kiosk, repairing the fence, and weeding the area. Lodging will be provided. More information and a sign up sheet will be available at the April meeting.

Kids Fishing Days

There are three Kids' Fishing Days scheduled for this year.

■ The first one is Saturday, April 28th at Kernville. (See flyer on pg. 10 of this newsletter)

■ The second one is Saturday, May 19th at the Mt. Whitney Hatchery. More on this at a later date.

■ The third one is in September in Mammoth. More on this at a later date.

Our club has been asked to participate by helping the kids with fly-fishing and fly-tying. We have participated in the past and it has been a lot of fun. There will be more information at meetings along with sign-up sheets.

You can also contact either John Linder @ drjlinder@outdrs.net or Chuck Newmyer @ hisifly@iwvisp.com for additional information or to sign-up.



Other Club News (Con't)

Equipment Clean-up

It's time to get your fishing gear ready for those summer fishing outings. Come by the clubhouse at the next fly-tying Saturday session. We will check out your reels, fly lines, leaders, and tippets. It's best to replace your leaders and tippets once a year.

Recycle Old Monofilament

It's time to start thinking about recycling monofilament. The Berkley Company has a program for recycling monofilament and we are collecting it to send to them. If you still have those old spinning outfits the monofilament is probably shot. Also, when you are out fishing, take a few minutes to look around (especially in those parking areas) for pieces of monofilament and bring it to one of the club meetings.



Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We are looking at having a Fly Fishing Class on April 21st-22nd. This class is geared to the beginning fly fisher but can also be a good refresher course. We cover equipment, casting, knots, flies, reading the water, presenting the fly and more.

Available dates are May 5th-6th, the 19th-20th, and an evening class starting May 8th, running 2-3 nights a week for a total of 6 sessions. We can have fly-fishing or fly-tying classes depending on the level of interest. Final dates will be selected based on interest.

In June we will schedule a rod-building class.

Sign-up sheets and details on the classes will be available at the monthly meetings or you can contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or hisifly@iwvisp.com.

Up Around The Bend

Allen Bell, Programs

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

May 2012

Phil Pister
Golden Trout Restoration

March 2013

Gary Borger

As new speaker engagements are finalized, we'll add them to our schedule. Our club, in conjunction with several other clubs within the Southwest Council FFF, are working together to bring new speakers in on a "rotating schedule". This will help clubs share in the overall cost, especially if these speakers travel long distances.

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, Allen Bell, at (760) 371-1133 or email me at Fly_Addict@hotmail.com

Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Vice-President

I Inside the Mind of an Addict

This month, we'll take a trip deep inside the mind of the 'Addict,' maybe too deep for some, but still, it should be an interesting trip.

Journal entry, 3-5-12 8:45am

Man am I tired. I took a fall on the Kern and my back is all jacked up. I twisted the heck out of my ankle this morning on my run, my hands are in bad shape. I'm a mess. I also have packages to get shipped off and my fly boxes are really low on flies that I need. I think I will just stay home and take care of myself and get some of this stuff done. Yep, that's the plan, stay home and relax and get back together.

Journal entry, 3-7-12 12:45pm

Just returned from the back cracker, feeling better!! Someone came in the shop and mentioned that there should be really nice weather this weekend. Maybe I should check Weather Underground. No, weather doesn't matter to me, I'm staying home to take care of myself and my 'to-do' list.

Journal entry, 3-8-12 1:45am

Awake in the middle of the night thinking of caddis. This is the time of year that the caddis should be going off on the Low O. I wonder????? Maybe I should think of taking a trip, just for a day to see what's going on. Maybe I should check the weather. You know who lives in the Low O!



Journal entry, 3-9-12 6:45am

Checked Weather Underground, 73 degrees, cloudy day. Hmmm... I'm thinking about dry-fly action on the Low O. Maybe just for a day. But, you know, I saw squalas last weekend on the Kern. Nice warm weather may just get them going. If there is anything I like better than caddis, it's stoneflies, especially big adult stoneflies. But, I'm not going fishing, I'm staying home.

Journal entry, 3-9-12 11:45am

You know, I'm feeling a lot better than I was earlier in the week. Maybe just a quick trip to the Kern. I'll go home and pack the felt boots and head to the Kern just for a few hours then come home and get my stuff done. That's the plan. Yep, we know who lives in the Kern!

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Journal entry, 3-9-12 7:00pm

Packed and ready to go to the Kern, then I'm starting to think about caddis again. OK, take out the felts and pack the Cleanstreams. I'll head up to the Low O just for the day... You know, gas is expensive and that's a long drive, maybe I'll pack a change of clothes just in case I decide to stay.

Journal entry 3-10-12 10:45am

Here I am standing in the Low O, just released a nearly 16" brown. Caddis are starting to roll off. The fish are on a caddis pupa pattern I tied in a big way and starting to hammer the adult caddis. Glad I came, this is great!



Journal entry, 3-10-12 5:30pm

Heading in, called wifey. I thought of staying, but fishing wasn't that great after the caddis stopped. I don't think I want to spend the money to stay overnight just for 3 hrs of good fishing. I think I'll just drive home. Leaving PVC now.

Journal entry, 3-10-12 5:50pm

Just got the last room at The Elms, off to find some food and get settled in for the night. I wish I'd brought my

travel tying kit, I really need some caddis adults.

Journal entry, 3-12-12 7:00am

First on the water, stopped at one of my favorite hatch pools. Blue wings and midges right off the bat. Better yet, there are fish rising to eat them. Happy day!!!!

Journal entry, 3-11-12 1:30pm

Caddis everywhere!!!! I've fished many pools and found rising fish in all of them. Midges and caddis... WOOO HOOOO!!! I'm really glad I decided to stay, best dry-fly fishing I've had in a few years. Getting late, got to be home before 6:00pm to BBQ for the kids. I have to make sure I don't fish late. Really good fishing though!!!!

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Annual Banquet 2012

Images Courtesy of Bob Smith

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Journal entry, 3-11-12 2:50pm

Fished too late, running for the truck. If I value my freedom to fish, I have to be home by 5:45 at the latest. OH, look at that pool, fish rising in a big way. Got to stop and catch a couple more. Panic time, catch 3 or 4, running for the truck again. Got to get my gear off and on the road.

Journal entry, 3-11-12 3:18pm

Called wifey, I'm on Hwy 395, should be home in 2 1/2 hrs.

Journal entry, 3-12-12 8:45am

Man, my back is all jacked up from casting all weekend. I hurt my hamstring running to the truck. That was worth it though, I made it home just in time. No one seemed to mind me at Sunday dinner in my fishing clothes. Still, I am worn out and I didn't get anything on my list done. I just need some rest and a little down time and next weekend will be the time to really recharge and be ready for the coming fishing season. (Fishing season??? Every day is fishing season to the 'Addict'). Yep, no fishing for me this weekend, I'm definitely staying home...for sure, believe it. Not going fishing next weekend, that's final!!!! Unless...

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies, Allen



Tale of the Fly

Hardy Tyson, President

In March, I again had the enjoyment of fishing a stream in North Carolina near the Great Smokey Mountains. It was a delayed harvest water (which means that the state stocks the waters with fish but you can only catch and release for a period of time before you can keep fish). They were typical hatchery fish showing some fin damage as a result of the dense population while in the hatchery. Never-the-less they are trout and they are fun to catch even if they don't think like a wild trout. I fished the same section of river for two days. The first day, I used techniques like I use here in California and had a good day. After I was finished fishing for the day, I stopped by the local fly-fishing shop to tell lies and learn what I could about the local waters. I learned that the West Fork of the Pigeon River was fishing hot (which is where I had gone) and that they were readily taking the egg pattern shown below.

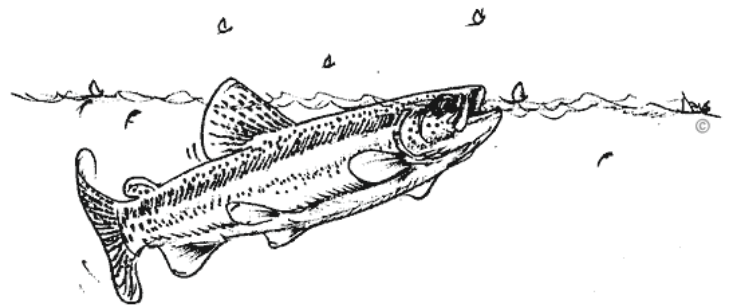
I bought a few egg patterns and the next morning I headed out to the West Fork of the Pigeon River again to try my luck. The info from the fly shop was accurate. I caught as many fish in the first 45 minutes as I caught the whole previous day. As the day wore on, the fish quit taking the egg pattern but I noticed surface action starting to occur. I tied on an orange elk hair caddis and started casting to every fish I saw rising. With a few casts to active fish, I was able to land every one I saw and a few I didn't. In an unfamiliar fishing location, it pays off, in the number of fish caught, to hire a guide or get the low down from a guide if they are willing to share the info with you.



Nice Brook Trout caught on the egg pattern.



Egg Pattern; the hook is about a size 12 and the orange bead is a tungsten bead, which makes this fly sink well and bounce along the bottom of the stream.

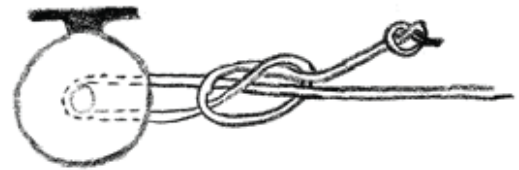


Tip of the Month

Hardy Tyson

This month is the Arbor Knot. It connects the backing to the reel securely. It consists of essentially two overhand knots in such a way that one prevents the other from slipping.

Over the next few months I am going to present what I consider the essential knots for fly-fishing. I know many members know more knots than I do and might disagree with what I present as essential. However, these presentations are aimed more at the beginner and constitute what I have found through trial and error to be the best knots for the application. We will start at the reel and work our way to the fly.



My drawing above illustrates the Arbor Knot.

Club Outings for 2012

DATE	PLACE	LEVEL OF EFFORT	WHAT TO EXPECT
MAY 12TH	TROY MEADOWS	MINIMAL WALKING	GOLDEN TROUT
JUNE 9TH	MAIN FORK OF THE KERN RIVER ABOVE THE JOHNSONDALE BRIDGE	A LITTLE WALKING	RAINBOW TROUT
JULY 14TH	COTTONWOOD LAKES	SERIOUS HIKING	GOLDEN TROUT
AUGUST 11TH	ONION VALLEY LAKES	STRENUOUS HIKING	BROOK AND RAINBOW TROUT
SEPTEMBER 14TH - 16TH WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP TO JUNE LAKE LOOP [NOTE: THIS IS THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, A FLEX WEEKEND]			
SEPTEMBER 14TH	RUSH CREEK BELOW THE DAM	A LITTLE WALKING	BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT
SEPTEMBER 15TH	FERN LAKE	SHORT BUT STRENUOUS HIKING	BROOK TROUT
SEPTEMBER 16TH	PARKER LAKE	MODERATE HIKING	BROOK AND RAINBOW TROUT
OCTOBER 13TH	SOUTH FORK OF THE KERN RIVER	A LITTLE WALKING	BROOK, GOLDEN, & RAINBOW TROUT
NOVEMBER 10TH	OWENS RIVER	MINIMAL WALKING	BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT



APRIL 28th

TROUT FEST

Saturday 10am - 3pm

Touch a fish, taste a fish, feed a fish!

Kids bring your parents to the Kern River Hatchery for a free, fun-filled day of fishing activities and fascinating facts about California native trout.



Learn fishing basics, make a fish print, visit the Friends of the Hatchery Museum and try your hand at catching a trout.

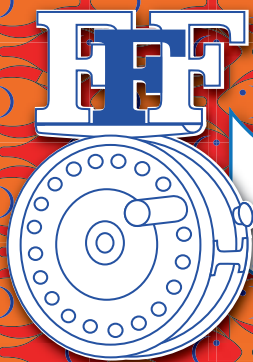


Kern River Hatchery

14415 Sierra Way ~ Kernville, CA 93238
One mile north of the James Store across from Camp Owen.



FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS



2012

FLY FISHING FAIRE

MAMMOTH

September 13-16

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FFF
In Association with The Sierra Experience

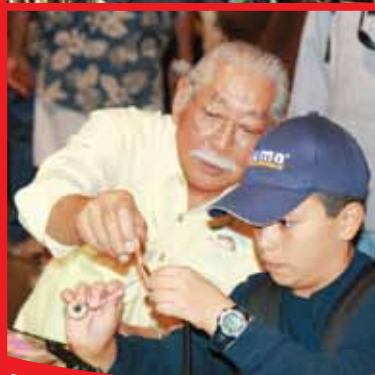
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Eastern Sierra - Bishop to Bridgeport



Learn to Fly Fish, Tie Flies, Cast & Much More!



Information, pre-registration and classes
swc-fff.org/faire



On the Hook

Oscar Felsen, Weekend Fly-Tying

The next fly-tying session will be Saturday, April 14th from 9:30am to noon at the Aquabonita's classroom, 145B Panament Street. We will continue to tie "Pink Flies" for "STRIPPING FOR THE CURE".

The club has accumulated pink materials for this purpose and they are available to all tiers: those who desire to support this effort and home tyers. We will collect all flies at the June 5th meeting.

As always, these fly-tying sessions are open to all. 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.

This is also an opportunity for you to have access to the clubs' library.

For further questions, contact: Oscar Felsen at (760) 446-7103 or email felsenjo@verizon.net

Stripping for the Cure

Ellen Dailey

Venues set, guides reserved, prizes/hats/tote bags being ordered and deposits received from 60 ladies for the Fourth Annual Stripping for the Cure event this September on the South Fork of the Snake River in Swan Valley, Idaho.

Stripping for the Cure raises funds and awareness for breast cancer while having fun! Proceeds from our auction go directly to Komen Foundation - Wyoming. Ladies fish one day with points being given for number/size of fish, moose/eagle sightings, hooking your guide(!) - as you can see - a FUN event! We have no problem finding guides for Stripping for the Cure; they actually call us to participate - the word is out!!

Our friends with Ties and Lies are furnishing "Pink Flies" for each ladie's flybox - bonus points when fish are caught on pink flies!! And, YES,pink flies really do work!! Heidi Andrews caught at least one fish using each of her six pink flies two years ago including the bead-headed "Pink Ribbon" fly tied by Scott Sanchez!

The support from the Aguabonita Flyfishers has once again been overwhelming. Stripping for the Cure salutes your support with special thanks to Oscar and the fly-tying wizards of Ties and Lies!

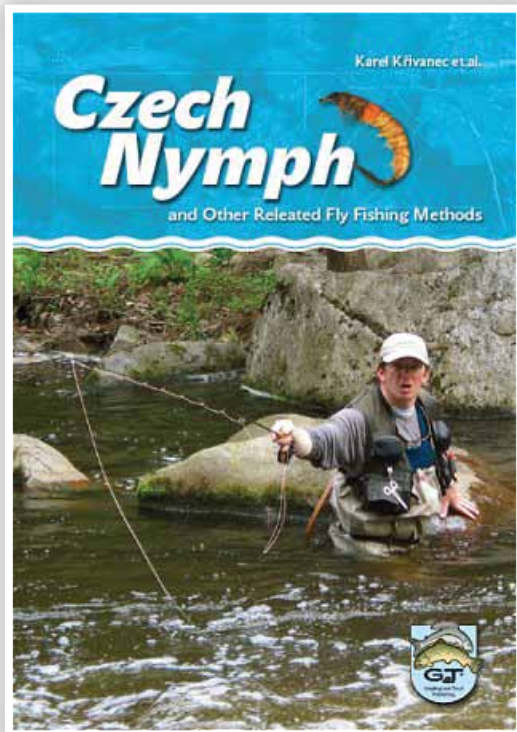
Ellen Dailey



2011 Stripping for the Cure

Book of the Month

"Silent Auction"



The book for the monthly silent auction for the April meeting will be "Czech Nymph and Other Related Fly Fishing Methods" by Karel Krivanec and friends. This is the Second Edition.

The Czech nymph in the fly-fishing family has already become a phenomenon which gains more and more promoters to whom this book offers more knowledge about short-nymphing under the tip of the rod. The angler will find about 150 nymph patterns covering their development from the very beginning up to today. The author and his colleagues have participated for nearly twenty years in the rise of the Czech competition flyfishing which now belongs to the very top in the world. This book reveals all secrets of this original fishing method which is also briefly confronted with other modern trends in nymphing.

Minimum bid: \$19

TIC Equipment Cleanup on March 16th

Images Courtesy of Bob Zeisler



Trout in the Classroom

Jay Crawford, TIC Coordinator

We gathered together to cleanup the gear and then setup everything into the numerous Ridgecrest classrooms on Friday, March 16.

Thanks to Lew, Chuck, Oscar, Bob Z., Karl, Clyde, and Neal for the excellent job of cleanup.

Also, thanks again to Lew, Chuck, Clyde, Karl and Neal for installing all the gear that afternoon.

The eggs will be delivered the 28th of March and we'll add them to the aquariums. We'll meet at Faller School at 12:00pm and then split up to do the deliveries.

The field trips to release the trout will be scheduled the 2nd or 3rd week of May.

As always any help would be appreciated!!!

Jay

Magnetic Field Sensing in Rainbow trout

Mike Mumford

Should I cast north-to-south? Or south-to-north? True or compass direction?

Maybe this is well-known to all of you, but it came as a surprise to me that rainbow trout have magnetic field sensors!

In the January 2012 issue of Scientific American, there is an article about animal behavior entitled "The Compass Within." On page 51, the article states:

"Some researchers suspect that the magnetic sense in animals is most often like that in the snouts of rainbow trout. In the fish, bundles of particles of magnetite, a form of iron oxide, in sensory cells respond to a change in the direction of the geomagnetic field (relative to the fish's head)..."

So, do trout align themselves with the north-south magnetic axis? Should we cast to align with that axis; up or down the field? Should we magnetize our flies or de-magnetize them so that they won't get twisted/aligned unnaturally?

Aguabonita Flyfishers Rod & Reel Inventory

FLY RODS:

1.	G. Loomis	7'9"	2wt
2.	Fisher	8'6"	3/4wt
3.	Sage	9'0"	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.	Sage	9'0"	5wt
10.	G. Loomis	8'0"	3wt
11.	Winston	8'6"	6wt
12.	Cortland	8'0"	5/6wt
13.	Powell	9'0"	5/6wt
14.	St. Croix	9'0"	6/7wt
15.	St. Croix	9'0"	3wt

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

Presently, all rods and reels are located at the club classroom, 145B Panament Street. To check out a rod or reel, call Lew Albright at (760) 375-8725. The club requires a nominal fee of \$5.00. The money will be used for maintenance of the equipment.

When you check out a rod or reel, please return the item as soon as possible so other club members may use them too. If you break a rod or reel, let Lew know so that it can be repaired.

Monthly Club Meeting

General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church (RUMC) 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 Panament 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



"Fishing puts me in touch with another of nature's species, in beautiful surroundings that are as old as time. That is where I want to be; this is how I am renewed."

*Joan Salvato Wulff,
Joan Wulff's Fly Fishing, 1991*

Board of Directors and other Club Officers

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"The Flyline" Editor	Neal Barry	(760) 301-2098

Goodies for the
April Club Meeting
— Don Winter —

April 2012

Goodies for the
May Club Meeting
— Karl Zellner —

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	4	5	6 Full Moon	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Hot Creek Kiosk Cleanup Last Quarter	14 Hot Creek Kiosk Cleanup "Ties & Lies" Fly-tying Session
15 Hot Creek Kiosk Cleanup	16 Deadline for May Newsletter!!!	17	18	19	20	21 New Moon
22 Earth Day	23	24 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	25	26	27 National Arbor Day	28 TROUT FEST Kernville Fish Hatchery
29 First Quarter	30					

Upcoming Events

👍 **Annual California Golden Trout Stakeholders Meeting** - This meeting will take place on May 3rd in Rancho Cordova, California. The meeting will start at 8:30am and will report any new activities and review accomplishments for the 2011 field season. The meeting will also review the Strategy Table to discuss any proposed activities, as identified in the table, for the 2012 season. The public portion of the meeting will adjourn at 12:30pm. At 1:30pm the agency managers will convene to discuss the budget and any other issues.

Further information regarding additional meeting information including driving directions, will follow.

👍 **Trout Fest** - This event will be held at the Kern River Hatchery on Saturday, April 28th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day of fishing activities and learn facinating facts about California native trout and their habitats.

👍 **Sierra Fisherman Magazine** - The Sierra Fisherman is now publishing classified ads. Sell your old stuff and use the money to buy new stuff. Ad prices:
Photo & 15 words \$25.00
Photo & 30 words \$35.00
Send ad information to: sales@sierrafisherman.com

👍 **Eastern Sierra Fly Fishing Festival** - Mark your calendars for this SWC FFF event planned for September 13th - 16th. This event will be held in beautiful Mammoth Lakes, CA. Keep on the lookout for additional information over the next several months.

The Editor's Spool

Neal Barry

Spring has sprung!!!

Well, there's no way I can keep putting it off any longer. The weather has been absolutely beautiful and the urge to go fishing unbearable. I've poured over my maps, tied flies, cleaned my gear, and now there's no excuse for not getting out of the "man cave." Just like in my youth, knowing that Spring is "just around the corner," still stirs up primal urges to get out and wet the line.

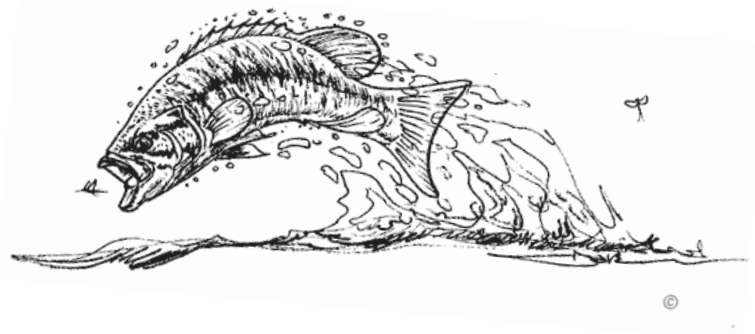
However, now days, both as a dad and grandad, taking my kids (and soon the grandkids) fishing adds a whole new dimension to the fishing experience. Sure, it can be a test of my patience but it's more a teaching and learning experience for them. I love this quote from the late Joe Brooks, "Be sure to take a boy fishing, not once a year, but several times. It's an experience you will never forget. Tell him about fishing. Teach him sportsmanship; tell him about conserva-

tion. Show him, by example, how he should conduct himself while in the out-of-doors."

In the upcoming months, our club will have several opportunities to share not only our love of fly-fishing, but to teach and demonstrate our responsibilities in conserving and protecting our natural resources, especially watersheds and fishes.

Won't you consider volunteering your time to help with our "Trout in the Classroom" and "First Cast" programs and the upcoming "Kid's Fishing Days?" The next generation will know nothing of their responsibilities if we're not there to show them.

Thank You and tight lines!!!
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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

