

# Hi-Desert Flyfishers

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The Hi-Desert Flyfishing Club

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We will be discussing the Insurance that the Federation is proposing to its Charter Clubs. I am trying to find more on why the fee changed from what I was originally told was about \$170.00 to \$350.00 dollars annually. The Aggregate limit is \$5,000,000, and there is a \$500,000 for Directors and Officers and an additionally \$500,000 for Employment Practices Liability. I am not sure of what this means and how it will apply to us. I have a copy of the policy and I am trying to find out as much as I can from the Federation to assist us in our decisions. I did receive info from Rick Auston the main man working on the insurance issues. Rick says that nothing is finalized yet and it still could be the lesser fee. Nothing will be known until it is finalized, which may or not be before our April meeting.

## General Meeting Notice

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009

**Time:** 7:00 PM please be on Time!

**Place:** County Fire Station

**Located:** Apple Valley Road and Yucca Loma Rd

## Program

Paul is going to do a program on reading the water in both rivers and streams and also describe what to look for to help increase your numbers. He is going to show a movie to assist him in his demonstration.

The promotion for FFF membership is over for awhile. The \$15.00 for new members has ended. Instead now new members are put in a drawing for a 4 day, 5 nights trip for 2 people, at Five Rivers Lodge in Dillon, MT. The prizes also include Rods, reels, and other Gear. Proceeds will benefit FFF Clubs, Councils, and the National office. Existing members can enter this drawing as well! The ticket price is \$20.00 for 1 and \$100.00 for 6 tickets. All winners will be notified by email. I will have tickets at the monthly meetings, for those interested. As far as any other part of the program I am not sure other than discussing out March outing to Bishop.

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## Fly Tying

There is not a scheduled tying class for April I will discuss the reasons and hopefully resolve some of the issues.

## Upcoming Events

We are having another KIDS day at Jess Ranch on May 2. This will be including underprivileged kids from both up here and also down the hill. Paul tells me there may be as much as 40 Kids will be involved so we will need plenty of volunteers. We need a head count at the April meeting. We will also know more in regards to numbers at that time.

## March Meeting Summary

We had a great presentation by Ernie Gulley. He is an expert on fishing Crowley Lake. This talk concluded his summary of tactics and on how he sets up his outfits and rigging. Lightly discussed was the insurance proposal offered by FFF. I said I would look into it and have more information by the April Meeting.

## Project Healing Waters

Russ Clyse is unable to handle this project. So we are looking for another volunteer to take over. We don't as of yet have the necessary Liability insurance so we have to put it on hold for awhile. But in the next month or so we may have the liability insurance and we want to proceed. Please think it over and we will ask at the April meeting for any volunteers.

## March Outing to Bishop

We had about 17 members make the long haul to Bishop for March 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those that made it up on Friday found T shirt weather and calm winds. The fishing

was profitable for some and not so good for others. The method was mixed between indicator, midge fishing and when a hatch came off it was at times very good dry fly fishing. Some of our members got into the teens of fish!

The Class held by Brandon Wood on Saturday morning was very informative for beginner to intermediate members. He demonstrated the proper way to assemble a fly rod and set up his midges with an indicator. Brandon showed our members on how to fish this system. Brandon show where to position his flies in the current, showing that they should be placed where the fast and slow currents meet, he also caught a few fish in the process. Using the method Brandon was teaching some of our members caught a few fish right where he was conducting the lesson.

**Please if you could send me some of the photos you took on our Bishop Outing and I will include them in the May Newsletter!**

## Punk Perch Pattern

This Punk Perch Patten is similar to the one that Ernie Gulley ties. Ernie tied his version at the Bass Pro Shop when a few of us, tied there on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Ernie uses red thread just below the eye of the hook, where this pattern uses just a touch of red Arizona Semi Seal at the head space. Ernie uses a beige marabou tail instead of this version that uses an Olive marabou tail. Ernie has tied this pattern very small, down to size 16 to imitate the small perch fry in Crowley Lake!

## Material List

Hook: 3X long Mustad 9672 or any brand 200R or equalivant size 8 thru size 16.

Thread: Red 6/0

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Tail; Light olive marabou

Body: Dubbing - Arizona Semi Seal (40)  
Crowley Perch or Arizona (11)  
Arizona Gray olive.

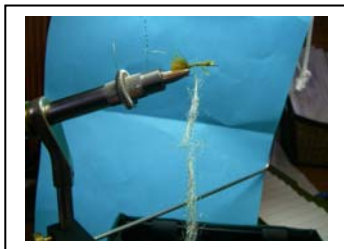
Head: Red Arizona Semi Seal dubbing.

1. In this pattern it can either be weighted or not. If you weight it wrap the lead before you tie on the olive marabou. Trim Marabou as in

Fig 2 Tie in the marabou and trim to look like the second picture



- 3 Form a dubbing loop or use the technique described below!



- 4 Wrap the dubbing foreword stopping approx 1/4 inch before the eye of the hook.



- 5 The next step is to kiss the head space with a wisp of Red dubbing. Use a very small bit of red Arizona dubbing and



- 6 Finish the head space! Next brush or pluck out the dubbing throughout the fly.



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- 7 Trim fly a little coning it from rear to the head. Add a little head cement and the fly is done!



## Arizona Semi Seal dubbing Tech

By John Romer



This is a technique I use to dub course materials like seal, Angora or mohair without the use of dubbing wax or loops.



Hold the tip of the bobbin, the thread and the material firmly by the first finger and thumb. Begin wrapping body of desired shape. Do not loosen your grip on the bobbin tip. Each

successive wrap will tighten the material around the thread.



After you have achieved the desired body shape, tie off and tease with Velcro or leave as is. This method will work with any coarse, hard to dub material like seal, angora or mohair without the need for gummy waxes or dubbing loops.

## Editor:

I have really enjoyed using Arizona Simi seal, in all the applications that I had used Angora or other imitations Seal Furs before.

It is finer than Angora and it is easier to work with. It also works great with the dubbing technique described below. You will never need a dubbing loop again!

I have had great success in using and working with most of their pre blended packages too!

They make beautiful black and red blend, Black and Blue blends as well as many other combo blends, that I have had great success in using!

There contact number is (480) 730-6808.

Please give them a try you will be presently surprised. John Rose

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## **South West Council is looking for Volunteers!**

The Southwest Council is looking for Volunteers for the THIRD ANNUAL RUSH CREEK CLEAN-UP to be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00am till noon. You will need gloves, hat and Waders if you have them, trash bags will be provided. The Council will also be installing recycling tubes at key areas. The Silver lake Resort will provide a Bar-B-Que after the clean up for all who help!

## **FRVC**

Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps is having a training day for new volunteers on May 16 for the San Bernardino mountain area! Contact me if you're interested in going! I will ask again in the May newsletter!

## **May 1-3 at Fishermen's Spot HARDY TACKLE REPS DEMO WET FLIES, SHOW NEW FOR '09 AND VINTAGE GEAR**

VAN NUYS, Calif. – Factory representatives from Hardy U.S.A. fly reel company will conduct a three day fly-tying, new products showcase and vintage reel evaluation and swap meet, May 1-3 at the Fishermen's Spot, Van Nuys.

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

On Fri. night (5/1) Hardy representative Jon Shaner will conduct an intensive traditional English wet fly tying class, teaching techniques that go back to the original fly-fishers in the late 1400s. "Old

British patterns will work the Test, the Itchen or California's Hot Creek, Owens and Fall rivers," said Shaner. The British wet fly seminar begins at 6:30.

The Sat. (5/2) program will feature all that's new for 2009 from Hardy as shown and demonstrated by Shaner and co-rep Jon Malovich. New rods and other tackle will be available for hands-on evaluations. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Sun. (5/3) program will feature Hardy reels dating from the late-1800s to contemporary models. Sun. hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. "Bring your vintage gear to be evaluated by the experts, show off your collectable tackle or trade with other vintage gear collectors," advised the Hardy U.S.A representatives.

For information or to pre-register for the British wet fly tying class, phone 818.785.7306.