



Hi-Desert Flyfishers

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The Hi-Desert Fly Fishing Club

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General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM please try to be a little early!

Place: County Fire Station

Located: Apple Valley Road and Yucca Loma Rd

Physical Address: 19235 Yucca Loma Rd,
 Apple Valley CA.92308

Web Sites: www.hidesertflyfishers.com
 Or www.highdesertflyfishers.com

Can you tell the little changes, I made in the newsletter?

Program

Trevor Walker is going to do a program about fly fishing in England.

February Tying Class

Paul has arranged for us to use the Fire Station the Friday after our General meeting. We need to have at least 3 people to sign up and pay \$5.00, each at the General meeting to cover our time and expenses. Others who can't make the meeting can pay at the door.

January Meeting Summary

Ernie Gully will be gave a talk and Power point presentation on Pyramid Lake in Nevada. His talk was extremely informative. His presentation showed how ladders are adopted and altered to allow fishing from them and how they are configured around the lake. Ernie also talked about the etiquette that all the fly fisherman follow, so as to not disturb others.

HI-Desert Dinner in February

Paul is trying to get us a spot for a Winter Dinner on February 27. It may be the Mariposa Room or something as nice. We will let you know more at the meeting. Remember we still have an obligation at Bass Pro on that date. So please make plans to include both.

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Upcoming Events

This is the last chance to volunteer to man the FFF South West Council booth at Bass Pro on February 27 and 28st of 2010. We want to put on a fly tying demonstration as well and remember this is a all day event, so we will probably need at least 6 volunteers per day of the event.

Two additional local clubs will also be there, Deep Creek is one and I believe Aquabonita will be the other.

Please let us know at the meeting if you are interested and will appear. There is still time to think about it but **once committed** we will need you to appear or arrange for you replacement.

Keep in mind the Pasadena Fly Fishing show will be on March 13th and 14th. This is a really great show so you don't want to miss this one.

They are looking for fly fishing instructors to show kids how to fly fish at Mohave Narrows Regional Park, if you are interested please contact Paul Sinclair. He can give you the details.

HD Club Discount Locations

Paul has told me that the following locations give us a break, if you mention you belong to HD-Flyfishers: Sierra Trading Post and Arizona Flyfishing (AZ). Added in September is the Sierra Trout Magnet, this is located west of the Owens River fly shop's old location. They will give our club a 10% discount. David D'Beaupre is the owner and his number is (760) 873-0010. Flymen Fishing Co. and Sierra Stream has also been added to our list of discount locations.

Flymen web site is

www.flymenfishingcompany.com. To get our club discount for HI-Desert Members only, you need to reference **HDFE_20**.

Either ordering via phone or while ordering on line.



FLYBUY, 2010

**A Fundraiser for the South West Council,
Federation of Fly Fishers**

And

**An Opportunity for YOU to learn and
improve in your Sport!**

Join us for a day of fly tying, casting instruction and a chance to pick up some lightly used gear at a great price while helping the SWCFFF.

Date – February 20, 2010, Saturday 9-4

Place – Long Beach Casting Club

Cost – 10.00 includes BBQ burgers and dogs

RSVP – for the casting, leader class and food – January 30, 2010

818.7573474 or

secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org

GARAGE SALE

We need your members to donate items to be sold in a fishing garage sale. These can be rods, reels, lines, clothing, vests or accessories. We are going to lay it all out on a table or a tarp and take the best offer we can get. Anything not sold will be donated

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to **Project Healing Waters, Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club or as needed by the SWC member clubs.** Let's get items that are in working order and have a value of at least \$10. This not a swap meet – it is a HUGE YARD SALE. This is a great opportunity to get rid of extras, duplicates and unwanted gifts. Give any items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly.

CASTING

Want to be a better caster at the end of the day? Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from Certified Federation Instructors. For the nominal fee of \$1.00 per minute (15 minutes minimum), you will have your casting analyzed by one of our great instructors. Single handed, Spey, double-haul - whatever you need, we can provide. Lessons will be available from 11am until 3 pm. Advance reservations are necessary so that we will have enough instructors on hand. Please RSVP by January 30 of your interest and approximate time. We will take care of the rest.

FLY TYING

You may not be aware of this, but the SWC clubs have some of the most prominent and innovative tyers around. Many will be here for demonstrations of their techniques. And some of their special flies will be available for purchase. There will also be an auction for the really special one-of-a-kind flies by these tiers and clubs have donated flies for purchase.

In a related class, Mas Okui (Hot Creek Guru) will be teaching how to tie his freshwater leaders. The class is 30.00 which goes to purchase the leader kit with enough material to create bunches of leaders that

make the manufactured ones blush in shame. Limited to the first 20 people.

Zoo Cougar Streamer



The Zoo Cougar has without a doubt been the most productive fly for really big trout I have ever fished. This fly was the first of the floating fly concept and has still been the best of the bunch. A floating fly is a fly designed to be pulled under by the sinking line, as opposed to weighting the fly. This allows the fly to be kicked and pushed by the currents when it's not being stripped, giving the fly a very real and erratic movement. Stop by our [Troutsmen](#) website or [contact me](#) with your questions. ~ Kelly Galloup

Materials List:

Hook: TMC300.

Tail: Yellow marabou.

Body: Pearl sparkle braid.

Underwing: White calf tail.

Wing: One mallard flank dyed yellow.

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Collar: Yellow deer tail.

Head: Same yellow deer hair cut full and shaped wide.

5. Trim the head as in photo.

6. Whip and cement the fly.

Tying Tip

Tying Instructions:



1. Tie in the tail material and the sparkle braid.

When trimming the head use a 'double-edge' razor blade. Hold the ends of the blade between your thumb and fore-finger and apply enough pressure to cause the blade to 'buckle' and form a small arch. This will give you a nice curve to the shape of the head. Start with the blade at the front and simply ease it back with a slight sawing motion. The hair will fall away as you trim. ~ KG



2. Add the calf tail and the one mallard flank feather, secure thread.

Fly Fishing links

I found this by accident. If you are interested, just type in the following web site and you will find links to the locations listed below!
<http://www.kernriverflyfishing.com/inks.htm>

FISHING INTERESTS

[Kern River Fly Fishing Reports](#)

[Kern River Fish Hatchery](#)

[Kern River Flows](#)

[California Dept. of Fish & Game](#)

[Southern Sierra Fly Fishers](#)

[Santa Barbara Flyfishers](#)

[Downey Fly Fishers](#)

[Pasadena Casting Club](#)

[Sespe Fly Fishers](#)

[Golden State Fly Casters](#)

[San Diego Fly fishers](#)

[Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers](#)

[Conejo Valley Fly fishers](#)

[Wilderness Fly fishers](#)

[Orange County Fly Fishers](#)

3. Spin a clump of deer hair, clip to leave ends facing back.

4. Fill out the rest of the head, packing hair as needed.

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- [Fresno Fly Fishers](#)
- [Santa Lucia Fly Fishers](#)
- [Deep Creek Fly Fishers](#)
- [Aqua Bonita Fly Fishers](#)
- [Kaweah Fly Fishers](#)
- [Sisters on the Fly](#)
- [Long Beach Casting Club](#)
- [Gary Bulla's Fly Fishing Adventures](#)
- [Conway Bowman Blue Water Adventures](#)

Helpful suggestion to **Align Your Rods the Easy Way**

A Tip from Dick Meikka of the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

After you assemble your fly rod, do you have to spend several minutes getting the guides lined up perfectly?

Unless your rod has alignment dots, you probably twist each section a tad, and then sight down the rod to see if the guides are providing a perfect path for your fly line. Sometimes, if the sections are already fully pushed together, you risk distorting the guides while trying to make a small twisting adjustment. An easier way is to apply your own alignment dots to the rod sections. This is not difficult, and only has to be done once.

My method is to make two properly spaced small round holes in a short piece of plastic electricians tape using a leather punch. Then, having assembled and aligned the rod sections carefully by eye, I apply the punched tape straddling the joint on the side opposite the guides. I then apply a dab of paint or fingernail polish of contrasting color to the rod blank at each punched hole. After the paint dries, I strip off the tape and viola!

the problem is solved. If I am off a bit, I just remove the bad dots with a bit of solvent and redo the job. Usually, though, that is not necessary.

- It pays to make sure that the rod surfaces are cleaned carefully, so the paint will adhere permanently.
- I have used white and silver paint from automobile touchup pens, available at hardware or automobile part stores, but any paint that will adhere to the rod surfaces should work.
- Be sure to put the tape down firmly so there are no air gaps near the punched holes.
- Also, be aware that the tape adhesive can be attacked by solvents in the paint, so use only enough paint to do the job, or use a water-based paint that is not water sensitive after drying. A little experimentation will get you going, and you probably already have the necessary stuff at your workbench or in the garage.

Odds & Ends **by John Burk** **Wading Boots & Felt**

Certain countries and regions are banning felt soles in their waters due to the transmission of aquatic species (animal, plant or microbial) among the fine mess fibers. Some manufacturers are even phasing out their “felt” line replacing it with rubber-soled boots. I am told there are some complaints with the traction of these new soles is or its “slipperiness”. New materials and techniques by boot manufacturers should improve the new “non-felt” wadding boots. Some suggestions on brands to check out are: Simms, L.L.Bean, & Patagonia.

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Do Photos Hurt Fish?

More research needs to be done but, it appears that exposing fish to the air for more than 20-30 seconds could be injurious to trout and salmonoids.

It has been shown that the best way to release any fish from the hook and your hands or net is under water. So, next time you take a photo, don't dawdle.

Tip--ette of the Month

Fishing with others is the quickest way to learn new techniques, ways of thinking and ways to approach the entire subject.

Lower Owens River Fish Report:

I have had some **epic** (I almost forgot how to spell that word it has been so long) periods of time in the upper sections closer to the PV dam recently. The wild browns are ravenous and if you concentrate on the slower-deeper pools you will find these 8-14 inch rascals consistently. The prime bite occurs mid-day and the fish are focusing on the BWO emergence. There is ample time to fish the adults each day, but the nymphing has been so good that you may not want to waste time changing over.

Midges in the am and Pt's as the sun gets higher will do the trick. #16-20 is fine. I suggest 5 X tippet, and 6X will get even more attention as the water is clear. The flows have been doing the yo-yo but seem to be averaging about 100cfs. They will be going higher this year; I can assure you of this. When is anyone's guess, I suggest you get a whack at wading this area soon. The

weather has been cool in the am's, however quite pleasant by late morning recently.

The sections of river that are planted have been very slow. The cold weather has chilled the water down in the thirties some days making the holdover and wild fish lethargic. Several seasons of small allotments are taking a toll in the planted sections and fishing has been very poor relative to what is going on in the wild trout section. Budget shortfalls, winter stocking programs scrapped, hatchery closures/quarantines, invasive species issues, and the trout are making life miserable for the willow fly catchers and hard headed minnow??? Blah, blah, blah.

Get accustomed to the new stocking landscape; it is going to be different in all areas of the golden state.

The Gorge:

There is a good deal of snow and ice especially on the west side of the canyon. The fish are on the chew for sure and you can have a good time with dry/dry or dry/dropper bead head combos here. #14-18 patterns are fine. Make sure you have large studs on your boots for all areas that have snow and ice. Felt soles suck in the winter, get rubber wading boots they are far superior. This applies to all winter time fisheries.

Be the fly friends.

Tom Loe

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