

Hi-Desert Flyfishers



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President's Message

As summer hits and everyone goes on their fishing trip, please remember water safety is paramount. Recently, John Rose, Steven Roach, and I made a trip to Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store. As we shopped around John showed a wading staff to Steve. The wading staff was expensive, and the wading staff was portable, convenient, and had a great shock cord system; actually the cord is a cable.

The wading staff is made by Simms, really convenient to use. It has a tether that retracts, a keeper, etc. I initially thought this was an over priced walking stick, (129.00 plus tax), however if anyone has ever waded in fast water and/or waded above your knees in fast water without a staff, you will fall in. **DO NOT FIGHT THE CURRENT!** Try to move with the current and if you're in chest high water try to get your legs up, and move with the flow and out to the banks. The fly rod is not as important as your life. Please never ever fish alone on moving water. A shout or a scream will never get heard unless your buddies are within shouting distance. Polarized glass goes without saying why.

General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday; June 8, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: County Fire Station

Address: 19235 Yucca loma Rd.
Apple Valley

Website: www.hidesertflyfishers.com

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HD Club Discount Locations

Arizona Flyfishers: www.azflyfishing.net

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(760) 873-0010 10%
www.sierratroutmagnet.com

A wading belt is also a must have in moving water. The other thing you should consider is a pair of studded wading boots for rocky bottom and felt for slimy rocks. A combo is best. I also would take care in keeping your gear clean. Bleach your boots and protect our waters. The guys going to Canada this summer with me will be under strict regulations to do the same before they get to Canada and when they get back to our waters in California.

We will see all of you in about a month. On July 13th please remember the casting class is at 20683 Waalew Road at the MHP, fishing is allowed. Try to get there about 4pm, but please take this time to learn your casting, I know Ernie Gulley, John Rose, and Richard Bean will be there, Have some fun and learn some new tricks.

“Tight Lines!”
Paul

PS. Please notice the change in meeting place this month.

By John Rose Wayne's Special or AKA as the Dynamite Shad Fly

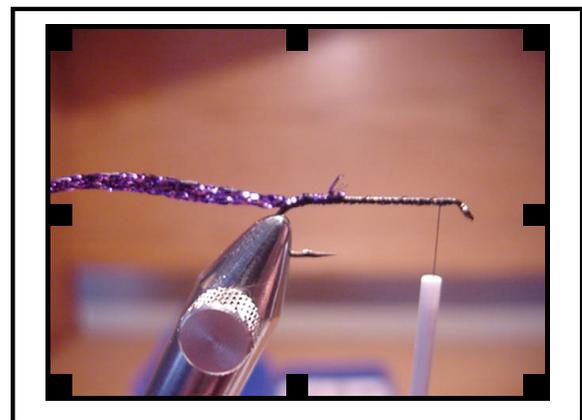
This is a fantastic fly on Crowley Lake it was created by Wayne Holdaway of the Streamborn fly Fishing club. He has since moved to Utah. This fly has produced hundreds of Trout from Crowley Lake, fished as a Streamer and on the bottom with sinking lines. The deer hair keeps the fly slightly above the bottom. Try it you will like it!

The John Wayne fly developed by me is a wet fly version similar to the Wayne's Special. I will include that one in a later issue.

Tying Instructions:

Hook: Mustad 9671 or other 3X sizes 6 thru 12
Thread: Black Nymo or as small as you like
Body: Purple lace
Wing: Rabbit
Head: Deer Hair – Spun

Fig 1



Step 1 Tie in the tinsel at the back of the hook and wrap the tinsel forward to about 1/8 inch from the eye of the hook, as shown in Fig 2

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Fig 2



Step 2 Tie in a clump of rabbit hair as shown in Fig 3.

Fig 3



Step 3 Tie in two strands of red flashabou on each side of the rabbit hair, as shown in Fig 4.



Fig 4

Step 4 Spin the deer hair around the remaining head space and while holding back the Flashabou and rabbit hair.

Trim the deer hair down to a small head. The trimming process is shown in Fig's 5 and 6.

Fig 5



Fig 6



This in the Finished fly!

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Conservation News

CA FISH & GAME WARDEN STAMP

In California, 385 Game Wardens patrol and protect 159,000 square miles of California's natural habitat. The 2010 California Game Warden Stamp can now be purchased for \$5 at DFG regional and licensing offices or by sending in the PDF form found at the website listed below. The inaugural stamp is a decal which can be proudly displayed to show your support for the work wardens do. All proceeds will be deposited into a special account and used to provide important tools for the 385 fish and game wardens statewide.

Wardens Stamps help protect Wildlife in California

In recent years, the DFG's budget has been significantly reduced due to the state's economic downturn. These reductions have overwhelmed the DFG's Law Enforcement Division. Recognizing the dire situation, an advocacy group proposed the idea of selling a "Game Warden Stamp" to raise additional funds to support Game Wardens critical work on behalf of California's natural resources.

Game Wardens are responsible for protecting: more than 1,000 native fish and wildlife species, 6,300 native plant species, and 360 threatened or endangered species. California's 159,000 square miles of land (414 square miles per warden) 1,100 miles of coastline, 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, 4,800 lakes and reservoirs

and 80 major rivers.....

Read more at: www.dfg.ca.gov/WardenStamp/

Where you can order a Warden Stamp.



SWCFFF News

July 05, 2010

Dear Fellow Fly Fisher,

There is an important campaign underway to get federal "Wild and Scenic River" protection for the beautiful creeks and streams in the eastern San Gabriel Mountains. If successful, Wild and Scenic River status would permanently protect

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the outstanding natural and cultural values and free-flowing character of the West, East, and North Forks of the San Gabriel River, San Antonio Creek and Middle Fork Lytle Creek.

Rep. David Dreier is considering introducing legislation to protect the San Gabriel Mountains, but some special interests are pushing to not include the proposed Wild and Scenic Rivers, because the Forest Service never completed its studies. This argument simply doesn't hold water because Congress and President Obama protected more than 105 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers last year, even though the Forest Service had never completed studies on these streams.

Since we want to make sure that the West Fork San Gabriel River and the other worthy streams get the federal protection they so deserve, please take a moment and sent an email to Congressman Dreier's office urging him to include in his legislation the entire proposal of Friends of the River and other key members of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever campaign, including the proposed Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Do you have any fond memories or experiences of fly-fishing these streams? Then please include it in your email alert. Attached, please find two sample letters: one if you are in Representative Dreier's District and one if you are outside his district. To find out who your congressman is, please go to <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd> and type in your zip code.

Since Congressman Dreier is in the stages of drafting legislation, please send your email no later than July 15th to both:

ryan.maxson@mail.house.gov (Washington DC office) and

mark.harmsen@mail.house.gov (San Dimas district office).

Thank you so much and please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy Tails!

Carolin Atchison

Catchison@friendsoftheriver.org

Carolin of Friends of the River asked me to forward this to the clubs. This issue is very important to our district and I urge your support. Please distribute to your membership ASAP. These letter writing campaigns have made a difference in passing legislation that is favorable to our causes. Some have asked what the Council does for the clubs and this is a good example. Make your voices heard!

Michael Schweit

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June 28, 2010

Re: Support for Wilderness/Wild and Scenic Rivers Legislation

Dear Representative Dreier:

Thank you for your commitment to protecting some of our San Gabriel Mountains most remarkable Wild and Scenic Rivers and Wilderness areas. As you are drawing up the legislation, I am urging you to include the entire 30,000 acres of Wilderness additions and 44 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers as proposed by the San Gabriel Mountains Forever campaign.

Simply put, the West, East, and North Forks of the San Gabriel River, San Antonio Creek, and Middle Fork Lytle Creek present some of the best fly fishing experiences here in Southern California, for those of us coming from the further reaches of LA County, as well as Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County and even San Diego County:

- The idyllic lower segment of the West Fork San Gabriel River is one of only three catch and release wild trout streams in Southern California. This peaceful stream is easily accessible to everyone via the West Fork National Scenic Bikeway Trail. Even wheelchair-bound anglers can enjoy it's serenity via one of the special fishing platforms.
- The stunning upper reaches of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River are currently under evaluation to become an official "Wild Trout Heritage Stream" by the California Department of Fish and Game due to its clear, cold waters and abundance of wild trout.
- Popular Middle Fork Lytle Creek is a favorite fly-fishing destination, home to a naturally reproducing rainbow trout population prized by anglers. The beautiful Cucamonga Trail leads into the adjacent Wilderness.
- Even San Antonio Creek, with its dramatic 75-foot high waterfall and spectacular Alpine Canyon studded big-cone Douglas fir, contains a population of native wild trout.

Protecting these spectacular streams along with the proposed San Gabriel Mountain, Sheep Mountain and Cucamonga Wilderness additions will go a long way in enhancing the unique fly-fishing experience that can be found in our San Gabriel Mountains for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Simms Wading Staff Recall

BOZEMAN, Mont. (For immediate release) – Simms Fishing Products is voluntarily recalling certain models of Simms 2010 Wading Staffs. The affected wading staffs have a detent button that may not engage or can become dislodged making the staff inoperable.

These staffs, offered in two sizes (52" & 56"), are sterling silver in color and are identified by Simms item numbers AWS101152 or AWS101156 (UPC numbers 94264-10102 or 94264-10103). Affected Wading Staffs are visibly identifiable by a silver cable connector.

The staffs were sold through authorized Simms dealers from March 1, 2010 through June 17, 2010. About 2,000 affected products were sent to retailers. Consumers have purchased Simms estimates about 1,000.

The issue was identified through company testing and customer use of the wading staff. No injuries have been reported in conjunction with the defective wading staffs. Wading Staffs meeting the above criteria should be returned for replacement or refund by contacting Simms directly at 877-789-6555, by contacting an Authorized Simms Retail or by email at recall@simmsfishing.com.

ED. After reading Paul's message on wading staffs I thought this should be put in our newsletter.

First time at Deep Creek

Roberto Gomez

I had heard and read about Deep Creek many times, even within the High Desert Fly Fishers. Yet I had never had the opportunity to go, mainly due to lack of knowledge of the area. I, like everyone else, enjoy the monthly HDFF meetings. There is so much valuable information and tips given, yet not too many opportunities to put them in practice. So I jumped at the opportunity when invited by Gary Applebee.



Rick Proulx and I met up with Gary at Lake Arrowhead and squeezed in to Gary's truck for the winding road to the creek. (We should have got a picture of that.) Once there, Gary led us on a short hike to the Pacific Crest Trail Bridge, Splinters Cabin and gave us a nice history lesson about the area. Plus a nice heads up about the local wild life that may be sunning itself do to its cold blooded nature.

I used a 3wt 7.5ft rod with very light tippet. Recommended flies were a small stimulator and nymph rig. Stealth was the name of the game. Wet wading, staying low, hiding behind boulders and grass was how we got close enough to make an accurate cast. If I missed a

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strike, I would only get one or two more opportunities at that specific pool before the fish ducked for cover.



Thank goodness I had Gary there to help adjust my cast and give me suggestions on the best cast for that specific spot. You have to be accurate or you end up tangled in the surrounding brush.

The fish averaged about 7 to 9 inches. Don't let the size fool you; these beautiful wild Rainbows do put up a fight. I certainly spooked more fish than I caught. I probably caught about 10 fish, while Gary and Rick were up in the high teens.



I believe we've all seen nature shows or movies that feature some sort of rattle snake and we've probably heard that rattle dozens of times from our TV speakers. You know something: it sounds different in real life. While standing on a wood pile, Gary and I had the opportunity to hear such a warning live. So we quickly jumped to some rocks. It didn't matter that just seconds before we had mentioned that we should be careful because it was a long ways down if we slipped from the rocks.

Things that stuck with me that day: Never go to a remote location alone. If you happen to twist an ankle, get bit or whatever, you're going to need help getting out. Pack light. Bring a watch; the clock on your phone will not work. Practice your knots. Buy a wading staff. Keep your eyes on the ground. Have an escape route.

All 'n all I had a great time with these two guys. I enjoyed that day more than many others on the water. I know we have a lot of talent and knowledge in the club. Thanks guys for sharing it.



Pacific Trail Bridge

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East Walker River

Gary Applebee

In the third week of June a friend and I went to the East Walker River to fish for a couple of days. We left on a Wednesday in hopes of missing some of the crowds. This worked fairly well for us.

We arrived Wednesday afternoon at about 4:00 in the afternoon. After airing out and cooling his RV trailer we went to town to Ken's Sporting Goods store.

On Thursday we were going to fish a private ranch on the Nevada border. We bought our Nevada licenses and paid the fee to fish the ranch the next day. This rancher will only let four rods on in the morning and four in the afternoon; the cost is \$60 for half a day or \$80 for all day. He owns two and a half miles of the East Walker River and hasn't let any one on his ranch to fish before now.

Wednesday evening we went to the Miracle Mile and fished until 7:30. Then hunger got the better of us and we went to camp to cook **dinner. Big mistake. Of course, on Friday we found out that if we would have waited fifteen minutes more the fishing turned on for dry flies. Although in the short time we fished we both caught fish. My first one ran me down river to the next pool. He was a nice 16-inch brown. I hooked and landed two others and had two other LDR's. Mark who is an excellent nymph fisherman caught four or five that night. I had a big stimulator and a Pheasant tail nymph as a dropper. I got hits on both the dry and the dropper.**

Since my camera has been dropped in the water so many times it decided to quit working the Monday before after Rick, Robert and I went to Deep Creek. So, no pictures of the ranch or the fish.

The next day we went to fish the ranch and the caddis were flying just about the water about three or four inches. None were landing on the water yet. I hooked

a stick and managed to pull it loose. I couldn't believe how many Cased Caddis were on the stick. It looked like it had carpet on it. I got curious and turned over a few rocks also and the same thing, covered with Cased Caddis. So I fished a Caddis imitation and caught one with two others hooked but lost.

Our time was up on the ranch so we went to Rasuchi Ranch and fished by the bridge. I caught a nice 15 -inch brown on a bead-head flashback pheasant tail, then nothing else that afternoon. Mark fished a streamer setup and hooked a monster. He ran down stream and through the hook. Mark hooked three other fish on the streamer and landed two both about 15 to 16 inches. Then it was like someone flipped a switch and nothing.

As I said Friday we got up early to fish the Miracle Mile first thing in the morning. No one was catching anything and since it was Friday the crowds started to arrive. Where we had 75 feet between anglers now it was casting room only.

Does hooking another angler count for your fish count? Because I could have caught me a six foot, 200 pound trophy. Time to leave!

Fishing Reports

We all like hearing fishing reports: where to go, what fly to fish with and how you did. Since summer is here and we all are fishing somewhere why don't you write an article for the newsletter. Send the article and pictures to glapplebee@gmail.com.

Half the fun is bragging.

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*MEETING ON TUESDAY:
July 13th*

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