

Hi-Desert Fly Fishers

Newsletter

December 2014

Club Officers

President Pro Tem: Paul Sinclair

Vice President: Mike Hayes

Secretary: Rodney Romero

Treasurer: Melissa Norton

FFF/PHW: Vacant

Friday Fly Tying: 7:00 PM Dec. 12th.
at the Fire Station by Steve Plantenga

Conservation: Vacant

Fly of the Month: Vacant

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General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday; December 9th, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Apple Valley Fire Station

Address: 19235 Yucca Loma Rd.

Apple Valley

Website: www.hidesertflyfishers.com



President's Message

Season Greetings, I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving. I am sure everyone is getting ready for an outstanding Christmas and New Years. This will be the last newsletter from me for awhile. Michael Hayes and Steve Plantenga have offered to be the President and Vice President for 2015. I will be involved with club as much as possible. This year has been a really outstanding and the High Desert Fly Fishers Membership has grown. I want to really thank the current board for all their support. I think that 2015 will be even better.

This May will be our 10th anniversary!

November 15th, our club also participated in the Kern River Classic and we placed 3rd. This was pretty special since there were 14 clubs were represented. I would like to thank Rodney Romero

and Paul Staub for spearheading this great trip. I also want to thank, Barry Bishop, Jeff Rettig and Larry Baker, for their participation.



HDFS Kern River Interclub Tournament Team

On November 22, I attended the Marriott Fly Show. This was a great event and this is a great event to meet manufactures, guides, fly tyers, etc. I know several of us went. Rodney Romero, received a fly from Bob Jacklin... Pretty neat.

In closing, I hope everyone has benefited something from our club. This year we have had some really excellent speakers, we helped Project Healing Waters and our first Casting for Recovery. I listened to many suggestions by our board, and the membership this year. One of the common questions, we need to do things for our club, such as outings, casting etc. I think we will get those things done in 2015 with help from the new board membership. When I was at the Marriott Show several veterans and the Ladies from CFR, came up to me and said they had a great time and were so thankful. Some things never need to be said. A smile is a far better reward.

I would like to add, this year we lost George Wiley and Richard Bean. My good friend Dale Burley, in Canada, always said, "tight lines" before Joe Eiswert and I would head out fly fishing. I know these two wonderful men will be over the ridge, in the next canyon where moving water runs fast and clear with endless seems, where trout hide. Those rivers and streams eventually meet the sea. I can hear their voices and I know their lines are tight.

Merry Christmas and Happy New. Tight lines to all!

December Guest Speaker

December will be John Rose. John will be talking about fly line selection. The correct choices, how to read your fly lines. Practical applications such as: shooting heads, sink tip, full sink, intermediate lines and when and how to use these different lines.

December Friday Night Fly Tying

This week we will be tying a Sparkle Dun / Comparadun. This is a great dry fly for both the start and end of the season in the Sierra's. Hook size is 16 down to size 20. You need to have some of these in your box if you plan to fish the Eastern Sierra's. Come join us as we tie this simple but productive fly on Friday night.



See you there,

Steve

Some News about our State and our Money

State Abandons Raid on Fishing License Funds!

In response to [objections raised by the California Sportfishing League](#), the Ocean Protection Council has abandoned its plan to raid fishing and hunting licensing funds to manage Marine Protected Areas, created by the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA). This reversal shows that California's fishing community has a voice in influencing the outcome of public policy!

Not only was the proposed raid illegal, but it was a

violation of the public's trust. Fish license funds are intended to support programs that protect and enhance recreational fishing opportunities, not programs that deny anglers access to California's coastline!

Since this issue still appears on the [December 3 Fish and Game Commission agenda](#), CSL will be in attendance to make sure the State uses your fishing license money as the law requires. [As your advocate](#), you can always count on us to attend government hearings to protect recreational fishing — and don't forget that you can also monitor the outcome of commission hearings by following CSL on [Twitter @calsportfishing](#) and [on Facebook](#).

Thank you again for ensuring such an important victory!

This article came from an e-mail forwarded to me by Paul Sinclair VIA *California Sportfishing League*. www.SportfishingConservation.org

A List of New Book Releases

New Book releases:

- [Casting Quiet Waters: Reflections on Life and Fishing](#), edited by Jake MacDonald, is a compilation of essays from respected literary writers such as Thomas McGuane and Annie Proulx. The book explores the human condition and life through the guise of the individual fishing trips of each contributor. (Greystone Books (November 4, 2014).
- [Tactics for Trout](#) by Rick Hafele, Dave Hughes, and Skip Morris presents solid advice on technique and tactics for chasing trout on the fly, from three masters of the sport. The book includes more than 200 full-color photos and QR codes that link to video segments, gear advice, and specific chapters for fishing with nymphs, dry and wet flies, emergers, streamers, and more. Stackpole Books (November 1, 2014).
- [Flyfisher's Guide to Eastern Trophy Tailwaters](#) by Tom Gilmore is a book with detailed information on fishing waters such as the Upper Connecticut, Deerfield, Housatonic, Gunpowder, South Holston, Watauga, Tuckasegee, Chattahoochee and more. It contains everything from regulations and river characteristics, local city information and directions, to technique and gear. This guide also includes full-color photography and GPS access points. Flyfisher's Guide. Wilderness Adventures Press, Inc., (November 20, 2014).
- [Whitefish Can't Jump: and Other Tales of Gamefish On The Fly](#) by E. Donnell Thomas Jr. is a

collection of essays that focus on the places fish are found. From the flats of Christmas Island to chasing Northern Pike in Canada, "we learn a little about fishing, a lot about fish, and a thing or two about life." With illustrations by Richard Harrington. Amazon Digital Services, Inc. [Kindle Edition]. November 9, 2014.

- [ALASKA: Angler Walkabout Series – Book 3](#) by Julian Wicks teed chronicles the journey of the author's travels around America's "last frontier." While encounters with wildlife and catches of once-in-a-lifetime trout and salmon are exciting, local culture, traditions and people provide the stories heart. ANGLER WALKABOUT Publications (November 12, 2014).

Thanks to Patty Gnuse for this list of books. And, as she suggested, these might be a great Christmas gift for a fly fisher.

Important Dates

January 17th. SWCFFF Meeting at Deep Creek Fly Fishers Club House in Riverside.

January 31st. SWCFFF Fly Buy at Long Beach Casting Club