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General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday; June 10th, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Apple Valley Fire Station

Address: 19235 Yucca Loma Rd.

Apple Valley

Website: www.hidesertflyfishers.com



President's Message

It is summer at last! We can brush off the dust and get out on the water. We can look forward to the long evenings and what I call "Happy Hour". No, this is not the happy hour where we drink our favorite cocktail or special brew, it is that time when the lighting conditions make those rising fish a little less cautious and more eager to take that fly. I will be in British Columbia this July. I hope that everyone puts this place on their bucket list before they find their way to heaven. **I think British Columbia is somewhere in between.** I think we all agree fly fishing takes us to some of the most beautiful places on earth. We should remember the places we go, seem to get a bit more crowded and pressured. It is great to see Trout Unlimited and The International Federation of Fly Fishers putting their words into action. We all win when this happens. One of the fishing shows I watch, Don

Frischi, always says, "Conserve our waters". I will always leave a place I have fished cleaner than I found it. If you have time, pick up the trash, on the way back to the car, even if it's a soda can or a plastic bottle.

Next month "July" is dark. There will be a break for the HDFS Board. Please do not show up at the Fire Station in July and say I was not told! The HDFS Board decided there needs to be a summer break, namely because families are on holiday and attendance is down for the regular meeting. Steve Plantenga said he will hold the fly tying class on Friday July 15th. At 7 pm. Steve has been kind and offered to do this for us in July. It is another good reason to talk about fly fishing and get a fishing report.

In September, I would like to get us out on the water and have a picnic/barbeque at Jess Ranch. More for us to have some fun with our families. The club membership will have a blast. We have tried to have a barbeque on a Saturday or Sunday. Let's do some fishing at the same time. I will tell you ahead there will be a cost. We did this a couple of years ago at Jess Ranch, and everyone had nothing but good comments about it.

As for the casting class we held on May 13th. I am sorry that I was running late. I want to thank everyone who attended and helped out. This was a great turn out for a Tuesday Night. I think in the future we will also try to go to Jess Ranch, possibly to do an evening float tubing fishing trip. It's just a thought right now. For some reason casting gets a bit more exciting when there is a fish at the end of the line..... We will see.

Some of the folks in the club have expressed having an outing to Bishop or elsewhere. There is a plan at this time to go back to the San Juan River, in early October. If you are interested please let me know. This is a plan at this time. If we decided to sponsor a club, we will need to know now. It's not a cheap trip; however you can go and tell a bunch of fish stories. All of them will be true. All summed the trip for one week, with guides, food, fuel, beer, and special birthday cakes, is about \$ 1500.00-\$1800. I have made some contacts at the San Juan

River, and you can possibly make much cheaper trip. It is up to all of us! This would be really great!

I want to express my thanks to Rodney Romero, Paul Staub, Melissa Norton, Craig Bullock, and Carmen Miranda, for being the HDFS Board. Have a good summer break. Spend time on the water and "tight lines", eh!

Fly Tying!

You know, a lot of us can't always get out and fish as much as we want to but we love the sport of fly fishing and want some way to stay connected to it. Fly tying may be one of the best ways to do that. Our club, the Hi Desert Fly Fisher, offers fly tying classes the first Friday after our general meeting with the cooperation of members like Steve Plantenga. Steve is one of those members whose talents are clearly evident when you see the fantastic flies he ties. Steve is and has always offered his expertise to any member who is interested in learning to tie flies. This month Steve offers to show us the following fly to tie for success on our favorite waters.

For Friday night fly tying we are going to do a Light Cahill. This is a dry fly that catches lots of fish and is fun to tie. I will talk about how to fish this fly at the class. Hope to see all you fly tapers for this one.

Steve Plantenga

Light Cahill

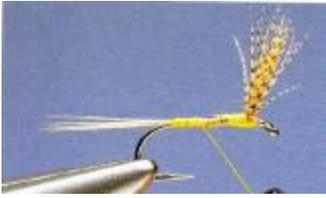




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Wow! If you've ever fished our local streams of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains with dry flies, I think you would agree that this fly would be a great pattern to use in those waters.

Here are some pictures from the last fly tying class.



Here are some fly fishing reports from a couple of our members. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did.

From member, Gil Rowe.

I fished for six days up in the Sierras a week after the opener. There are a few photos to go along with this report. There was one really nice day; the rest was snow or wind, wind, and more wind.



Mammoth in spring

Crowley fished well with #16 midges on the creek channels at a depth of 9 to 14 feet. Leader was 4X to the anchor fly and 5X to the midge. Copper Tigers and tan shaft emergers worked the best. I experienced good tube fishing in Little Hilton Bay (easy in and out).



Gil Rowe

I rented a boat one day and did well at Leighton Springs and Crooked Creek. I almost got blown across the lake at Little Hilton. The wind came up and blew around 40 mph. I dropped my anchor and kicked back between gusts. It took me an hour to cover 150 yards and get to shore. The next time I'm giving up on my kick boat and bringing the big guns, my pontoon boat, with an electric motor and 15 pound anchor. I had 29 trout (and two perch) in 4 days of fishing.



I had two grand slams on two different days (Rainbow, Brown and Cutthroat). Largest Bow was a 22 incher, largest brown 20" and largest Cut was a 19". Very few small fish, almost all were over 14". It was a great trip even with the wind.



Fat Crowley Rainbow

From member, Rodney Romero.

Going Home

To the Big Horn River

I would like to say I'm from Montana... but I'm not. I was fortunate enough to have lived and worked in the Montana / Wyoming area for BNSF Railway in 2009. I was able to see some fabled waters such as the Grey Reef of the North Platte River, the Wind River Canyon, Yellowstone and the Big Horn River.

Well this past May I had the opportunity to go back and visit the one of these famous waters. The Bighorn River is located near Fort Smith, Montana; it is about an hour and a half from Billings. This tail water runs through the Crow Indian reservation out

towards Hardin Montana. The best stretch is between the after bay dam through St. Xavier, this holds the highest concentration of trout. At times in the past this water has held as much as 12,000 fish per mile, today about half that.



Rodney Romero

I'm very fortunate to have a good friend who lives minutes from this river. I arrived on Friday. The goal was 2 days of hard fishing. We started out on Saturday, floating the river on my friend's boat as primer for a guided float trip on Sunday. This was his second time on the water. The flows were at 7200cfs, common flows are between 2500cfs to 4000cfs. Honestly, it was pretty difficult to wade. We caught rainbows and browns; I had 15 + fish for the day. My buddy Eric was hooking up but could not get one in the net, and all the fish were very healthy... I was in heaven!!



Eric

For the second day of fishing on Sunday, I contacted a fly shop located in Billings Montana called the East Rosebud Fly & Tackle. The owner, Richard Romersa, set my guide trip up with a guide by the name of Justin Whitefish (go figure). Justin,

our guide, was Billings's fly casting champion from the previous year.



Eric with huge spawning Walleye

Our float was an all-day event, fishing every part of the river stopping to wade where it was possible, hitting banks and throwing a dry when we would see a rise and we saw a lot of rises. I Caught 30 + fish for the day and my buddy Eric got plenty of fish in the net on this day.



Two things I will never forget on this trip; catching a large brown on a beatis dry fly and my buddy Eric, looking at his facial expression every time a he was hooked up!! What an amazing thing to be part of, it was awesome. I can't wait till next time!!!!

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Thank you Gil and Rodney for those awesome fly fishing reports. Book me on your next trip! Pleeease.

If you didn't make it to our last meeting at Los Ranchos Mobile Home Park here are some pictures from then.





Mark your Calendars

Tuesday, June 10th. General Meeting

Friday, June 13th. Fly Tying Class

July; **No** General Meeting

Saturday, September 13th. Club Picnic

Saturday, September 20th. IFFF Conclave in Mammoth Lakes

Saturday, October 18th. Project Healing Waters

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Sierra Trading Post:

www.sierratradingpost.com

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www.azflyfishing.net

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www.flymenfishingcompany.com

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The Sierra Trout Magnet:

www.sierratroutmagnet.com

A Final Note

Even though there won't be a meeting in July, continue to send fishing reports, stories, articles or news to;

paulstaubflyfan@yahoo.com

Let's stay in touch.

Just a reminder,



There will be time given at the June 10th meeting for what we call a fly fishing yard sale. Bring that stuff you no longer use or have extra of for someone who can get more use out of it. If you are looking for things to buy bring your cash. I'm sure there will be someone there interested in what you're selling or have what you need.