



## Club Officers

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Friday Fly Tying: 7:00PM, April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
at the Fire Station by Steve Plantenga

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## President's Message

Well here we are in April already. Opening of the main fishing season in the Sierras is the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. They are projecting low water for the whole season. That seems to be the situation for the whole state. I wonder if we will ever get back to normal.

I did manage to go fishing in March in Utah. A place called Minersville Reservoir about 10 miles west of Beaver, Utah. Went there with Barry Bishop and a guy that I have fished with for about 40 years named Jim Kinley. We spent a couple of days up there and had a good time. The fishing wasn't real hot, but it was different fly fishing a big lake from shore. This time of year the trout are in close to shore in this lake. We took our float tubes, but didn't use them. It was windy both days we

## General Meeting Notice

**Date:** Tuesday; April 13<sup>th</sup>.2015

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Place:** Apple Valley Fire Station

**Address:** 19235 Yucca Loma Rd.

Apple Valley

**Website:** [www.hidesertflyfishers.com](http://www.hidesertflyfishers.com)

fished and there seemed to be no advantage to putting them in the water. We did manage to catch a few fish. They ranged from about 12" to 25", with most running about 15" to 17". We caught 12 between the three of us for two days. There was really not a whole lot of people fishing, but it was not on the weekend so maybe that's why. Another reason there was not a lot of fishing going on is because of the special regulations on this lake. It is open to fishing with flies and lures only and you are only allowed to keep ONE fish per day OVER 22". Anything 22" or less is to be released. We did see one group get caught by the game warden for fishing with bait. I guess some people don't bother to check the rules or maybe they didn't think they would get caught.

There is a state park campground at the south end of the lake, but we stayed at one of only two houses on the lake. It is a three bedroom, two bath house on 30 acres. It is about 500' to the lake. It rents for \$80 per night. NOT PER PERSON, PER NIGHT! It is fully furnished and the gentleman that owns it likes to rent to fly fishermen. It is a great place and a fantastic price. If anyone is interested in going there contact me and I will put you in contact with the man who owns it. You will really like it. All you need to bring is your food and your fishing gear. I am already looking forward to going back there.

I hope everyone is going to try and do some fishing this month even though the water is low everywhere in the west. I am probably going to fish Arrowhead and Silverwood at least.

Our Next meeting is on April 13<sup>th</sup> so please try to come. We are going to have a presentation on fishing the local areas. We will also have some new and different items for our monthly opportunity drawing.

Good fishing to all

Mike Hayes

### **April's Guest Speaker**

**Bill Reeves**

**The speaker for April's meeting is Bill Reeves. He will be speaking on the local spots in the**

**San Bernardino Mountains. These are places most people don't know about. I would bring a note pad for this one. Steve Plantenga.**

As a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Southern California native who learn to Fly Fish from an uncle who was a park ranger at Yellowstone National Park in 1946. My father and I loved to fish the Rockies and the High Sierra's though fishing was great for two or three weeks in the summer I wanted more. I found that there was plenty of good fishing in our local mountains. I always believed when I found a good place to fish I should share it with everyone so that more people would love that place as I did to help protect it. This why for the last 19 years I have volunteered with California Department of Fish and Wildlife working on The Heritage and Wild Trout crew and doing projects in the Golden Trout Wilderness and working with Fisheries Resource volunteer Corp in our National Forest in Southern California, I some time as the Conservation Chair for the Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. I am a past President of the Deep Creek Fly Fishers. I have long worked with U. S. Congress members and Senators on bills that would protect fish and our streams and wilderness.

**Bill Reeves is a guest not to be missed. I have personally used Bill's knowledge, tips and recommendations from past speaking engagements to get me and friends on fish in our local waters.**

### **Friday Night Fly Tying By Steve Plantenga**

Friday night we will be tying a Foam Beetle. This is a good terrestrial to have in your box. Sorry I have no picture for this one, you will have to come to the class. I will show you how to tie it and I will talk about how to fish this fly.

See you at the class,  
Steve Plantenga



**Here are a few reminders that Steve Plantenga wants us to be aware of.**

Next meeting in May we will be at the mobile home park on Waalew to practice casting, we are planning to have a certified casting instructor, come and hone your skills. We will be having hot dogs on the bar-b-que, cost is \$5:00. Meet at the lake at 6:30 PM.

For our meeting in June we will be having Claire Ingel from Fish & Wildlife. She will be talking about trout in the classroom.

For July we will be going dark & meeting back up in August.

**Paul Sinclair sent me a link to an interesting newsletter. It is the, Western Native Trout Initiative Newsletter.**

**<http://www.westernnativetrout.org/>**

**Pretty neat stuff, check it out.**

**Important Dates to Remember**

**Eastern Sierra Trout Opener  
April 25<sup>th</sup>. 2015**