



Club Officers

President: Mike Hayes

Vice President: Steve Plantenga

Secretary: Rodney Romero

Treasurer: Melissa Norton

FFF/PHW: Vacant

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

Conservation: Vacant

Fly of the Month: Vacant

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General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, 9th. 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Apple Valley Fire Station

Address: 19235 Yucca Loma Rd.

Apple Valley

Website: www.hidesertflyfishers.com

President's Message For June 2015

May ended on a very interesting note. At the suggestion of club member Barry Bishop and his wife Gail, we were invited to the Arts and Crafts building at the San Bernardino County Fair.



Barry and I tied flies and talked to a lot of people on Saturday and Sunday opening weekend. Patty Gnuse put in a few days during the week. Larry Baker was there on Friday, and Rodney Romero was there on Saturday. I was kind of surprised at the amount of interest in our sport of fly fishing and our craft of fly tying. We met quite a few people that may show up to our next club meeting. We'll see. Anyway, we were invited by the fair people to create a fly tying division for next year's fair. I did some research on that and found out that there are a few county fairs and at least two state fairs that

have a fly tying section in their arts and crafts division. I would like to know the club members thoughts on this. It may be an inexpensive way to get us known and even attract some new members. Thanks to all of the above for their participation on this last minute plan!

I would like to thank all the members that came to our little casting clinic at the mobile home park last meeting. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves in spite of the wind. We had some good food that was donated by Ed and Patty Gnuse and Rodney and Suzanne Romero. We also had some casting help from Bill Heard. I would like to hear from anyone that feels that Bill helped them with any casting problems they may have had.

We had local Boy Scout troop 656 with their Leader Cary Packer and they also received some lessons. We are trying to get them involved in our club. We need some new young people involved in fly fishing.

There was a raffle with a few nice items.

I don't know how many people went fishing last month. I will be looking for any reports at the next meeting. I just didn't seem to find time myself.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on Tue., June 9th. There will be no meeting in July.

Good Fishing to all

Mike Hayes

At The Fair



A Note from Steve Plantega about the June Meeting

For our meeting in June we will be having hot dogs on the B.B.Q, so come early and bring your appetite. If you would like to bring a side dish, such as some kind of salad or chips & salsa, that would be great. We can use some desserts also. Next, we will have a yard sale of things related to fly fishing, so bring the thing that you never use. You can trade, barter or sell them. This is a good way to get some things you need and ways to pass on the things you no longer use. After that we will have a tip night where we can share some tips we have learned that have helped us become better fishermen. After all of this, we will be holding our



opportunity drawing. This will be a great night of fun and camaraderie to kick off the summer. Don't forget we have no meeting in July because everyone will be fishing. So take lots of pictures and bring back some stories for the next news letter!

See you at the meeting,

Steve Plantenga

Float Tubing Opportunities

Over the Memorial Day weekend I wanted to take my kids float tube fishing locally. There are a few places within an hour or so drive from the high desert that offer the opportunity to float tube. I called one such venue to check what it would cost to put in.



Lake Gregory is a beautiful lake and has in the past offered terrific fishing. I gave the concession there a call and found out that not only has the price for putting in a float tube gone up but they now require a fishing fee along with a parking fee. That got me wondering, where can a person enjoy a day of float tubing locally with a chance of catching fish and what would it cost?

I put together a list of impoundments where a person can float tube fish that are close to us. This information may not be completely accurate but this is the information I've been able to gather by either calling, checking web sites or going there myself and fishing in a float tube. In most cases a state fishing license is required for persons 16 years and older. Check with the venue for their specific requirements.

Jess Ranch Lakes

Float Tubing
\$25.00 for four hour pass
\$40.00 for eight hour pass
Special regulations apply so check with the site for those regulations.

Lake Gregory

Float Tube Launch Fee
\$13.00
Parking Fee
\$8.00
Fishing Fee, stocked seasonally
\$8.00

Silverwood Lake

Entry Fee
\$10.00 per car
Float Tube Launch Fee
None, just put in and stay off the main lake for safety
Fishing Fee
None, Stocked Seasonally

Jenks Lake

Parking Fee
\$5.00, that was the case when I fished there in 2014.
Float tube Launch Fee
None, enjoy the fishing and stay clear of the bank fishermen.
Caution, bears may investigate anything left unattended on shore.
Fishing Fee
None, Stocked Seasonally

Big Bear Lake

Parking Fees
A Forest Adventure Pass may be required to park in various locations along the shore. Check for latest Adventure Pass fees.

Float Tube Fishing Fees
\$20.00 per day with graduating discounted price scales for multiple days or annual passes, per tube or vessel.
Stay within the buoy markers for safety.

Fishing Fee
None, Stocked Seasonally

Arrowbear

Parking Fees
A Forest Adventure Pass is required.
Float Tube Launch fees
None, but check if the water is high enough for tubing. This is a very seasonal impoundment.
Fishing Fee
None, Stocked Seasonally, if water is present.

Lost Lake

Parking Fees
A Forest Adventure Pass is required to park in the parking area.
Float Tube Launch fees
None, enjoy the fishing and stay clear of the bank fishermen.
Fishing Fee
None, Not stocked but it does have bass, bluegill, catfish and at least one big old carp. It's a small lake.

Jackson Lake

Parking Fees
A Forest Adventure Pass is required to park in the parking area.
Float Tube Launch fees
None, enjoy the fishing and stay clear of the bank fishermen.
Fishing Fee
None, Stocked Seasonally

A couple of lakes which are a little further away.

Fulmer Lake

Parking Fees
A Forest Adventure Pass is required to park in the parking area.
Float Tube Launch fees
None, enjoy the fishing and stay clear of the bank fishermen.
Fishing Fee
None, Stocked Seasonally

Elizabeth Lake

Parking Fees
A Forest Adventure Pass is required to park in the parking area.
Float Tube Launch fees
None, enjoy the fishing and stay clear of the bank fishermen.
Fishing Fee
None, Not sure if it is stocked anymore.

There may be more of these opportunities out there that I am not aware of. I suppose it just takes some looking around and checking the internet to see what one can find. There are lakes that are closed off to float tubes that I figured would be accessible until I started looking into it.

One thing to be mindful of and we should self police is to make sure we are not passing along invasive species when going to these locations to float tube. Some of these venues have personnel and procedures for checking and others have no guardians at all to check, so let's keep it clean and do the right things to be able to continue and enjoy these types of fishing opportunities.



Finally, wear a PFD while float tubing. The life it will save is precious.

Friday Night Fly Tying Class

The super hatches for the month of June are Callibaetis & Pale Morning Dun. The major hatches are Green Sedge Caddis, Elk Hair Caddis, March Brown & Stone fly's. For class we will be tying a Pale Morning Dun.

Hook: [TMC 100 #16-20](#)

Thread: [Danville Flymaster 6/0 Yellow](#)

Body: [Pale Morning Dun, Superfine](#)

Tail: [Light Dun Hackle Fibers](#)

Hackle: [Light Ginger Hackle](#)

Wingpost: [White Turkey Flat](#)



Gil Rowe went to the San Juan River. Here are a couple of pictures from his trip.



That looks like a great time on the San Juan.

Go Fish!