

Hi-Desert Fly Fishers

Newsletter

May 2015

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Friday Fly Tying: 7:00PM, 15th at the
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Conservation: Vacant

Fly of the Month: Vacant

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President's Message

Well it looks like May is off to a rousing start. A few of us went to Lake 1 at Jess Ranch Lakes on May 2nd and had a good time. We all caught something. Some of us caught more. We ended up with 5 people on the lake and it was very open fishing. There was myself, Steve Plantenga, Rodney Romero, Barry Bishop, and Larry Baker. I think we were all using different flies and all found something that worked for us. Larry just found something that worked a little better than the rest of us. Good going Larry! There are a few pics and videos on our Facebook site from Rodney Romero. Rodney has been doing a great job of maintaining the site and updating it regularly. You should also check out our club website that has been updated by Patty Gnuse. She is still working on it, but has done a fine job so far. Not bad for someone with no experience in doing a website. We now have a list of the club library books available to members. There is also a list of my personal library which will also be available to members.

General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, May 12th, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Los Rancheros Mobile Home
Park

Address: 20843 Waalew Rd.
Apple Valley

Just a quick reminder that the meeting this month is at the mobile home park at 20843 Waalew Rd. in Apple Valley. We will be getting casting lessons from a certified casting instructor.

We will be having hot dogs on the bar-b-que, cost is \$5.00. Meet at the lake on Tue. May 12th at 6:30 P.M. I hope to have the drawing that we didn't have last month. Will see how many people show up. Everyone please try to show up. I think it will be very beneficial, especially if you are having any kind of casting problems. Maybe you can get some fixes on it.

Have a good month fishing,

Mike Hayes

May Meeting Guest Speaker

Our guest for the evening will be is Bill Heard Master casting instructor.

Bill has been fly fishing since 1971 and has been teaching since 2003. In 2004 became certified FFF casting instructor and also became a representative on the R.L. Winston Pro staff. Bill has been a FFF master caster for past 9 years.

If you have a hitch in your cast Bill will be able to help you!

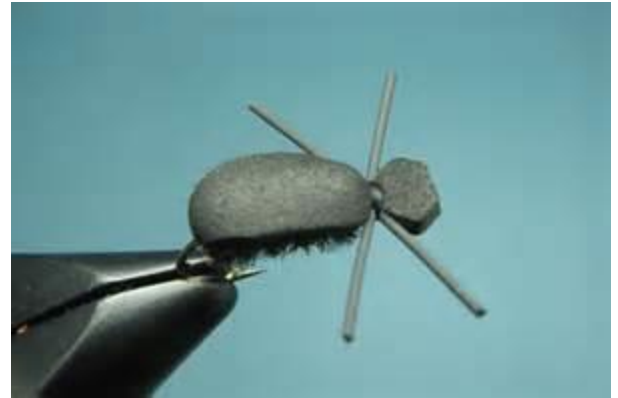
Should be lots of fun!!

See you there!!



Friday Night Fly Tying

It sounds like last month's fly tying class didn't happen due to a scheduling conflict. So, this month Steve will be doing the Foam Beetle.



Fishing the Lower Owens

With

Joe Libeu

Written by Rodney Romero

My first outing of the season was a most enjoyable one. I had the pleasure along with 3 other Hi Desert club members (Rocky Pacini, Tom McKenzie and Kim Crawford) to participate Joe Libeu 2 day Fly Fishing seminar. I'm one of those guys that can't wait to hit the water, meaning I have my pole all rigged up prior to even looking at the water. Joe had different plan, Joe wanted to know what our goal where during this 2 day seminar. We all had something different we hoped to learn.

He first had us walk the river, showed us how we need to approach the water and keeping us far enough from spooking the fish and pointing out runs seams and structure we need to be looking for. A big emphasis was how we would access the water to fish area that we believe hold fish, meaning how we cross the water safely. He pointed out working with current, look for good crossing area and covered the use of a wading staff.

Entomology! One thing I honestly never really do in the ways of bug, is look at what is in the water or what is happening on the water. First thing Joe pointed out was the birds sweeping over the water ... picking up bugs. He had us stir the bottom up toward his net and had us look at what the fish are targeting. We were all pretty amazed with the abundant life in the water, rock worms , case caddis, stoneflies. We were looking at color, sizes and remembering all this when we begin to set rigs up.



Joe had us tying a trailering rig, learning knots , tying knots until we were proficient, chose the flies that best resembled what we saw in the water. He helped each one of us on casting, our presentation and mending. He covered everything; he was open to any questions.

All of us had a tremendous experience on the water, and we thank Joe Libeu for his patience and sharing his knowledge with us.

This next meeting only, Tuesday at the Los Rancheros Mobile Home Park in Apple Valley.