



Established January 26, 2009

March 2018

New Club Officers

President: Rodney Romero
Vice President: Melissa Norton
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CFO: Rocky Pacini
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Fair & tying Coordinator: Barry Bishop
Event Coordinator: Kim Crawford
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PHWFF Asst. Lead: John Aydelotte
Communication: John Aydelotte

Fly Tying Group: At the Bishop's
Sunday 12 noon after the meeting

Send Articles and Fishing Reports
to: HDF4trout@gmail.com

Next General Meeting:

Date: Tuesday Mar. 13th 2018

Time: 7:00 pm.

Location:

The Romero's Home
18748 Shoshonee rd. Apple Valley
92307

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ATTENTION!

Our normal meeting location is still not available. We will hold our regular meeting at the Romero's home.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope you joined us at our recent Installation dinner!

HI- DESERT FLY FISHERS packed the house at Los Domingo's. My hope is you had a great time, I know Suzanne and I did. We had some the best opportunity drawing items that I have ever seen. I can't thank enough, the kind people of this fly fishing community and our club members for their generosity. Los Domingo's had some delicious food, great service and provided a very nice atmosphere. Most importantly we had a brief opportunity to build friendships, and ultimately just have a great time. During the evening festivities, we had a little business to take care of, board elections and election of a new board member. Melissa Norton, Vice President, Rocky Pacini CFO, Kim Crawford Event Coordinator and John Carey Secretary, a huge thank you to Mr. Carey for volunteering to fill the vacant position of secretary, you will be a great addition to the board!

All club activities would not be possible without the generosity of time donated by the Hi- Desert Fly Fishers board. Thank you all for the dedication, I look forward to all activities we have planned throughout 2018. Lastly thank you all for taking time and participating in this event!!

Thanks,
Rodney Romero

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Meeting Location Change

Our meeting location has changed while water damage is being repaired at the fire station. We will meet at:

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Speaker

This month's speaker will be Gary Applebee. He will be talking about fishing small streams in preparation for our Santa Ana river trip.



County Fair

It is time to start thinking about our HDFS County Fair Event 5/19 thru 5/28. Please consider helping with the booth construction ideas, community HDFS awareness and Fly Tying. HDFS Fair Coordinator Barry Bishop 760-220-8019



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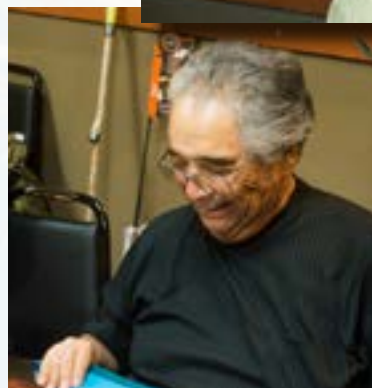
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Installation Dinner



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May 19-28, 2018

Hi-Desert Fly Fishers

Fly tying Contest

entries must be submitted by

April 13th 2018

Division 412 - Fly tying- Beginning- Less than 2 years (3 flies required)
Classes

1. Dry flies, (Adam Traditional Hook #12)
2. Streamer (Wolly Bugger, Hook#8)

Division 413 - Fly Tying - Intermediate 2-5 years (3 flies required)
Classes

1. Dry Fly (Western Coachman Traditional Hook#12)
2. Nymph (Gold Ribbed Hares Ear, Hook #12 no beaded Head)
3. Streamer (Spruce Fly light or Dark hook #8)

Division 414 - Fly Tying Advanced 5+ years (3 flies required)
Classes

1. Dry Flies (Royal Wulff, winged material variation ok hook #12)
2. Nymph (Cooper John any standard combo hook#12)
3. Streamer (Muddler Minnow- Original Pattern, hook #8)

Craft Department Guidelines

- . All Guidelines local and State rules apply to entire craft department.
- . **Entry Fee \$2.00 per entry per class**
- . Entries in this Department must be handcrafted by exhibitor and have been completed this year.
- . Judging is closed to the General public and Exhibitors.
- . Please indicate approximate size of your piece on Entry Form.

Any Questions Please call:

Barry Bishop
SBC HDFS board chair
760-220-8019

Please Forward Tied Flies to:

Att: Barry Bishop
18076 Talisman St.
Hesperia, CA 92307

[Click here for entry form.](#)



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HDFS Store



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Get yours while they last

Hats \$20.00 Bill colors: Blue, Green, and Tan

Patches \$10.00 Same as on hats

Stickers \$3.00 Club logo

All proceeds go directly to the club!!

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EVENTS

Fly Tying



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I have started doing a little writing on fly fishing ,with the idea of a book at some later date so I thought I would share a little with you. It's a little rough but you may enjoy. Editor

Of Trout, Bugs, and Fishermen

Senses of trout (Part 1 more next month)

Trout have five senses that they use for their everyday feeding and survival. Just the same a humans.

Sight/Vision

Hearing

Feeling

Smell

Taste

Sight/Vision is important to trout but a blind trout can still feed and survive using it's other senses. Blind trout turn black but, that is not the only reason a trout could turn black. The trout's eye helps them spot pray and see danger. I find the vision system of trout very interesting. Trout have 2 eyes each seeing 180 degrees with a overlap of a few degrees in the front and a small blind spot in the rear. Trout can see about 12 feet in water, and can see fast movement and bright flashes at 30 or 40 feet happening above the water line. This is why fisherman should strive to blend in to the environment, and remove as many shiny objects as they can from the outside of their vests. Trout have no eyelids or adaptable pupal in their eyes, and are very slow to adapt to abrupt changes in light levels. It takes 20 to 30 minutes for them to adapt, so when fishing on a day with broken sun fish may seem a little fickle. What's really happening is they are adapting to the changing conditions.

The lens of a fishes eye is a sphere attached on one side of the eye socket, with a muscle on the other side. The muscle tightens or relaxes to focus the eye. This is why the far vision is not so good, but the near vision is very good. You would think that this would let the fish detect a fraud from a real bug but they don't have the brain power to do this. Most of the vision a trout possesses is from one eye or the other. This results in not having a sense of distance which means, a trout can only use the over lapping part of their vision in the very front to visually determine distance. A Trout 4 inches below the surface of the water has a window of vision for spotting your fly 4 inches wide. Most fishermen would benefit from practicing their casting as the trouts window is very small. Fly tyers have tried making the wings on dry flies taller, as they are seen first, but that unbalanced the fly. Others found that tilting the wings forward, so they are seen earlier gives the artificial fly a slight advantage over the natural fly. Trout see color during the day, but their vision turns to black and white at night. The color vision of trout differs a lot from human color vision in several ways. The color of light is measured in nanometers with human vision ranging from 400nm (blue) to 700nm (red). As you can see from the chart below, trout see well beyond human vision when it comes to colors but in water this color vision is limited to a depth of 12

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feet. The blue and green vision is the same in trout and humans but the red vision of trout is very bright where human vision is seeing a very dark almost black red.

Trout		Human	
Ultra Violet	355nm		
Blue	440nm	Blue	440nm
Green	535nm	Green	535nm
Red/Infra red	600nm	Red	565nm

The ultra violet vision in trout is gone by the age of two so it is somewhat unimportant to freshwater fly fishermen. In a recent study of sea run trout scientists have found that in salt water fish shift their vision to ultra violet but once entering fresh water their vision shifts dramatically to the infrared. I have done some study on this and find that it could be very important to fly fishermen. Trout simply don't see colors the same as humans. The fresh water environment is very bright in infrared as the plants in the stream are high is infrared that the trout see. I even have found out that the bugs have infrared most likely to help them hide in the vegetation. Lots more on this coming at a later time.

Water absorbs longer wave lengths of light such a red and infrared and passes shorter wave lengths such as ultra violet. This holds true for clear water but in tea stained trout streams ultra violet is totally scattered in the first few inches. This would create a blue background for a fish looking up, for the same reason our sky we see as humans is blue. UV materials work by taking in UV light and fluorescing that light as another color such as red, orange, or yellow to name a few. If there is no UV light there is no advantage to using UV marital for deep flies but they may work very well near the surface of a trout stream, and deeper in clear waters.

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FISHING REPORTS

LOWER OWENS RIVER FLY FISHING : BISHOP, CA – 3.01.18

From: [SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)

The Lower Owens has had some major events recently! A wind driven fire jumped around and burned about 70% of the river bottom from the dam area to below Five bridges last week. Chalk Bluff road is now open and fishing has resumed as normal! The river looks excellent and we were the first ones on the water after the fire and were very pleased with the great results. In other words, not many fish were killed, at all. Flows continue to stay low with clear to semi clear water depending on your location. As the fire was burning we were forced to fish down lower on the river than our usual guiding spots. We were very happy with the results as fish have been relocated throughout the system after the amazing high water experienced a few months ago. The same seasonal flies mentioned in my last report are still enticing the wild brown trout of the Lower Owens. (Caddis Worms, PT variations, Midge larvae and emergers, BWO nymphs and emergers) fish these bugs in sizes #14-#18. Mayflies still come off around noon throughout the river system ... Fish rising to these Baetis can be spotty but have been noted recently. Stay tuned for more as this amazing system prepares itself for springtime fishing!

UPPER OWENS RIVER FLY FISHING - 2.12.18

From: [SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)

Flowing at a healthy rate of around 105cfs, the Upper Owens has yet to turn into the winter wonderland it has been past years during this time of the year. This makes the entire river accessible. Water is slightly off colour with the increase in flow volume. This changes the fishing slightly as the fish feel a little more bold as to where they spend their time. The entire system appears to hold fish. BIG FISH. Reading water is key to success here, also knowing where to allocate your fishing time accordingly are keys for optimum success. Smaller fish can be seen rising to small Caddis and Mayflies here and there. If you can't get a huge hookup maybe these dinks will humor you.... Fish the same flies as mentioned in my last few Upper Owens Reports and don't miss any strikes!

Upper Kern 20 Mile Section - 1.30.18

From: [The Kern River Fly Shop](#)

Upper Kern 20 Mile Section (north of Kern River Fly Shop) The upper Kern River from Lake Isabella north to 4 miles past the Johnsondale bridge (wild trout section) remains open to fly fishing all year. The river is down to 270 cfs and clear. Fishing on the upper Kern is ok at this time from the Powerhouse down to the lake, and a few local anglers are doing well on wild fish above this area. Water temps dropped to 34-36 degrees and this means that trout get lethargic and harder to catch. The Fish and Wild Life stocked hatchery fish in section #5, #4, and #3 last week for Whiskey Flats days and will continue the following week for those of you chasing hatchery fish.

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Treasurer Report

February 28th 2018

Checking account \$4,142.36

Outstanding check 30003 to FFI membership dues \$(35.00)

Outstanding check 30001 to Los Domingos installation dinner \$(455.83)

Savings account \$1,543.39

A detailed financial report for February 2018 will be available for full review at our March 2018 club meeting.



CALENDAR

[Six Month Calendar Download](#)

Whats Happening

March

7th to 11th Fred Hall Show

13th General Meeting 7 pm, Speaker Pat Jeager

18th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops

24th Bear Creek Outing

April

10th General Meeting 7 pm,

15th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops

22th Casting for recovery, Jess Ranch Lakes

28th Silverwood float tube outing, 7am