



# HI Desert Fly Fishers



Established January 26, 2009

April 2018

## New Club Officers

**President:** Rodney Romero  
**Vice President:** Melissa Norton  
**Secretary:** John Cary  
**CFO:** Rocky Pacini  
**Website:** Mike Hayes  
**Counselor:** Steve Plantenga  
**Fair & tying Coordinator:** Barry Bishop  
**Event Coordinator:** Kim Crawford  
**PHWFF Lead:** Jim Ower  
**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](mailto:HDF4trout@gmail.com)

## Next General Meeting:

**Date:** Tuesday Mar. 13th 2018

**Time:** 7:00 pm.

**Location:**

**Los Rancho Mobile Home Park.**  
**20683 Waalew Rd. Apple Valley.**  
[www.hidesertflyfishers.com](http://www.hidesertflyfishers.com)



## ATTENTION!

**Our normal meeting location is still not available. We will hold our regular meeting at **Los Rancho Mobile Home Park, 20683 Waalew Rd. Apple Valley.****



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

President's report

Spring is here! Opening day for the 2018 fishing season is less than a month away. Some of us have taken to the stream with some success. We had a group of Hi-Desert Fly

Fishers recently refine their techniques locally at Santa Ana River with the Help of club member Gary Applebee. The small stream class was a great opportunity to learn new ways to work a stream and avoid the constant fight with obstacles such as structure and overhangs, that are consistent with small streams.

A huge thank you to Gary Applebee for taking time out and for sharing the knowledge that he has acquired over many years fishing small streams. The activities that are planned for this year present an opportunity to improve your skills, learn from others and a great way to make new friends. The next outing on the calendar will be float tubing Silverwood Lake. Please join us, take advantage of the scheduled outing to fish our local waters, you will have a great time!

As you are all aware our meeting location is still under construction. The city is still just acquiring bids for the damage that occurred during the month of January. We are in constant contact with the city to get updates on when we can occupy the meeting room once again. Our April general meeting will be held at Los Rancho Mobile Home Park 20683 Waalew Rd. Apple Valley.

See you soon!

Rodney Romero

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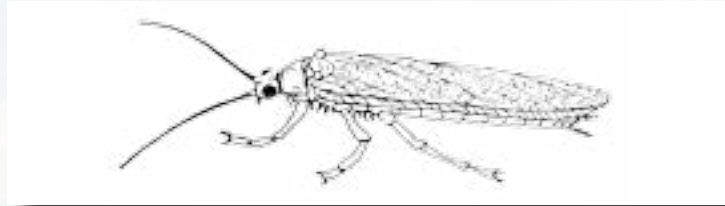
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# Meeting Location Change

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

**Los Rancho Mobile Home Park. 20683  
Waalew Rd. Apple Valley.**



## Speaker

### Buhler Bros Fishing the Lower Owens River

Ryan and Rob have been fishing for nearly 20 years, primarily in the eastern Sierra and Southern California mountains. Long time members of Southern Sierra fly fishing club, they greatly enjoy teaching classes in fly tying and have given many presentations to IFFF affiliated clubs throughout Southern California including the Re-grand opening of the Kern River Fly Shop. Both Rob and Ryan are current pro staff field representatives at Togens Fly Shop.

There topic for the evening Fly fishing the Lower Owens River They will be covering rigging tackle, best flies to use proper presentation, how to read various waters, best time to fish.

Get ready for a very educational and fun evening, I recommend taking notes!!

hope to see you there!





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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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### FLY TYING & ENTRY FORMS

Hello HDFS members, This year the Fair will run from May 19th through May 28th. The registration forms for the FLY TYING Competition need to be turned in before April 13th. The most convenient way to submit the forms is ONLINE @ [www.sbcfair.com](http://www.sbcfair.com). You can also use the paper form and send it to: 28th DAA 14800 Seventh Street Victorville, Ca. 92395. Please consider entering your three Flies, which will be all of the same type that you have chosen from your skill level and Division. Example from SBCF Booklet: (Division 412 - Fly Tying - Beginning - Less than 2 yrs. Experience ).

If you have an old fly box or a small type of jewelry box with a layer of cotton on bottom to place your - Flies in, would be fine. Please place your name on the container with a piece of tape. Your Flies need to be given to me (brought to my house or at the meeting), or sent to me on or before APRIL 28th. My address: 18076 Talisman St. Hesperia Ca. 92345.

### OUR BOOTH AT THE FAIR

This year we will be in a giant tent with some kind of air/cooling circulation, in place of the building that use to be there that burned, then torn down. We will be setting up our booth one or two days before opening day. If you are interested in helping set up the booth contact me, I will give you the info.

I will be passing around a schedule to sign your name for the days that you would like to attend our booth. It is OK if you do not Tie Flies, you are still needed and urge you to attend by talking and educating our guest that visit the booth.



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*Stickers . . . . . \$3.00 . . . . . Club logo*

*All proceeds go directly to the club!!*



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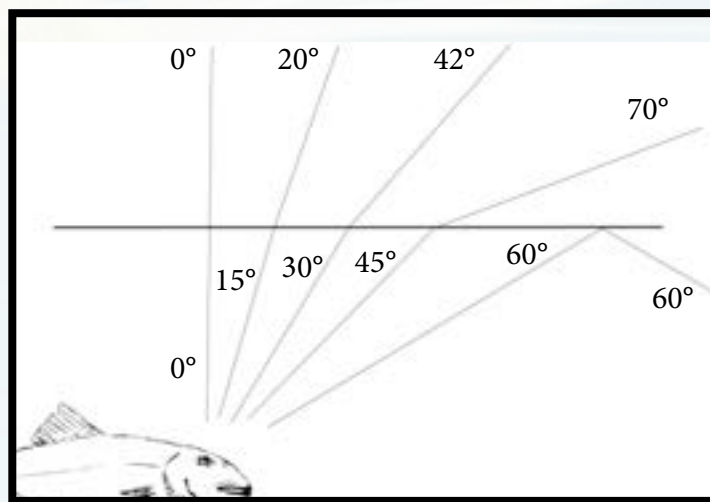


*I have started doing a little writing on fly fishing ,with the idea of a book at some later date so I thought I would share a little with you. It's a little rough but you may enjoy. Editor*

## Of Trout, Bugs, and Fishermen

### Sight/Vision Continued from last month

Water has a couple of other proprieties called refraction and reflection. Reflection begins to happen at an angle of 48.6 degrees. For the fisherman that means you need to be close to the water to see the trout. For trout it means they has a window to see out of surrounded by a reflection of the bottom. When the water is choppy it gets much harder to see for both the trout and the fisherman with changing reflection and view angles.



*Refraction and reflection vision from a trouts point of view.*

When light passes through the surface of water it changes direction. This happens because light travels slower in a dense medium such as water then it does in air. The chart above shows how this occurs up until the angle of 48.6 degrees the then a fish in a lake or river sees back to the bottom. This has a couple effects for man and fish. A fish sees man closer to being right overhead and man sees the fish further a way and nearer to the surface of the water then the fish actually are. On a stream or river presenting a fly to a trout is not always what it seems. You need to cast just a little less farther to get your fly in front of the fish. The other effect is the closer to the surface of the water a trout is the smaller the window of vision. Take into consideration the narrow overlapping section of a trouts vision and the reflection free window when a trout is near the surface it has a very small area where it can see a natural or your fly. Knowing that, you should understand why a fish may turn and follow your fly before striking.

Trout have rods and cones in their eye just like humans, but unlike humans, the rods recede back into the retina during brighter times and come out at night. The cones do the same thing in reverse with a overlapping time at dusk and dawn. This procedure takes about five hours to fully complete. So knowing that trout see only shades of black and white



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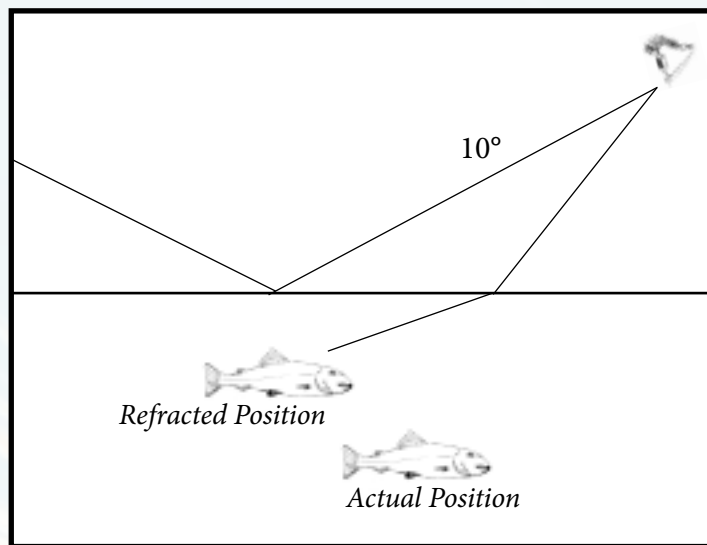
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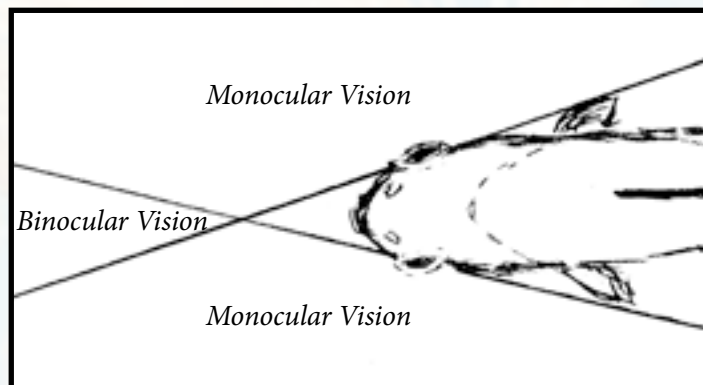


in low light conditions, and color only during the day, but both at dawn and dusk, may explain why fishing is sometimes best at dusk and dawn.

Looking at a trout's vision is a eye opener for a lot of people. We know a lot but there is much more to know for the fly fisherman. We know that when steelhead and salmon are in the ocean, they have ultra violet vision, but that disappears a short time after they enter fresh water, and is replaced with the ability to see infrared up to about 800nm. Human vision has a resolution 14 times greater than trout. Trout see mostly shape, size, color patches, and movement. Up close trout vision gets a lot better but still it lacks resolution to tell a natural from a impressionistic artificial. As to the color vision underwater spectrum a sensitivity of trout, more research is need especially in infrared and ultra violet. We do know that blue is bright to the fish but not really found in the underwater naturals. Red is the second brightest with yellow and orange, green is the most subdued. At this time color is the most misunderstood aspect of fly selection. Size, shape, and presentation seem to be more important than color. A lot of this comes down to the statement that trout don't refuse a fly for something they see but rather they refuse a fly for something they don't see.



*Refraction and reflection vision from a fisherman's point of view.*



*Monocular and binocular vision areas of trout vision.*

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# FISHING REPORTS

## LOWER OWENS RIVER FLY FISHING : BISHOP, CA – 3.29.18

From: [SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)

The fire did not affect the fishing on the Lower River at all. With that out of the way let's talk about the fish we have been getting! Like the crew at the Shop has been seeing, many Fly anglers are coming in the shop are reporting respectively larger sized trout when compared to recent years past. It's been a great start to the year on the Lower Owens. Also, fish have started responding to the Baetis hatch that happens somewhere around 12 to 2 p.m. Which can lead to an amazing day when you're there for it. The best thing happening right now though is the amazing size of fish we have been seeing in the Lower. Not your stocked Rainbow trout below the bridges. I'm talking about very nice wild Brown Trout... Lots of free living rock worms, Baetis, stoneflies and Midge larvae can be seen under almost any rock. Fish have been keying in mostly on the Caddis and Baetis with an occasional stonefly and Midge. This can change quickly though! Stay tuned for much more to come!

## UPPER OWENS RIVER FLY FISHING - 3.29.18

From: [SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)

The Upper Owens River meanders through a field just south of Mammoth Lakes CA... Big spotted and aggressive creatures roam these waters this time of year and will continue for a couple months more! Beautiful Lahontan Cutts, Browns and Rainbows can be caught and released in this amazing Sierra stream. Flowing at 69.0 cfs once again the entire system has fish. You the Fly angler must read the appropriate water and choose where to spend your precious time on the water. Flies remain the same as in previous reports; Lightning bugs, SJ variations, Frenchies, Tickets and the like... Streamers have also been getting more attention recently! Call the shop for more info on this amazing stream! 760-873-0010

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

Upper Kern River 20 Mile Section (north of Kern River Fly Shop) 3.23.18  
The upper Kern is blown out at this time, but you should be able to fish it in a couple days as it is dropping fast.

Lower Kern River below Isabella Lake – Blue Wing olive hatch around 2pm and fish are coming up in certain sections of the lower Kern. Water temperatures down here are 47-48 degrees. The lower Kern from Democrat Dam to downstream to Hart Park is fishing better now. The lower Kern has been fishing ok for bass at this time from lake Isabella dam to Bakersfield/Oildale but should get good as soon as it gets warm.



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# Treasurer Report

March 31th 2018

*Checking account \$3,888.04*

*Savings account \$1,693.43*

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



## CALENDER

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### Whats Happening

#### 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

#### May

- 5th Kern river outing
- 8th General Meeting 7 pm,
- 13th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops
- 19th through 28th SBDC Fair