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President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone! This is the time of the year that everyone makes their New Years resolutions and I would like to let you know what mine is for this year. I am very excited to be your president this year and will work hard to make sure we make this year the best year ever for our club!

My goals for our club are to make sure we have a solid guest speaker program, have at least one club outing every month and make sure we concentrate on education for our club members and work on our club membership drives in our Hi-Desert community. Speaking of the guest speaker program, this month I am very excited to have Chris McKibbin from the Department of Fish and Game program. Chris will be speaking to us about "The Heritage and Wild Trout Program". I for one am very excited and looking forward to learning more about this program.

As well as our individual efforts in conservation. I believe, we as a club, can make a very big difference in conserving our beautiful resources that we are able to enjoy and hopefully we can have some impact on the

General Meeting Notice

Date:	Tuesday; Jan. 11, 2011
Time:	7:00 pm
Place:	County Fire Station
Address:	19235 Yucca Loma Rd. Apple Valley
Website:	www.hidesertflyfishers.com

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HD Club Discount Locations

Arizona Flyfishers: www.azflyfishing.net

Sierra Trading Post: www.sierratradingpost.com

Flymen Fishing: www.flymenfishingcompany.com

Sierra Stream:
www.stillwaterflyfishingadventures.com

Sierra Trout Magnet: Dave D'beaupre, owner
(760) 873-0010 10%
www.sierratroutmagnet.com

conservation of our resources for the future. Speaking of conservation and making a difference, I believe that the Federation of Fly Fishers and our South West Council are now on the right track to helping the individual clubs, making a difference in our local waters and resources across our beautiful nation. Even though our club is no longer a Charter Member club of the Federation. I feel strongly about working with and helping the Federation as much as possible, now and in the future. I will talk to the club at our January meeting about some exciting events in the near future that can help the Federation (South West Council) and the Hi-Desert Fly Fishers.

I am very excited about our new year and hope to see more of our club members getting involved with our club and help in our efforts to make this club as strong as possible. Remember, together as a team we will be able to accomplish all of our goals and enjoy our club now and in the future.

Ernie Gulley

Fly of the Month

Well, I had my vacation planned out for the middle two weeks of December, one week in Vegas and one week in the Sierras and Bryce Canyon. As we all know, that's when the storms rolled in. Vegas was flooding, Utah and Mammoth got about 10 feet of snow. To the delight of my wife we were stuck in Vegas for a few more days, and I kissed my fishing trip goodbye.

I had taken a few materials to tie some flies that I had seen over the previous days that were doing very well. One fly that I saw on just about every website, was a split back BWO emerger. So I decided to give it a go. Now I didn't have the exact materials for any recipe I found, so I used what I had. Remember, if you go out and buy exactly what every fly recipe says, you are going to spend some bucks in the long run. Try to use similar materials you already have and make the fly your own.

Materials: TMC 3761 hook, squirrel rust/bwo blend dubbing (recipes called for similar dubbing color), brassie copper wire, olive colored hackle for tails (from a bugger pack), brown goose biots (called for black), thin electronic shipping foam (called for white closed cell foam), Olive 70 etc.



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1. Lay down a base of thread, tie in tails approximately the size of the hook. Tie in wire and dub a thin body, leaving a few mils from the eye for the thorax. Rib the wire.



2. Tie in two goose biots so they spread out to the sides.



3. Add a thin strip of foam down the middle.

4. Dub a nice round thorax and fold foam over. (Give yourself more space behind the eye than I did).



5. Fold biots over on the sides to allow foam to snow cone in the middle. Form small head with thread and whip finish.

Hope you enjoy tying this one,

Robert

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SWCFFF NEWS

Quarterly Meeting Info

The first meeting of 2011 will be held in Santa Monica at Reed Park. (thank you, Wilderness!) It is located at 7th and Wilshire. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a break for lunch. Please be sure that someone from your club is in attendance as we will be in the final planning stages for the upcoming shows. Best time slots for the shows go to those that speak up first. As a reminder, show dates are -

February 19-20 - Pasadena Fly Show
March 9-13 - Fred Hall, Long Beach
March 24-27 - Fred Hall, Del Mar

Additionally, we are trying to finalize: Bass Pro, Rancho Cucamonga (February 26-27 or March 5-6) and Bakersfield Sportsmen Show (February 25-27) and should know in the next week.

FLYBUY 2011

Great Buys on New and Used Tackle
Benefit the SouthWest Council Federation of
Fly Fishers

Saturday, February 5, 2011
Long Beach Casting Club
4901 East 7th Street
Long Beach, CA 90804

\$10 includes BBQ'd burgers and hot dogs
RSVP for leader class and food
818.757.3474 or secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org

FLY TYING - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Learn from award winning fly tiers. Bill Blackstone, Wayne Luallen, John Van Derhoof, Mark Kirchner,

Dean Endress, Maria Rivas, Peter Koga, Lee Baerman, Naomi Okamoto and others will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques! Event will feature THREE renowned Buzsek Award winners. One-of-a-kind auction for flies SWC clubs have donated.

Hot Creek Guru Mas Okui teaches tying his fresh-water leaders. \$100 for the leader kit with enough material to create bunches of leaders. Also, on-the-pond instruction from Master Mas on how to cast and fish these long leaders. Limited to the first 10 people. 10 a.m.-noon. RSVP by January 22, 2011

GARAGE SALE - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contribute items for a fly-fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters or as needed by the SWC member clubs. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10. This not a swap meet – it is a HUGE YARD SALE. A great opportunity to dispose of extras, duplicates and unwanted gifts. Give items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly.

CASTING - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from Certified Federation Instructors.

\$1 per minute (15 minutes minimum).

Casting analyzed by our Certified instructors. Single-handed, Spey, double-haul. Lessons from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. See how you do in The Danish Casting Games!

SILENT AUCTIONS - 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Select and special items on the tables all day. Each auction conducted for 90 minutes; come anytime!

LIVE AUCTION - 1:30-2:30

Fly plates, special flies, private casting lessons and some special gear.

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PASADENA FLY FISHING SHOW STARTS 2011 ANGLING SEASON

February 19-20

PASADENA, Calif. – Southern California fly-fishers – chomping at the bit since things pretty much wrapped up last Fall – get their first taste of the year at the annual Fly Fishing Show at the Pasadena Center, 300 East Green St., Feb. 19-20.

Fly-casters, fly-tiers, tackle manufacturers, authors, artists and representatives from angling destinations around the world will converge on the city with a sure cure for late-winter blues.

The 2011 edition of the Pasadena Fly Fishing Show will feature a sneak preview of straight-out-of-the-factory new products from the worldwide fly-fishing industry. The show will be open 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sat.; and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sun. Covered parking at the Pasadena Center is \$9; however there are some 2,500 spaces within a few blocks.

The SouthWest Council FFF will have a booth staffed by club volunteers directing visitors to individual local clubs, fly-fishing destinations and helping kids tie flies, according to president Michael Schweit.

The Fly Fishing Show features fresh and saltwater angling from trout to tarpon, peacock bass to barramundi, steelhead to roosterfish from the Eastern Sierra to international hot spots. Fishing lodges and destination waters range from Alaska to Chilean Patagonia, British Columbia to Hawai'i with seminars and Destination Theater presentations.

About 80 exhibitor booths – ranging from tackle manufacturers and retail dealers to technical clothing to lodges and fly-fishing camps from around the world – will line the Pasadena Center exhibition hall.

Fly Fishing Show vacation/travel door prizes are each for two anglers and include:

**Picacho Lodge, Chilean Andes, Patagonia;
Pesca Maya Fishing Lodge, Ascension Bay, Mexico;
Restigouche River Lodge, New Brunswick, Canada;
Compeche Tarpon Fishing, Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico
(Yellow Dog Fly Fishing); and
Keough Hackle.**

There will be an oversize casting pond for demonstrations. Instructors include Gary Borger, Simon Gawesworth and Bill Lowe.

Featured fly tiers include Ben Furimsky, Bill Blackstone, Jay Murakoshi, Lee Baerman, Ricky Mitchell and Gary Borger.

How-to-do-it and where-to-go seminars are scheduled by Maggie Merriman, John Sherman, Ernie Gulley, Gary Graham, Conway Bowman, Ken Hanley, Richard Bean, Gary Borger, Baerman and Murakoshi.

Special “Classes With the Experts” are available with limited enrollment at a fee of \$75. Classes include Introduction to Fly Casting with Gary Borger, (beginning to intermediate) both Sat. and Sun., 8:30 to 11 a.m.; Kayak Fly Fishing, Sat., 8:30-11 a.m. Bamboo Rod Building with C. T. Robertson, Sun., 8:30-11 a.m. A “Women’s Only” casting class is offered by Maggie Merriman on Sun. from 2-4 p.m. The \$75 includes show admission for that day.

Hardy Reels’ representative John Shaner will offer free evaluation, maintenance and a complimentary lube kit to everyone bringing a Hardy to the show.

Destination Theatre programs begin at 11 a.m. on both Sat. and Sun. and continue hourly. Programs include Fly Fishing Northwestern Colorado, Tim Kirkpatrick; Billfish on a Fly A to Z, Jake Jordan; Fly Fishing in Utah, Spencer Higa; Fly Fishing the Eastern Sierra, Joe

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Contaldi; Permit Fishing in Ascension Bay, Tim Pro-fota; Alaska's Rainbow Heaven, David Taylor; Seasons of Crested Butte Colorado, Jason White; and Tarpon on the Fly – The Ultimate High, Jake Jordan.

“Some Destination Theatre shows will be repeated, others will be shown only once. Besides the theater shows, there will be about 30 tying and casting demonstrations and other fly-fishing shows per day,” said show producer Chuck Furimsky. A complete schedule of Destination Theatre shows, casting demonstrations, featured fly-tiers and seminars is available at <http://www.flyfishingshow.com/>

Admission: Adults \$15 for one day, \$25 for two-day pass. Children under 5 free, under 12 \$2; Scouts under age 16 in uniform free. Active military with ID

Have got your fishing license yet?

California Department of Fish and Game

Contact: Richard Reyes, DFG License and Revenue Branch, (916) 928-6899

Lorna Bernard, DFG Communications, (916) 322-8911

Department of Fish and Game Pilots New Automated License Data System for Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Director John McCamman announced today that Californians will soon purchase hunting and fishing licenses using a real-time automated system. Especially developed for DFG,

the Automated License Data System (ALDS) is already in place at DFG license sales offices. The system will be piloted at select license agent locations beginning the week of Sept. 20, with full statewide implementation expected between November 2010 and early January 2011.

“This system is the largest of its kind in the world,” said Director McCamman. “This long-awaited, long-requested system will provide an unmatched level of service to our license-buying constituents.”

Unlike automated systems in other states, California's ALDS is a real-time system. “A real-time system gives customers immediate access to our license inventory which will eliminate the need to visit a DFG office or wait for high-demand products to be issued via mail,” said James Fong, chief of DFG's License and Revenue Branch. “For example, a deer hunter will be able to go to his or her local license agent and immediately purchase any available deer tag rather than having to mail in an application or travel to a DFG office to make the purchase.”

ALDS will provide numerous advantages to hunting and fishing license buyers. License Agents won't run out of licenses and stamps, for example, and customers will be able to easily replace lost licenses at any license agent for a reduced fee.

“The advantages of this system go far beyond convenience,” said Fong. “Not only will we be able to improve customer service, but we will be able to use the information in the database to better manage wildlife and comply with federal grant requirements which translates into more revenue for our wildlife management and enforcement programs.”

During the first year of ALDS, customers should be aware that new requirements exist. For example, items issued through ALDS will be subject to a three percent surcharge for system maintenance. Also, custom-

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ers must provide some form of legal identification and a telephone number when they first make a purchase through ALDS. Customers are able to purchase licenses for other people as long as the licensee's prior year license is provided along with a driver license number. Without the prior year license, the purchaser must provide the licensee's date of birth, legal identification number and type, address and physical description. If the purchaser does not have all of the licensee's personal data, they can purchase a license voucher that can be redeemed for a sportfishing or hunting license at any ALDS license agent.

The new requirements will ensure a complete and accurate customer database, reduce the risk of fraud, improve DFG's ability to better manage resources, provide more equitable outdoor opportunities and meet federal mandates that require complete customer data. Although customers may experience a slower license sales transaction time the first year, the process will be quicker in the future, as the customer's information will already be in the system.

The license agents in the initial pilot of ALDS include:

- **& M Landing - San Diego, Calif.**
- ***Big 5 - El Segundo, Calif.**
- ***Walmart - Susanville, Calif.**
- ***Sports Authority - Temecula, Calif.**
- **Broadway Bait, Rod & Gun - Sacramento, Calif.**
- **Herb Bauer Sporting Goods - Fresno, Calif.**
- **Dom's Outdoor Outfitters - Livermore, Calif.**
- **Diamond Sporting Goods - Ukiah, Calif.**
- **Floyd's General Store - Bakersfield, Calif.**
- **The Grant Boys - Costa Mesa, Calif.**
- ***Bass Pro Shop's Outdoor World - Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.**
- **Half Moon Bay Sportfishing and Tackle - Half Moon Bay, Calif.**
- **Newport Landing - Newport Beach, Calif.**

*This location only

Traditional hunting and fishing licenses will still be available at non-ALDS license agents until the system is fully implemented statewide. Fishing licenses also continue to be available for purchase online at:

(www.calicensetofish.com/).

Hunting licenses are expected to be available for purchase online in 2011.

To find a license agent near you, or to learn more about ALDS, please visit the DFG website at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing.

DID YOU KNOW....

When monofilament line is not properly discarded it becomes a major hazard to fish, wildlife and human recreation in our rivers, estuaries oceans and surrounding land. Marine ecosystems are particularly at risk to the dangers of waste monofilament. All kinds of wildlife are impacted by waste monofilament. Everything to birds, sea turtles, alligators, manatees and of course fish! Fish and other wildlife can become wrapped in monofilament making them unable to avoid predators, hunt for food and ultimately result in their death.

Berkeley Pure Fishing recycles used monofilament fishing line and turns it into underwater fish structures, tackle boxes, and other fishing related items.

If you are a business, call them and they will send you a pre-paid shipping box to send in the line. It MUST be free of all debris, hooks, and metal attachments. The number is 1-800-BERKLEY or 1-800-237-5539.

If you are not a business and you have a bag of line, send it to the following address. Make sure it is clean of all debris, metal attachments and hooks.

Berkley Recycle Program
1900 18th St.
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

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To learn more about setting up a monofilament recycling program in your area visit the FFF website.



Mono Filament Tube at Rush Creek

How to Buy a Fly reel
Posted by: Paul Fersen
Date: 12/07/10

Paul Fersen was raised in Georgia, Paul Fersen has spent much of his life outdoors. His wide-ranging career has included stints as a professional football player, a dairy farmer, and a writer of essays and books—and through it all, Paul has always found time for his true passions: hunting and fishing. He has worked as a fly-fishing guide in Alaska, and has helped to introduce countless enthusiasts to the sporting life.



A fly reel is a thing of beauty. Put one on a table in front of an angler and they will invariably pick it up, feel it,

turn it, listen to the click, adjust the drag, and in essence fondle it. The longer they handle it, the better they like it. You can literally test the perceived quality of reels by the length of time anglers hold them. Reels are the jewels of the sport, and a great fly reel is something that is treasured as such.

There are hundreds of fly reels out there. Which one is the right one for you? Which one will not only strike your fancy, but do the job you need it to do? There are a number of factors to consider, but there are a few simple things to know about reels that will help you make the right choice. Let's take them one at a time, simplify them, and then come up with a simple rule.

1. Price—Depending on the quality and the make, fly reels run from as low as \$39 to \$900 and above. Don't panic. A very good trout fly reel can be bought for around \$125, and you can buy an excellent reel that will last you a lifetime and can be handed down to your children to treasure for under \$400, depending on size. (For larger reels used in salt water or for larger game fish, this number is more like \$500.) Due to advances in manufacturing, reels have come down substantially in price in the last few years, and a quality reel is not that expensive. There are, though, some magnificent reels out there that are hand-made and very expensive. Like a great cane rod, a magnificent reel is worth what we have to pay. Simple Rule: In a trout reel, you can buy a good reel for around \$100–\$150. You can buy a great reel for \$250–\$400. For a larger saltwater reel, you can buy a good reel for \$200 –\$300 and a great reel for \$350-\$500. Magnificent is going to cost more.

2. Material—Most reels today are made of machined bar-stock aluminum. What this means is a solid piece of aluminum is literally carved by a machine into the shape of the reel. The result is a beautifully smooth and sculptured work of art. There are composite material reels out there—as well as cast reels, formed by liquid metal poured into molds—but the highest quality reels are machined aluminum. Simple Rule: Buy a machined

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aluminum reel.

3. Click—As silly as this sounds, the sound or click made when line goes out or comes in is part of the wonderful aesthetic of a great fly reel. A good fly reel, when rotated, has a pleasing smooth click. If it sounds “tinny” or erratic and doesn’t bring a smile to your face, walk away. Simple Rule: The sound of a great fly reel should make you smile.

4. Drag System—This is what applies resistance and regulates the speed of the reel when the fish is running away and taking line off the reel. There are a number of drag systems out there, but most moderate-to-pricey reels use a variation of the disc drag. A disc drag is simply a number of discs made of self-lubricating materials that create various levels of friction as the drag knob is tightened. This is not as important in trout fishing as it is in saltwater fishing. Often in trout fishing, the fish is not going to pull a great deal of line off the reel, but a proper drag setting is still imperative in protecting your tippet. To be sure, there are those wonderful trout out there that will test a drag with the best of them. In saltwater fishing—where big, fast fish are streaking away from you—the drag system is critical. It is a big factor in fighting and tiring the fish quickly and keeping it from breaking off. All good reel companies offer good solid drag systems. This is perhaps the best reason to spend the money on a reel from a reputable company. Simple Rule: Buy a good quality reel and the drag system will be good as well.

5. Arbor Size—In the last few years, reels have undergone a revolution in design. All reels used to have a simple, conventional spindle in the middle on which to attach and wind the line. It took a lot of revolutions to wind the line and backing on a reel. Then came the large arbor. The large arbor reel was much larger in diameter and therefore the reel could take up line much quicker, in some cases three times as fast, which is a great benefit in saltwater fly fishing. The downside for trout fishing was the reel was much bigger and didn’t balance



A large-arbor reel (left) is usually heavier than a medium-arbor reel (center and right). The larger arbor will pick up line faster but won’t balance some light trout rods

Photo Tim Bronson

a light trout rod. Soon the mid arbor appeared—smaller than a large arbor, but still a larger arbor than the original spindle, allowing an angler to have the best of both worlds. Simple Rule: Large arbors are now the prevailing reel in saltwater fishing due to increased backing capacity and faster retrieve. In trout fishing, the smaller traditional reel is still popular due to its light weight and aesthetic balance with a light trout rod, although the compromise mid arbor is now popular with trout anglers, as well.

6. Overall Size—Reels are designed to match with certain rods and line weights. They are designed to hold a certain amount of backing with a certain size fly line and balance well with that same size fly rod. A trout reel designed to balance with a 4-weight rod is a far cry from a saltwater reel designed to handle a 12-weight tarpon rod. Simple Rule: The beauty of a fly rod outfit is the balance and aesthetic of the reel and the rod together. Never buy a reel without the rod in hand, and make sure you love the two together. Just as in life, most blind dates don’t work out very well.

ED. So there you have it last month the reel is a line holder and this month an “work of art” to pass down to your kids. Are you confused yet?

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*MEETING ON TUESDAY:
January 11th*

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Sierra Trading Post:
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