

# Hi-Desert Flyfishers



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## President's Message

Summer is almost over, we've had members hiking in the Sierras, fishing in British Columbia, floating down the San Juan River and many other exotic places. Those of us who are unable to go to these exotic places, live in an area that allows us to fish streams, still waters, surf and even go after Big Game fish with our fly Rods. The best part of where we live are the people we can go fishing with, so when you're going out with your fly rod pick up the phone and call another club member. The real joy of fly-fishing is not landing a 24" brown trout (ok, its right up near the top) it's the friends and memories you make.

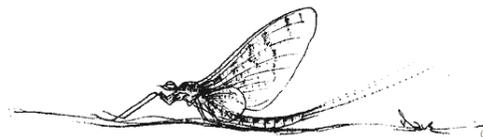
Enjoy the water and be safe,

Randy Kelly

P.S. We are still looking for a Vice President. Please consider this position.

## General Meeting Notice

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday; Sept. 13, 2011
<b>Time:</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Place:</b>	<b>County Fire Station</b>
<b>Address:</b>	19235 Yucca Loma Rd. Apple Valley
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.hidesertflyfishers.com">www.hidesertflyfishers.com</a>



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## HD Club Discount Locations

**Arizona Flyfishers:** [www.azflyfishing.net](http://www.azflyfishing.net)

**Sierra Trading Post:** [www.sierratradingpost.com](http://www.sierratradingpost.com)

**Flymen Fishing:** [www.flymenfishingcompany.com](http://www.flymenfishingcompany.com)

**Sierra Stream:**  
[www.stillwaterflyfishingadventures.com](http://www.stillwaterflyfishingadventures.com)

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



1. Start off by laying a thread base about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the hook length. Secure wire and head back to the tail of the fly.

## Fly of the Month

A simple, yet realistic emerger pattern. Depending on how much foam is used and if the hackles are cut, the fly will ride a little higher in the film. Remember only to add dry fly dressing to the foam and hackles, not the abdomen.

### **Materials:**

Hook: TMC 2487 size 14  
Thread: Danville's 70 denier in grey  
Ribbing: small UTC silver wire  
Wings: 2 ivory hackle tips  
Hackle: 1 dun colored hackle  
Dubbing: Ice Dub UV grey  
Foam: 2mm grey foam

Change the size and color of the materials to match the hatch.



2. Dub a thin abdomen; try not to go past the hook point as a reference. Not much dubbing is needed. Wrap wire to secure dubbing. Secure and cut wire.

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3. Tie in ivory hackle tips at the end of the dubbing so they form a “V”. Hackles should extend past the hook bend. Cut off excess.

5. Tie in grey hackle and wrap about 3 or 4 tight turns.



4. Cut a small strip of 2mm foam and tie in about an eyes length away from the hook eye. This will keep you from crowding at the end. The foam width should be about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the hook gap.

6. Split the grey hackles pointing up in two and make them go off to each side before folding foam over and securing.

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**water level view**

7. Cut foam, and build a nice head before whip finishing. Cut bottom hackles so the fly rides low in the film.

## SWCFFF News

### Joan Wulff Dinner Reservations

Dinner reservations for An Evening With Joan Wulff on Oct. 15 are available three ways:

- 1) Contact your club FFF representative or whoever is in charge of your club tables;
- 2) Go to [www.southwestcouncilfff.org](http://www.southwestcouncilfff.org) and follow the prompts to purchase dinner tickets; or
- 3) Phone 818.757.3474.

Dinner tickets with a choice of entrée are priced at \$75. Funds from the event will be used to fund Trout in the Classroom, casting and fly tying programs and ongoing support for local clubs.

For those “new” to the sport, Wulff – widow of Lee Wulff – is one of the world’s most famous fly fishers. From 1937 as an 11-year old tournament caster in



**Top view**

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Patterson, New Jersey to 1960, she won numerous International and National tournament casting titles. In 1951, she captured the Fisherman's Distance event while vying against an all-male line-up. Joan cast a fly 161-feet in one competition.

## Rod Raffle Ticket Availability

Tickets for the rod raffle in conjunction with the Southwest Council FFF's Evening With Joan Wulff in mid-October are still available, said Bennett Mintz, raffle chairman. The raffle is for a Special Edition Winston 4-piece, 6-weight rod donated by the Montana-based tackle company. The rod has a retail value of \$900.

"With only 500 tickets, the odds are pretty good you can win it," encouraged Ben.

If you are unable to attend the Joan Wulff dinner, but want to be entered in the drawing, send \$10 per ticket made out to the SWC-FFF c/o Bennett Mintz, 22370 Mission Circle, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Be sure to include your address, phone and e-mail address. Ben will personally fill out your tickets and enter them in the drawing.

## Fishhound Offers Free Registration to FFF Club Members

Fishhound, a where-to-go, what's biting fishing report service, provides real-time fishing reports by a roster of 700+ licensed guides. With reporting on more than 800 waters, the goal is to equip anglers with the decision-making tools necessary to help determine where to go, when to go and what to throw. Equally importantly is their plan to wrap those fishing reports with information designed to educate anglers and promote a lifestyle of stewardship both on and off the water.

Club members may register free at, <http://www.fishhound.com/registration>

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FLY POOL



There are still chances left to win a lifetime FFF membership. Cost of a square is \$5.00 and will be drawn when the board is filled. Help support the SWC and maybe win a prize worth \$500.00!

To purchase your chance to a lifetime FFF Membership, call Michael Schweit at 818-601-9702 or email your request to [president@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:president@southwestcouncilfff.org)

## Conservation

### **Study: Changing climate could cut Western trout habitat in half (two stories)**

From Trout Unlimited

Date: 08/12/2011

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**Study: Changing climate could cut Western trout habitat in half** Native cutthroat trout could see 58 percent decline in suitable habitat

BOISE, Idaho — A new study shows a changing climate could reduce suitable trout habitat in the western U.S. by about 50 percent over the next 70 years, with some trout species experiencing greater declines than others. The results were reported by a team of 11 scientists from Trout Unlimited, the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station, Colorado State University, the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group.

The study, published Aug. 15 in the peer-reviewed science journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, predicts native cutthroat throughout the West could decline by as much as 58 percent, while introduced brook trout could decline by as much as 77 percent. Rainbow and brown trout populations, according to the study, would also decline by an estimated 35 percent and 48 percent respectively.

The study notes that the decline of cutthroat trout is “of particular significance,” because cutthroats are the only trout native to much of the West and a keystone species in the Rocky Mountain ecosystem.

“The study advances our understanding of climate change impacts by looking beyond temperature increases to the role of flooding and interactions between species,” said TU’s Dr. Seth Wenger, the paper’s lead author. “The study also is notable in scope, using data from nearly 10,000 sites throughout the western United States.”

Wenger was quick to point out that, while the predictions are indeed dire, there is hope. By restoring and reconnecting coldwater drainages and by protecting existing healthy habitat largely located on public lands in the West, some of the decline in trout populations can likely be avoided.

“Essentially, Trout Unlimited is already protecting remaining strongholds and restoring degraded habitat — exactly the kind of things that need to be done to reduce the impact of a changing climate on coldwater fisheries in the West,” Wenger said.

“This report is a wake-up call,” said Chris Wood, the president and CEO of Trout Unlimited. “The good news is that we’re already working to protect high-quality trout habitat, such as backcountry roadless areas on national forests. We’re reconnecting tributaries to mainstem rivers, and we’re restoring degraded habitat. It is imperative that we accelerate the scope and the pace of that work if we are to have healthy trout populations and the irreplaceable fishing opportunities they provide through this century.”

Wenger and his fellow researchers used an “ensemble” of climate models to arrive at the study’s findings. Some models predicted more warming than others, but under even the most “optimistic” model, cutthroat trout populations in the West could decline by 33 percent. Scientists note that cutthroat trout populations are already in trouble — some subspecies have been removed from 90 percent of their historic native range and are listed under the Endangered Species Act. Declines from a changing climate would impact native cutthroat trout beyond the impacts they’ve already suffered.

“This study validates the work TU is doing in the West and all across the country to protect, reconnect, restore, and sustain trout habitat,” Wood continued. It also reinforces the danger in congressional proposals that would remove protection from backcountry roadless areas and cut funding for state and federal natural resource agencies.”

The study can be read in its entirety at *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* website ([www.pnas.org/](http://www.pnas.org/)) when it publishes Aug. 15.

*The research was funded by the National Fish and*

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*Wildlife Foundation, the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station.*

## **Hunters warned by law enforcement: Stumbling upon pot farm could be harmful or fatal**

By Ryan Sabalow  
Posted September 1, 2011 at 11:46 p.m.  
The Record Searchlight, *Redding.com*



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*Mike Rosales hunts with his son, James, 14, Thursday morning near Cottonwood Creek in Cottonwood. Thursday was the first day of dove season.*

A recent spate of gun violence involving marijuana and opium poppy growers in the north state has local law enforcement authorities warning hunters to be extra vigilant this season.

Although archery hunters have been stalking deer through area forests since mid-August, the unofficial start of the fall hunting season began Thursday. Hundreds of north state dove hunters grabbed their shotguns and headed out to creek bottoms, ponds and agri-

cultural fields for the start of the 15-day season.

While there were no reports of hunters stumbling upon pot farms on public or private lands Thursday in the north state, local officials say the risk should be on the minds of hunters in the weeks ahead, especially as more of them head to the woods for the rifle deer season, which begins in mid-September.

“This time of year is extraordinarily dangerous,” said Redding Police Chief Peter Hansen. “The plants are coming into bloom, it’s harvest season and people are desperate to protect their product.”

To bring home his point, Hansen pointed to a trio of recent shootings in which illicit growers allegedly fired at people because of their crops.

On Saturday, Aaron Bassler, 35, allegedly shot and killed Fort Bragg City Councilman Jere Melo. Melo, a forest land manager, was searching for marijuana farms with a friend in a rugged area outside Fort Bragg when he stumbled on an opium poppy farm Bassler was tending, authorities say.

On Sunday, Terence Ross Seed, 46, shot Todd Finch, 25, in a dispute over a pot grow in the Montgomery Creek area, Shasta County sheriff’s deputies say.

Finch was hospitalized because of the wound.

Just before midnight Monday, deputies responded to a shooting over a pot-growing operation in the 13900 block of Lake Boulevard, just north of Shasta Dam Boulevard in Shasta Lake.

Deputies found a man at the home with a gunshot wound to his back. The victim’s identity and condition haven’t been released.

Law enforcement officials also warn of long-standing dangers associated with Mexican drug cartels growing

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large marijuana gardens in remote corners of forests or on private ranches.

Redding-based Department of Fish and Game Capt. Lisa Stone said her wardens recently participated in a three-week pot clearing operation in the Mendocino County National Forest in Tehama and Glenn counties. The operation reportedly led to the destruction of 632,000 marijuana plants and 132 arrests.

Capt. Mike Ashmun said hunters should be wary of approaching anything that looks like a potential grow out of fear one of the guards tending it will shoot, thinking they're "a patch pirate," a raider out to steal the marijuana.

Hunters need to look not just for plants but also for trails and irrigation lines where they normally wouldn't be — that includes on private land.

Even a ranch on which the hunter had been the previous year could now have a garden, Ashmun said.

The concerns were in the back of Mike Rosales' mind while he hunted doves Thursday in Cottonwood during a day off work with his 14-year-old son, James.

Rosales, a battalion chief with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said he's benefited from training from his employer to look out for grows while fighting wild land fires.

He's especially concerned for the upcoming deer season, Rosales said.

"I've seen the remnants of the grows," he said. "But I've never personally discovered one."

Stone, Hansen and Ashmun each encouraged any hunter — or anyone else for that matter — who comes across a grow site to immediately leave the area and report it to authorities.

"It's a dangerous time," Stone said. "Everybody needs to be as alert as we can be at all times."

## The reason for this article

I found this article very interesting since last year in September an friend and I were going down to the Confluence of Bear Creek and the Santa Ana River to fish. We had done this all summer and since she is a school teacher it had always been in the middle of the week. We parked my truck, rigged up and walked down to the flume. The flume is where Edison diverts water from the Santa Ana River and Bear Creek to generate electricity.

We seen a white truck there and figured Edison was working down there. As we came up to the truck a couple of Hispanic men came walking up to the truck. No way to avoid saying "Hi", so we said "Hi" and asked if they were opening the flume. The flume had been dry for sometime now. They nodded. We walked down to the Bear Creek dam and the flume was still dry. First clue they didn't understand what we said. As we walked back the two men were trying to hurry to get ahead of us to get on the trail going down the Santa Ana River. They didn't have fishing gear but pruners on their hips.

Terri and I decided it was probably wise to get out of there. So we hustled back to my truck threw our rods in the back of my truck, got in the truck with our wading boots on and drove out of there.

For nine years I have patrolled the Confluence of Bear Creek and the Santa Ana River for FRVC. This year the road to the Edison dams and flume has not had small Alder trees growing in the middle of the road. Last year and the year before these small trees grew in the middle of the road. In the past both years the trees were cut down in September.

This year I have not scheduled any patrols in Septem-

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ber because it is harvest month. I know that the farmers are watching people fish on the Santa Ana River. They usually don't bother a person fishing. I have read many reports of hunters being shot at in the woods or wilderness, which ever name you want to call it.

So, when I read this article I thought this needs to be shared with you guys. Don't forget that deer season will be opening this month also. An orange hat may not be stealthy, but it sure beats getting shot at.

I always tell my wife where I'm going and when to expect me to come home. If I change locations I call her if I have cell phone coverage. This year she asked me, after I called her to tell her that we were going up a different canyon in the Sierra's. Why I called her to tell her this. It never dawned on me she had no clue. Since she wasn't an outdoor type of person she wouldn't know this intuitively. I told her so that if something happened and I didn't come home on the expected day she knew where to send the Search and Rescue people. "Ohhhh," and a light bulb came on for her.

Randy had asked me last month to talk a little about safety in the woods. I think or hope most of us know this stuff already. But humor me and let me ask you a question. Have you ever heard the story of the lost hiker?

He is an experienced hiker that hikes all the time alone. He went out today with a cotton tee shirt and shorts on for a short hike. Now he is lost. He has either no water or a small water bottle. He ends up spending the night in the woods with no jacket and the temperature drops down in the thirties or forties. This is a common story that you always hear.

This last year I helped teach a small stream class for Deep Creek Fly Fishers. At the end Mike asked if we were done and I said, "No." Then I asked them if they ever heard this story. Everyone had heard some variation of this story. I opened my fishing pack and showed

them a small bag I have. It is my survival kit. It weights less than a pound. I can put it in a fanny pack if I'm not fishing. I'm concerned about three things mostly; 1) water, 2) warmth or keeping my body temperature up and 3) shelter if I have to spend the night in the woods.

Water is my first concern, so I carry tablets and an individual Crystal Light packet. Treated water tastes like crap, so I flavor mine to hide the taste. They say you can stay alive without food for quite awhile, but not water. If I have to I'll drink untreated water as a last resort.

In my survival pack I have two ways to start a fire. I have matches and a lighter. I also have some stuff to act as kindling. It is no fun starting a fire with wet kindling, which I've done on a backpacking trip. I have a pocket knife that is big enough to cut small wood.

I also have a "space blanket" or I think they call them "survival blankets" now. I have always wondered why they were silver or reflective gold. One of the guys in the class was a Search and Rescue guy. He said so if you get lost you can spread it out and a plane will see it from a long ways off. Travis, a friend of mine that works for the Forest Service, said he had to spend a night in one and they are amazingly warm. It is extremely light and only costs about five dollars.

I also have a compass and map. Knowing where I'm going and where I parked is a nice thing. Map skills are good to know even if it is just the basics. I don't have a GPS, but they are suppose to be nice to have. My friend Travis has a "Spot" receiver. This is a satellite receiver that will call 911 for you and has four other messages that you can send back home to you spouse to let them know you're ok. This thing gets abused in the wilderness a lot. I've read stories about people calling 911 to ask if the water was safe to drink at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Every year there is a blog that tells of the stupidest calls made by people with these devises.

I also have a small First Aid kit. It doesn't have much in

it either. I have two 4x4 inch gauze pads, Three or four band aids, some antibiotic ointment, aspirin, Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, mole skin and duct tape. I have heard of people using super glue to close a cut.

I think everyone who has spent some time in the woods has probably got their own first aid kit and survival kit. Now if you get rescued the Search and Rescue and Forest Service can bill you for the rescue. It costs over 10 thousand dollars for that helicopter and that is not with the fuel that is in it.

I don't carry a gun and have never felt the need to carry a gun. I have seen bears from a far off and if they are in the wild they usually will try to get away from you. Especially if it is an area that they are hunted in. I talked to a guy that did the Pacific Crest Trail last year and asked him if he had any bear problems. He said the only bear problem was at the Mt. Whitney Trail Head where he spent the night. A mother bear was teaching her cubs to get into backpackers packs for food. He threw his tarp at her and she left and he did too.



My closest encounter was with this guy. I was at Slide Lake in the water up to my crotch and he was coming downstream to me. He was caught in the current. My eyes, I'm sure were the size of silver dollars and his were the size of quarters. He finally found a slow spot and swam left and I hurried right out of the current and over a rock. Both of us breathed a sign of relieve not to get any closer than we did. I went up stream and let him have his space. I have seen three other rattlesnakes in the mountains. They were all on Deep Creek and all were with my friend Bill Reeves. I don't hike or fish with him anymore. Just to be safe 'cause I think he attracts them.

I've never seem a mountain lion and hope I never do. Between pot farmers harvesting and mountain lions those are my biggest fears in the woods. As the article said, pot farmers have a habit of shooting first and finding out what you are doing later. The state of California doesn't let mountain lions be hunted. I don't think mountain lions practice birth control. So, I think they keep making babies. There is only so much room in the San Bernardino mountains for both them and man. Plus, I fish on my knees hiding behind rocks and bushes. That makes me a small target. Remember the mountain bike rider fixing his tire that was attacked by a mountain lion? Small target easy meal.

Other stuff I've seem are a fox with her kittens. She got them hidden before I could get my camera.



And trout food.



And yes, most of this is filler. Since no one has sent in any fishing stories and I had to fill up this page. Be safe guys and catch lots of fish.

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## Calendar 2011



### May

**Speaker:** Gil Rowe--Fishing the San Juan  
**Outing:** Silverwood Lake  
**Community:** Food Service cards

### June

**Speaker:** Richard Bean--Bass Fishing  
**Outing:** Silverwood Lake  
**Community:** 6/25-26 Rush Creek Cleanup

### July

**We are not meeting this month.**

### August

**Speaker:** Dave D'beaupre, Seirra Trout Magnet  
**Education:** TBA  
**Outing:** Bishop  
**Community:** PHW (Barstow Vets)  
Fly Fishing-101

### September

**Speaker:** Speaker Trout Unlimited  
**Education:** TBA  
**Outing:** Family Day Bar-B-Que  
**Community:** PHW (Barstow Vets)  
Fly Fishing-101 (cont.)

### October

**Speaker:** Michael Schweit--SWCFFF  
**Education:** TBA  
**Outing:** Newport Back Bay--salt water fly fishing  
**Community:** 10/15 Boy Scouts Fly fishing merit badge  
10/07 PHW Jess Ranch (tentative)

### November

**Speaker:** TBA  
**Education:** TBA  
**Outing:** TBA  
**Community:** TBA

### December

**Speaker:** TBA  
**Education:** TBA  
**Outing:** TBA  
**Community:** TBA

### January 2012

**Speaker:** TBA  
**Education:** TBA  
**Outing:** TBA  
**Community:** TBA