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General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM please be on Time!

Place: County Fire Station

Located: Apple Valley Road and Yucca Loma Rd

Program

Paul was able to obtain Brandon Wood of the Owens River Outfitters in Bishop CA. Brandon is going to give a talk about Owens

River, both from the shore and his drift boat as well as his telling us about his fly shop. I have talk myself to Brandon in the past and I am sure he will give a good talk.

New Members

I want to welcome two new members to our club, Ron Kabalin and John Palatino. The addition now brings our membership up to 40 now.

Fly Tying Class

Fly Tying Class's, will be on the Friday, following the Monthly meeting. I will take a head count at the meeting for those interested!

So those interested be at my house on Friday, August 15th, at approximately **6:30 PM**. Please bring \$5.00 with you to cover expenses. Some of the material not used, will be divided up among the tiers. I will also include some suggestions on fishing the featured fly.

The directions to my house, from the Fire Station are as follows:

Go East on Yucca Loma Rd to Rincon, which is on top of the hill at the Stop sign. Turn right on Rincon going south bound to Ottawa Rd, there is a street lamp there to help mark it. I think it is the only one around.

Turn left or East Bound to 20248 Ottawa Rd. My phone number is 247-5966 if you have any problems.

Be sure to bring your tying kits.

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Fly of the Month

This month we are going to learn how to pack deer hair. You will need a large size half hitch tool, that can go over the eye of a #2, hook and tying thread of at least 3/0. Color of thread doesn't matter much. White, red, black or even yellow will work fine. You will also need some white deer hair I will try to pick some up, but if you have some bring it along. White and natural deer hair is another tying material you should all have in your tying kits. Packing deer hair is a necessary process used on a large number of flies, not only on Bass Bugs. Packing is required on many hopper patterns, muddler minnows and other streamers to give them a larger appearance.

Spinning Deer Hair

Spinning deer hair is very hard to show in pictures. I think this is something that you actually have to see. A movie would be nice but it would be hard to put that in a newsletter. The trick to Spinning Deer Hair is to pack small amounts, at a time and also very tightly together, thus not allowing much air between the hairs. This starts when you first lay in your first section. Start by cutting a 1/8 inch bunch of hair and lay it perpendicular to the hook. You will not need a hair stacker for this process. Now take your anchored tying thread and wrap it around one end of the length of hair. Now put another wrap around hair and hook and while releasing the hair, give it another wrap and you will note that the hair will spin around the hook. Now lay in another section and push it as close as you can to the previous section. Be sure all layers spin around the hook and push them together as

close as you can. At least every three layers after it is packed in put a half hitch in, so in case your thread breaks the fly will not unravel.

The tighter the better is the rule! You almost have to make it look solid. The problem is you can't really see if it is tight enough until you have completed the trimming process. For this you will need sharp scissors or a razor blade. The razor blade will do it faster, but can be a little dangerous. Both ways are really messy and you will appreciate doing it outside or over a trash bag while trimming. During this spinning process you can change the colors and add rubber legs to individual sections and even eyes if you want.

Hopper pattern and Streamers, the deer hair can be a little less tight. Hoppers have other material that is used to help them float and Streamers are supposed to sink.

Deer Hair can be substituted with Elk hair. Elk hair will work equally as well. Deer hair is more widely available in dyed colors though. Dyed Deer hair can be purchased separately or in combo packs of various colors.

Fall Classic at Mammoth and about Mono Tubes

Streamborn has invited us again!!! The Streamborn Fall Classic, one of our sister clubs, will be the week of Sept 21,2008 . They need a firm head count from us by our August meeting! With the commitment, a \$100.00 deposit will be due.

We are going to be in a new Chalet this year. But if we need more room we can rent a second Chalet next door. These properties belong to the owner of performance Anglers and Joe, the owner, will be giving us a good

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price.

The Rush Creek clean up was a success. They had 16 volunteers with 4 members from Streamborn. They were able to clean up Rush Creek from the spillway at Silver lake all the way down to Grant Lake. After the clean up The Silver lake resort had a barbeque for those attending and raffled off some prizes. Streamborn also installed 5 Monofilament recycling tubes at the boat ramp and along Rush Creek and they are being used.

Streamborn will be installing more tubes along Convict Creek and the Mammoth lakes basin. Streamborn will also be donating 5 Tubes to be installed at Hot Creek and we will be installing them when we are up for the Fall Classic.

From the President

I really think that the HI-Desert Flyfishers should be involved with this kind of venture. I have contacted the Streamborn Club to find out how to obtain or make, these Mono Tubes

Pictured is Joe Lemire of the Streamborn Club, standing by a Mono Tube. By the way a Mono Tube is a place to put unwanted monofilament fishing line.

I will talk about this at our August meeting!!



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GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION &

FUNDRAISING AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 at NOON

We will discuss this at the August Meeting
those interested may want to car pool

Long Beach Casting Club wants us to be their guests at the grand reopening of their clubhouse on Saturday, August 23 at noon. The celebration will include an open house, lunch, fundraising auction and special activities.

Invited guests will include our friends in the fly fishing community, the Parks & Recreation staff, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Councilman Gary DeLong, firemen, contractors, insurance adjustors, Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, and others who have helped with the fire recovery. There will be a photo journal of the fire and rebuilding effort for those of you who have missed all the activity.

Here is a current list of donations to the auction:

Trips

Three days of guided fishing, four nights accommodation and all meals for two anglers on the Big Horn with Montana Fly Fishers. 2 for 1: \$1200 minimum.

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Three days of guided boat fishing out of Sitka, Alaska with Classic Casting Adventures. 2 for 1: \$1100 minimum.

Two days of fishing for two anglers on the San Juan River in New Mexico with John Tavenner. 2 for 1: \$400 minimum.

Two days of guided mako shark fishing for two or three anglers with Conway Bowman. 2 for 1: \$675 minimum.

Day of guided fishing on the Big Horn with Jeremy Gilbertson. 2 for 1: \$250 minimum.

Day of drifting the Owens in Bishop with Pat Jaeger.

Two days of guided wade fishing for two anglers with Gary Gunsolley of Brock's Flyfishing in Bishop.

Day of fishing for one or two anglers in the Florida Keys with Master Certified Casting Instructor Gordy Hill, with optional casting instruction.

Day of guided fishing for two in Colorado with Ken Iwamasa.

Bed & Breakfast Package for two at the Ritz-Carlton in Marina del Rey.

Five days of accommodations in Sayulita, near Puerto Vallarta, in a 4 bedroom, 4 bath home, with central kitchen, private beach, and attached health club.

Ten half-day rentals of a Catayak, a catamaran kayak, in Huntington Harbor.

Rods

Cortland Endurance 9 ft, 8 wt, 4 pc rod and tube.

Heddon 7 ft bamboo rod for a 4 wt line with a single tip, refinished by John Vanderhoof.

Sage RPL 996-4 rod.

Sage RP 690-4 rod.

Stone Creek Combo, 590-4 rod, reel, line, case.

St. Croix Legend Ultra 9106-3 rod.

Two Daiwa light action bait casting rods, 5'6".

Scott G 896-2 used rod.

Scott G 960-4 used rod.

Sage RP 890-2 used rod

Sage RPL 896-2 used rod.

Sage RPL+ 996-4 used rod.

Fenwick HMG 686-2 used rod.

Fenwick custom rod by Jack Dennis, 686-2, dated 1985.

Legend 890-2 used rod.

Loomis custom IMX 490-2 used rod by Boomer.

Equipment

Orvis Battenkill 3-4 wt. reel.

Brodin fishing net.

Fine wooden fly boxes.

Catayak, a catamaran kayak with rod holders that enables the caster to stand.

Outcast Trekker Float Tube.

Outcast Trinity float tube & backpack.

Rio Skagit Versitip, Bonefish, Gold Trout, and Striped Bass fly lines.

Three DB Dunn two-piece rod cases.

Wave two-piece rod case.

Twelve steelhead/salmon flies by Cheryl Moore.

Hodgman neoprene wading shoes, size 12.

Fly tying materials.

Abel 2 piece rod used case.

Abel 10-reel case.

Orvis CFO IV reel with line, used.

Books & DVD's

Rick Hafele's book Nymph Fishing Rivers & Streams with its DVD.

Rick Hafele's DVD Fishing Large Western Rivers.

Skip Morris's Art of Tying the Bass Fly book.

Skip Morris's waterproof Guide to Western River Hatches booklet.

Simon Gawesworth's Modern Spey Casting DVD.

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Scott Sanchez's New Generation of Trout Flies book.

Scott Sanchez's Saltwater Fly Tying book.

Ken Hanley's California Fly Tying & Fishing Guide.

Ken Hanley's Fly Fishing the Pacific Inshore.

Ken Hanley's Fly Fishing Afoot in the Surf Zone.

Mel Kreiger's The Essence of Fly Casting.

Taylor Streit's Man vs Fish – the Flyfisherman's Eternal Struggle.

Miscellaneous

\$20 gift certificate for Ferraro's Cucina Italian Restaurant.

Carved wood brown trout by Thomas Radoumis of Wildlife Reflections.

Signed limited edition print "Golden Trout" by Rick Aeschliman.

Framed trout print by Joseph Tomelleri.

Three framed drawings by Scott Sanchez.

\$300 in gift certificates from Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store.

\$850 in gift certificates from Brock's Flyfishing Specialists.

Lifetime FFF membership for one person.

Lifetime FFF membership for a couple.

Home-made blackberry jam.

And, for the sentimental, fire-scarred LBCC fishing shirt, polo shirt, T-shirt or hat.

Among other things, we expect rods and reels from Loop, as well as a guided trip in Idaho.

There will also be some gently used fishing items for sale from the estate of Art Murphy and Huber's Hackle Haven, and, a great custom knife by Larry Albach that is being sold with raffle squares.

Join us!