

Hi-Desert Fly Fishers

Newsletter

February 2015

Club Officers

President: Mike Hayes

Vice President: Steve Plantenga

Secretary: Rodney Romero

Treasurer: Melissa Norton

FFF/PHW: Vacant

Friday Fly Tying: 7:00PM Dec. 16th.at
the Fire Station by Steve Plantenga

Conservation: Vacant

Fly of the Month: Vacant

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General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday; February 10th. 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Apple Valley Fire Station

Address: 19235 Yucca Loma Rd.

Apple Valley

Website: www.hidesertflyfishers.com

President's Message

Hello to all club members, old and new. We have a fairly interesting month coming up. First, our speaker for this month will be Joe Libeu. He will be giving a very good talk on tactics, flies, etc. on the Lower Owens. It promises to be very interesting. I would very much like all members who can to attend. I think this will be very beneficial for all of us. Especially since we have been talking about a club outing in the near future to that area.

Later this month on the 28th, we will be having our annual installation dinner. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. We will be signing people up for the dinner at the next meeting on the 10th. Please sign up (and pay?), so we can plan on the amount of people to feed. Everyone should have received a flyer in their Email by now. We will also have a large raffle with many different items. We already have lined up rods, reels, float tubes, inflatable PFD's, etc. I am sure there will be something there that everyone will want to win. I believe we have been promised a few carvings from our friend and member Bob Lancraft. Tickets for this outstanding raffle will be \$10 each.

There will be a fly tying class on Friday, the 13th (Really?) As usual, it will be run by Steve Plantenga. Steve is also working with one of our local Boy Scout troops and hopes to maybe have them there this month also. We will probably know more at the monthly meeting.

A few of us attended the fly buy at the Long Beach club on Jan. 31st. A lot of good tyers there and some very interesting flies were being tied. I went, along with Rodney Romero, Steve Plantenga, and Rocky Pacini. A friend of Rodney's also went. It was a very interesting day. Maybe someday we can have a casting pond and clubhouse like they do.

One more thing before I shut up for this month. The Fred Hall Sportsman's show is coming up from March 4th through the 8th. I know it is not a flyfishing only show, but sometimes you can find some very interesting things to check out and even buy. Also, the Southwest Council will have a booth there and I plan to help out there on the 4th for a few hours. It is at the Long Beach Convention Center and if you have never been, you should, at least once.

See you all at the next meeting.

Mike Hayes

February's Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker is Joe Libeu, owner of Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures, Guide and on the IFFF Casting board of Governors. Joe will be doing a program on the Lower Owens and how to improve your success on the stream. Joe has been fishing the Lower Owens since 1973 and views the Owens as his home stream. Joe will cover stream side approach, reading the water, wading, entomology, nymph leader systems, stream side etiquette. Join us for a evening of education.

Mike will be having dinner with Joe before the meeting at Applebee's Restaurant beginning at 5:30PM. Club members are welcome and keep in mind that it is a no-host dinner.

Upcoming Fly Fishing Expo



This is an event that some of our members went to last year. They all reported that they had a great time, met great people and ate great food. This sounds like

something to put on your calendar for April 11th. and 12th.

Hi-Desert Fly Fishers on the Web



Recently, Patty Gnuse took on the challenge of updating our website. If you haven't seen that site in a while you should check it out. There is a lot of new information on there. Thank Patty when you see her for a job well done.

Hi-Desert Fly Fishers on Facebook



Yes, Hi-Desert Fly Fishers is now up on Facebook. Rodney Romero created a really nice page for our club. Make sure to check it out.

Fred Hall Fishing and Boat Show

Long Beach Show

at the Long Beach Convention Center
March 4 - 8, 2015

We have been asked to participate in the booth for the Southwest Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Anyone wanting to lend a hand at the booth during the show should talk to Mike Hayes.

Let's Talk Membership

Our Club's Annual Membership is as follows;

Single membership, \$30.00

Family membership, \$35.00

It is also mandatory that each member of our club be a member of the IFFF. Their annual membership is as follows;

Single membership, \$35.00

Family membership, \$45.00

They have other discounts based on age and multiple years. Check out the web site at southwestcouncilfff.org.

Friday Night Fly Tying

This month with Steve Plangent

Friday we will be tying a Stimulator. This fly is a great one to use, it catches lots of fish. When you cast this fly out it sits in the surface film for a long time. Sometimes the fish will take it for a Grasshopper or Stonefly. Eventually it will sink, then wait 5 to 10 seconds and start stripping it in. If you are stripping it, expect a hard rapid strike. Come to the Friday night fly tying class to learn more about this legendary fly.

Steve Plantenga



It's time for our Annual Installation Dinner

February 28th.

This year the Installation Dinner will be at the home of Mike and Donna Davis. See the flyer hand out at the meeting for directions if you have not already received the directions VIA e-mail.

Dinner will start at 6:30PM

Menu: Chicken and Carne Asada Tacos with Rice, Beans, Chips and Salsa, all served by The Taco Man.

Tickets can be acquired from Steve Plantenga whose contact information is:

(909) 261-1208

splantenga3@yahoo.com

Please RSVP to Steve no later than February 18th.

Tickets are;

\$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple.

And remember, there is always the best of our opportunity drawings at our Annual Installation Dinners.