



## Club Officers

President: Mike Hayes

Vice President: Steve Plantenga

Secretary: Rodney Romero

Treasurer: Melissa Norton

FFF/PHW: Vacant

Friday Fly Tying: Not Scheduled This Month

Conservation: Vacant

Fly of the Month: Vacant

Website: Patty Gnuse

Communication Chair: Paul Staub

Send Articles and Fishing Reports to:  
[paulstaubflyfan@yahoo.com](mailto:paulstaubflyfan@yahoo.com)

## General Meeting Notice

**Date:** Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Place:** Apple Valley Fire Station

**Address:** 19235 Yucca Loma Rd.

Apple Valley

**Website:** [www.hidesertflyfishers.com](http://www.hidesertflyfishers.com)

## President's Message for October 2015



Fall! The most colorful time of the year! Cooler weather and big fish time in the Sierras. My favorite time of the year.

We have a lot going on this month. Even though our "Casting for Recovery" event was cancelled due to a lack of participation, we still have our "Project Healing Waters" event on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers passed around at our club meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated. At this moment we are expecting around 20 vets, some which may require some assistance. We can also use donations for the barbecue that day. The club is handling the burger and hot dog part, but we can always use things like chips, desserts, macaroni or potato salad, etc.

We are having a club trip to Bishop on the 16<sup>th</sup> to go to the Flyfishing Fair and do some fishing. Most of us are staying at the fairgrounds. Hope to see a lot of you there. It promises to be a lot of fun. The fishing is picking up

I sent out info for the inter-club tournament on the Kern River in November. It is on Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. We have to turn in any teams we are going to have by the end of October. The cost is \$125 per team and \$25 per person. Teams are 5 people. We can talk about it and pass out a signup sheet for this at the meeting too.

Starting in November, I am planning on going to Jess Ranch Lake 1 (the float tube lake) on the Sunday following our monthly meeting. If anyone wants to join me over there, I will be more than happy to see you and fish with you. Of course if the weather turns bad, it will automatically be cancelled. If anyone need a float tube or fins, I have an extra tube and an assortment of fins.

## Friday Night Fly Tying

There will be no fly tying class this month. Most of the people that usually attend the fly tying class will be in Bishop on the 16<sup>th</sup>, including myself, so it is cancelled this month.

I hope to have a lot to put up next month regarding all of the happenings this month. May even be able to put up a bunch of pics from all that is going on this month.

Until next month, tight lines and happy fishing to all!

Mike Hayes

## October Meeting Speaker

### Dave Parker



Dave Parker's flyfishing career started in the early 1980s in southwestern Virginia, where he cut his teeth on smallmouth bass in the larger rivers, and later on trout in the small freestone streams of the region. In 1988, he moved to California and joined the faculty of UC Riverside as a professor in environmental sciences, from which he retired in 2014. Although principally a chemist by training, his research interests have always spilled over into biology and, from the beginning, he has been fascinated by the biology and ecology of the aquatic invertebrates that comprise the majority of the trout's diet.

Since moving to California, Dave has fished all over the western U.S., and has become particularly passionate about the technical challenges posed by small spring creeks (such as Hot Creek), and by the many blue-ribbon tailwater fisheries in the region (e.g., the San Juan, the Green, the Madison, Lee's Ferry, etc.). Although these fisheries occasionally offer opportunities to fish the "super-hatches" of large and conspicuous insects (salmonflies, golden stones, green drakes, etc.),

the bread-and-butter opportunities in these often year-round fisheries are dominated by much smaller bugs: blue-winged olives, pale morning duns, caddisflies, and midges, among others.

His presentation focuses on the intersection of three major themes. First, there will be an overview of the basic entomology of relevance of these hatches, and some tips on how to identify what the trout are feeding upon. Second, we will discuss effective fly patterns. Because of their small size, most of these hatches are best fished with very simple patterns that accurately imitate the size and shape (and secondarily the color) of the naturals, but lack the excessive detail (legs, gills, antennae, etc.) often seen at the local fly shop. Recent advances in underwater photography and videography have greatly improved our understanding of what the trout sees, and what the likely triggers are that induce them to eat our flies. Lastly, we will discuss effective strategies for fishing these small bugs, including the use of dry-dropper set-ups, presentation, and the value of sight fishing. Time permitting, there will be one or two “bonus” topics where Dave engages in of his favorite pastimes: “mythbusting” of fly-fishing lore and legends (as a scientist, he really can’t resist).

Dave has served as the education coordinator for the Deep Creek Flyfishers for many years, where he has taught fly tying, rod building, and general fly-fishing. One of his most popular programs has been a half-day introduction to entomology, which has now been offered in several Southwest Council venues. There is insufficient time in a one-hour evening program to go into the same level of detail, but it is his hope that this overview of how to identify and imitate small bugs will whet your appetite for further learning.

## **In Need of New Newsletter Editor**

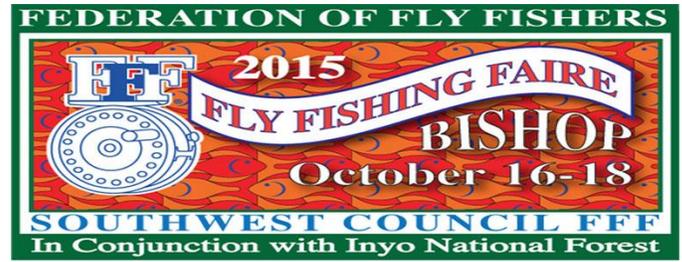
Due to the demands of family and career I am asking that someone else take over the duties of editing and publishing the newsletter for the club. If you are interested in taking over this responsibility

feel free to talk to me at the meeting or send me an e-mail.

Thanks, Paul Staub

## **Dates to Remember**

October 16<sup>th</sup>.-18<sup>th</sup>. 2015 Fly Fishing Faire, Bishop California.



October 24<sup>th</sup>. Project Healing Waters, Jess Ranch, Apple Valley, California.



November 7<sup>th</sup>. SWC Inter-Club Tourney, Kern River, Kernville, California.



**Go Fish!**