

Hi-Desert Fly Fishers

Newsletter

January 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; December 13th, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Apple Valley Fire Station

Address: 19235 Yucca Loma Rd.

Apple Valley

Website: www.hidesertflyfishers.com



New Club President, Mike Hayes, helping one of the ladies from Casting for Recovery.

Hello to all club members,

To those of you who don't know me, my name is Mike Hayes, and I guess I am your new President. I just thought I would give you some info on myself and then you might know a little more about me.

I am currently retired from about 40 years of working in the Civil Engineering field. I have lived in Apple Valley for a little over two years, but have lived in Southern Calif. my whole life.

I have been fly fishing and fly tying for over 40 years. I have also built about 20 fiberglass or graphite fly rods, and restored or refinished about 30 bamboo fly rods. I collect old fly reels and bamboo fly rods, and have a fair collection of books on fishing, fly tying, and fly fishing.

In the late 70's, I used to tie flies for some local sporting goods stores with an old fishing buddy of

mine. Our minimum order was one dozen of a pattern and size. Many times, I have sat down and tied up 12 dozen flies. I have taught or helped to teach a couple of fly tying classes. One time I did it through the City of Ontario Parks and Recreation Dept. Others were through local sporting goods stores that are not around anymore.

I used to spend a lot of time on the West Fork of the San Gabriel River, and the Upper Owens or Crowley Lake. I love fishing in a float tube.

I think that is enough information for now. What I would really like to say though is if you have any questions about fly fishing or fly tying, give me a call at 909-273-1357, or drop me an e-mail at Mike3446@aol.com. I am not saying I can answer any and every question given to me, but I will try, or maybe point you in the right direction to find the answer. Just remember that sometimes you may be getting my opinion, which is just that, it may not be the only answer. I have found over the years that no matter how old you get, you can always learn something new. Nobody knows everything about everything. Not even the so-called Experts.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next club meeting.

Mike

Friday Night Fly Tying

Friday night we will be tying a fly called the Jacklin's October Caddis (Soft Hackle). This is a fly was introduced to me by Larry Longuera, is a fun fly to make. Be part of the fun and come to the class.

See you Friday,

Steve

Local Fishing/Non-Fishing Report

I recently had an opportunity to stop by a couple of my favorite creeks after our last rain event.

I went to the middle fork of Lytle Creek without a rod, just to check the conditions. The water was running clear and swift, what little water there was. I didn't see any water that looked like it might hold fish. It was just too narrow and shallow looking. It

seemed to be good enough water for gold prospectors though, as I ran into a couple of teams of folks sluicing their diggings into the creek. It looks like any fishing to be done there is going to have to be done well above the last parking lot and a hike in. I don't think the lower middle fork will hold fish for a long time to come. But I've been surprised before on that creek.

Steve Plantenga mentioned a few months ago that the Ca. Fish and Wildlife Department had contacted him about helping to remove rainbow trout from Big Rock Creek. So, I took my girls to Big Rock Creek to find out if the Fish and Wildlife Department had really removed the fish from the creek like they did with Little Rock Creek. Again, the water was clear but running low. We tried fishing a few of the pools but to no avail. There didn't appear to be any fish there with the exception of one pool that had a tiny school of tiny fish swimming in it. If the CFWD had been in there and electro shocked the rainbows out, these fish were probably Specked Dace or some other native species that they allowed to be there. Never the less, I don't expect that there will be fishable rainbows in that creek in the future. Sad, my oldest daughter caught her fish rainbow trout with a dry fly on that creek a few years ago. If you recall, our late good friend Richard Bean had a particular fondness for Big Rock Creek as well. I can understand why. It was an exceptional creek to fish dry flies on. I had some fun times there in the past.

On a happier note, I did get a chance to fish Deep Creek in mid November just before the first rain storm. I fished up from the concrete bridge as the water was so low it made access very easy up there. In the past I shied away from that area as access seemed too dangerous around those sheer rock walls when the water was higher. I caught a few nice little rainbows up there and one that was probably the largest fish I've caught on that creek. That's not saying much but compared to the usual small fish I catch there this eight to nine inch one was a nice surprise. With a decent year of moisture Deep Creek, Santa Ana River and Bear Creek will probably be the best bets for local water to fly fish on.



Deep Creek Fish



Clear, Deep Creek Water and Fish

Paul Staub

Reminders

Dues- Our club dues collection begins this month. This year the dues for a single member will be \$30.00 and a family will be \$35.00.

Southwest Council of the IFFF Meeting – There will be a quarterly meeting of the SWCIFFF at the Deep Creek Fly Fishing Club's club house in Riverside this coming Saturday, January 17th. There will be more information on this meeting at the meeting on Tuesday.

Kern River Fly Shop – Guy Jeans is offering beginner fly fishing classes in January. The first date has already come and gone. The next class is January 24th. There is a fee. If you or someone you know wants to learn to fly fish I would highly recommend learning from Guy Jeans. I've seen him work and I learned a lot from his direction. Contact the shop at (760) 376-2040 if you are interested.

Fishing Reports and Stories- I am sure there are some of you in the club who have been fishing in the last couple of months. Your reports on locations, successes or failures, patterns or even the experience can benefit the club by adding it to our newsletter. We all want to hear, see or read about fly fishing. Your experiences would be a valuable addition to our newsletter. Just write it on an e-mail to me and I will copy and paste it to our newsletter. As you can tell by the reports I've done for the newsletter my travels are limited to mostly our local mountains. There isn't much there. So, if you've traveled outside our local area to fish, write about it so I and maybe others in our club can live a little vicariously through your experiences. Don't forget those pictures, like they say, a picture is worth a thousand words.

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