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Sunday 12 noon after the meeting

Send Articles and Fishing Reports
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Next General Meeting:

Date: Tuesday Jan.9th 2018

Time: 7:00 pm.

Location:

Apple Valley Fire Station
19235 Yucca Loma Rd.

Apple Valley, Ca

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Happy New Year Hi-Desert Fly Fishers!
My hope is that everyone had a wonderful
holiday!

Your board has some exciting things
planned for the 2018. Outing have been planned thruout the year, we
even add a few in the coming months. We will be introducing you to new
faces beginning with, this month, Pat Jaeger, Guide from Eastern Sierra
Guide Service will be our speaker. We will have an opportunity to look
at new products and learn how our sport is evolving through product
innovation. We have inked in the Buhler Brothers that we all look forward
to seeing each and every year. Of course we have are Chili cook off,
annual picnic and the fall outing coming back this year. I have scheduled
outings to Bishop, the Kern River, Lake Silverwood and Bear Creek,
located in the San Bernardino mountains.

We will begin the new year with our installation dinner in February.
This is a big event for our club. This function financially assists us in
continuing to bring guides and educators to our club through purchases
of dinner and raffle tickets, and off course, this gives us a little time to
enjoy each other's company. There will be more info at the upcoming
meeting.

With a new year this mean our 2018 Hi-Desert Fly Fishers club
memberships are now due. Cost for a single individual is \$35.00 and
family is \$40.00. Please update your membership at the next meeting.

Lastly, we or a charter club with the Fly Fishers International and all
members participating in club activity's must keep their membership
current. If you have any question about your membership please see
Melissa or Rocky to answer any of your questions.

Im excited about the upcoming year, this is your opportunity to create
friendships and better your skills of fly fishing by taking advantage of all
the club Activities.

Rodney Romero

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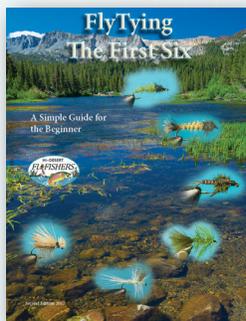
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Speaker Pat Jeager

I can't really say my fly fishing career began when I was a young boy; my big brother Mike was the fisherman of the family. He was the natural, but I had the passion to earn the title "fisherman."

My father passed away when I was six years old leaving my mother to raise five boys and a four-year-old daughter. She didn't have much time to entertain us so we had to create our own fun. We had plenty of

kids in the neighborhood, a vacant lot and canyons to explore. We didn't get into too much trouble, but if any of you out there were ever missing fruit from your trees it was probably us. Sorry.

When I reached my teens, my brothers included me in their fishing adventures. These usually took place on our local lakes, but there were some half-day saltwater trips as well. Soon I become a familiar face on the half-day boats, scrubbing decks on the way home in trade for trips. After graduating school in 1978 (Crawford High, San Diego), a couple of friends and I, inspired by the Allman Brothers song, decided to move (ramble) north to Mammoth Lakes in search of the mountain life, skiing and chicks. From the start, I truly felt at home here with all of life's simple pleasures at my fingertips, namely unbelievable skiing, good hunting, the camaraderie of crazy kids turning into adults in a small town and TROUT.

Still involved in the saltwater world, I made many summer trips ranging from one to three days targeting yellow tail and small tuna. My fishing disorder completely solidified after spending time on the water with an amigo Tom Pflieger who in my mind is the closest human to King Neptune I've ever met. He had dedicated many years to being on the water and taught me that being in touch with the water and its creatures took complete commitment, patience and lots of work. Soon I began fishing blue water seriously on long-range trips from five to 20 days mostly off the coast of Baja California, but I sometimes traveled as far as Central and South America, Australia, and the Arctic Circle.

I applied my saltwater fishing skills to the waters of the Eastern Sierras and found the passion that I needed to make fishing my profession. With the help of my friends from the Eastside Guide Service at the Trout Fly, my dream came true. In the spring of 1995, I served an internship with them and traveled to Northern California to work under Dick Galland and the guides at the Clearwater House. The summer of '96 was spent

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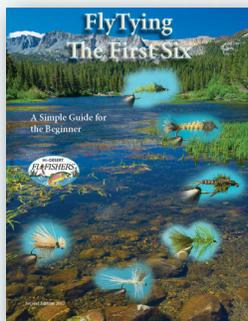
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working part time up north and as a full-time guide for the Trout Fly. In the spring of 1999, I became a part owner of the Trout Fly and that November I married the love of my life, Pamela, after a courtship of five years.

After 20 plus years working winters for Mammoth Mountain Ski Area as a ski repairman, I gracefully bowed out of this career to seek a full-time career as a fishing guide. My wading boots are wet over 200 days a year. In the winter of 2001, I sold my shares of the Trout Fly to one of my partners for a down payment on an "I love Lucy" (1940) fixer-upper house in Bishop, which to this day we call home. In the spring of 2005 a life changing event happened with the birth of our first child Maggie. Then in spring of 2008 came the birth of Isabella. It's incredible how different the girls are in personality and appearance. Maggie is lanky and conservative; Isabella is stocky and wild -- we call Isabella the Honey Badger.

I feel a first guide trip with a client is just a job interview. A call back for another date means I got the job. I treat each trip individually; I like to ask my clients what their goals and objectives are for the day and do my best to customize the trip to meet these visions, not mine. My goals in life are to raise a family, live and work in a beautiful place, surround myself with really good people and smile when I'm going to work..... I am a Dad and my career is a Fly Fishing Guide.

My objective as a guide is to understand the craft in such detail that I can simplify the essential fundamentals of the sport. And streamline the learning curve to give the average angler the freedom of fishing on his or her own. I can also break down the technical aspects of the sport and offer the more advanced anglers a new arrow for their quiver. I enjoy a little sweat on my brow getting off the beaten path. I strive for that look in a client's eye when I hit the bull's eye by matching the vision of the perfect fishing location or when the client learns a new method of tricking elusive trout.

Fly Fishing Achievements;

2001-FFF Casting Instructors Certified

Simms Ambassador

Test Pilot Sage Fly Rods

Tenkarausa pro guide

Head Guide for Project Healing Waters (Eastern Sierra)

2013 Master Guide for the Trout Fitter/Trout Fly Mammoth Lakes

Head Guide for the Silver Lake Fishing Academy

2013 Guided IGFA Grand Slam

2016 Guided IGFA Grand Slam

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/qld/video/watch/19775877/blind-woman-in-rare-fishing-slam/> Owner/Operator of the Eastern Sierra Guide Service

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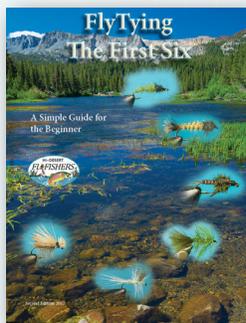
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WINTER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EASTERN SIERRA
By: Pat Jaeger Eastern Sierra Guide service

This show primarily answers the questions about why a drift boat is the perfect off road vessel for exploring the trout infested water of the Lower Owens River. I will literally describe the in's and outs of the river we fish and impart on the simple tactics we use to trick trout. I shed light on the facts of weather, water flows and hatches that we might expect that creates this fishery to be world class.

I will describe other year-round waters that the Eastern Sierra has to offer and help you plan your next fishing adventure this winter or spring. This show is not a big fish holding commercial but an educational, factual, maybe humorous, visual tour of the waters that we know and love. This power-point will remind and confirm that winters in the Eastern Sierras we don't sit around a wood burning stove tying flies dreaming about the warm days of summer.

For early arrivals to our meeting Pat Jaeger will be offering a Drift Indicator workshop

I will simplify the on's and off's of the most popular indicators. And discuss some of the newer concepts that we've been working with in the last few years. This Q and A will help the newer anglers and excite the advanced. This will define the reasons why guides are like a good mechanic, we have more than one wrenches in our toolbox.

HDFS Store

Hats \$20.00 ... Bill colors: Blue, Green, and Tan

Patches..... \$10.00 Same as on hats

Stickers..... \$3.00 Club logo

All proceeds go directly to the club!!



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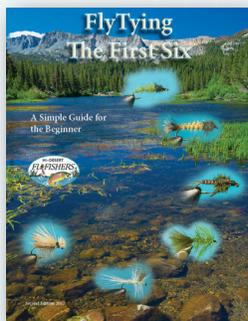
EVENTS

Fly Tying at the Bass Pro Shop

The Hi-Desert Fly Fishers demonstrated our skills to the general public. Paul Sinclair has arranged for club members to tie flies at the Bass Pro Shop, Sunday December 17 and the event was a great success. Thank you to all that tied flies and just attended to show their support.

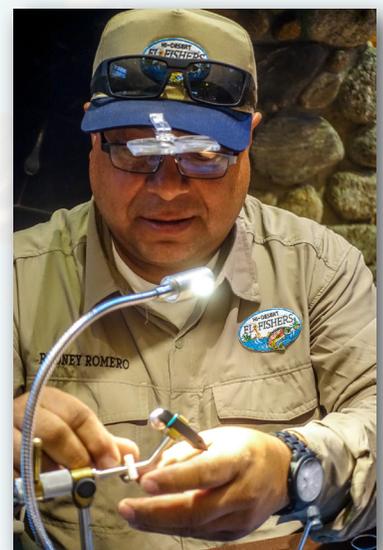


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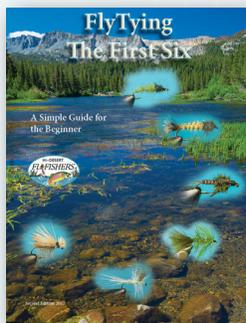
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I have started doing a little writing on fly fishing ,with the idea of a book at some later date so I thought I would share a little with you. It's a little rough but you may enjoy. Editor

Of Trout, Bugs, and Fishermen

I started fly fishing years ago, mostly because that was the rod I had to fish with. I did not know the bugs, or the ways of trout, so I would guess what to put on my hook. Oh yes I started with bait and used anything I found in and around the stream that I could get on a hook. Later in life, at the grand old age of ten or eleven, I was able to use a fly once and a while. The flies did not seem to work as well as the bait but they were a lot of fun and the occasional fish I caught made it a worth while endeavor. Later in life I joined a fly fishing club and the guys just seemed to know what to use when we were catching fish, and when we did not catch fish, the reason that nobody was catching was the fish that were just not feeding. For the time, I just practiced tying flies and casting and made great improvement in those areas but not in catching fish. There just had to be more, and there was. I found out how to present my fly to a rising fish and how to work a nymph but still I knew there was more. How smart can those fish be to fool me so very often. They must be laughing at me I was thinking. Sure I caught fish just a much as everyone else but I just know there had to be more, and a much better way.

Guides seem to know, I thought, but they knew their home waters that they fished every day. The guides talked among themselves which was enough to get their clients a fish but most really were just good fisherman with good techniques and a good knowledge of their home waters. I wanted to know what the fish were thinking how they acted and about the bugs. Sure I caught a lot of fish, many more then when I used bait fish, but I knew there was much more to know. I even got to the point that I was offered a position as a guide. That told me a lot about the requirements for being a guide because, I really didn't know any more then the next guy. I just fished a lot and that made me better.

Information

Information is what we all need in addition to our skills, such as, casting, presentation, and general fishing techniques. The quality of the information is very important. There is a lot of invalid information available and much of it is not very good. Here are a few sources of information.

- 1. Books.** Books on particular waters can be a good source of hatch information but if you are going to be on the water at any particular time you need to be prepared with the flies from the month before and the month after. The weather is a big factor in hatch times. A cold season can delay a hatch and a warm snap may cause a early hatch. Some bugs like a particular weather and may not hatch for a long time waiting to get the conditions just right for their continued survival.
- 2. Fly shops.** Many fly shops have a black or white board with the area waters listed and the flies that are working. This can be very good, but you must remember they have an objective of selling you flies and having you

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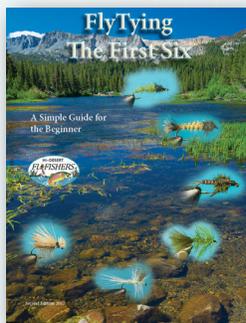
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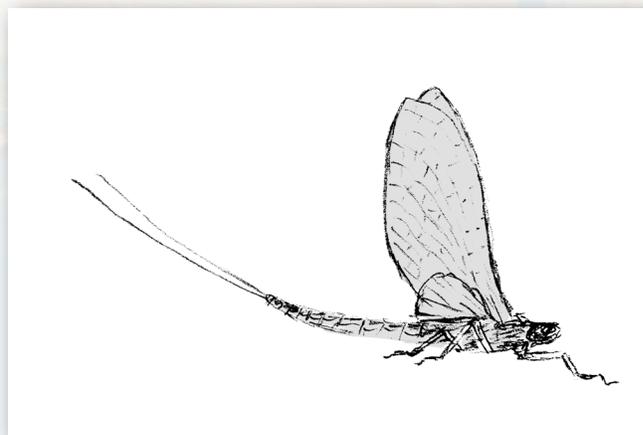
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ask less questions to the sales people. I don't blame them one bit, that is business. If they do it badly, they won't be there next year. One problem with the boards is that they are not updated regularly, so that information is from a day to several weeks old. Also keep in mind the bugs don't read so they don't know when to hatch and, fish are also non readers so they don't know which bugs to eat.

3 Other Fishermen. One source of information is other fisherman. This is information that needs to be validated. It can be good or bad depending on the fisherman. If the fisherman is catching fish go ahead and believe him but if you don't see him catch fish you need to take his information with a grain of salt. I have been fishing a caddis hatch before with some good luck and have been told that it was a blue wing olive hatch by another fisherman. I know a caddis from a blue wing olive as they have very different behavior, so I was very surprised at such a statement. With a couple of questions, such as how is the blue wing olive working for you and how do you know it is a blue wing olive, it was revealed that his knowledge was from another fisherman and the reason he wasn't catching any fish was that his fly was too large. I told him that I was catching fish and gave him a fly to try. He was amazed at how well it worked. He had a few questions so I let him know it was a caddis.

4. Observation. There is nothing better than your own eyes when it comes to fishing information. Sure other sources are great, but it is much better if you can verify the information. I was recently on the green river in Utah and the fly shop told me it was a yellow sally hatch. The little yellow sally is a stonefly and that seemed not right for that time of year. I had arrived late that day, so I made a trip to the water just to check the information. It was easy to catch a bug and just by looking I knew it was a yellow caddis so I went back to camp and tied a half dozen each of 3 patterns that represented a yellow caddis. I did not need to go into any scientific classification or anything very complicated. I just matched the shape, size and color. My brother, Granddaughter and myself fished the next day, using those 18 flies, with very good success. Observation is the best method of gathering a verifying information but the downfall is you need to have a little knowledge to make it work. That is what this book is all about. You don't need to speak Greek or know a lot of scientific names but you do need to study a little.



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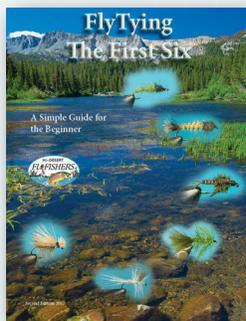
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FISHING REPORTS

LOWER OWENS RIVER FLY FISHING : BISHOP, CA - 12.13.17

From: [SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)

The Lower Owens river fly fishing has been intriguing! The river is flowing at a good flow of 300+ as the top of the site says here. Water is perfect colour and temperatures are hovering around 44-50 degrees. Some dry fly activity is seen in the foamy areas throughout the day. Usually after mid morning the dry fly action can be seen if any. Of course, under the water a whole different story is happening. Caddis Worms, Midge Larvae, and May Fly nymphs are on the Trout of the Lower Owens diet right now! Some voracious eating of aquatic insects is seriously happening under the surface! Even though water is high with some beginner water reading skills the Fly Angler can pick out the right pieces of river to fish. It seems after months of record flows the fish on the Lower Owens are coming back to show us what that volume of river allows them to become.....

UPPER OWENS RIVER FLY FISHING - 12.07.17

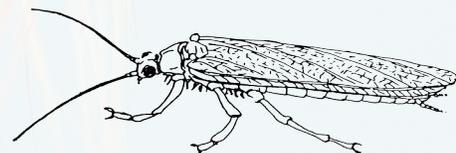
From: [SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)

The fly fishing below Mammoth Lakes CA on the Upper Owens river in winter is a special place for any serious fly angler. Mainly because it becomes large trout hunters dream with the stream of over-sized trout swimming up from Crowley lake! Flows are low and water varies between very clear and slightly murky, both presenting different presentation situations. As forecasted the Trout are throughout the Upper Owens system, holding in the deepest pools and darkest runs, corners, and banks. Most part of the mighty Upper O' are fishing well. It is up to each angler to choose the correct water to fish and take into account how much time to spend in each piece he chooses. All sorts of semi salmon/ steelhead reminiscent flies are taking fish. Various midge variations, and Pheasant tails/ soft hackles are other ideas to sink down in the Upper. Streamers patterns fished deep ? of course! Fish these whenever you want in any size. Just get them deep!

Upper Kern 20 Mile Section - 12.12.17

From: [The Kern River Fly Shop](#)

Upper Kern 20 Mile Section (north of Kern River Fly Shop)The upper Kern River from Lake Isabella north to 4 miles past the Johnsondale bridge(wild trout section) remains open to fly fishing all year. Water temperatures have dropped down to 40 degrees in the morning and warming up to 44 degrees in the afternoon. The fishing is slow early in the morning in this section, but turns on later in the day, around 2pm. A slight BWO hatch occurs around this time and Rainbows are looking up in some areas. Nymphing or using a dry dropper rig during the other times is producing a fish here and there.



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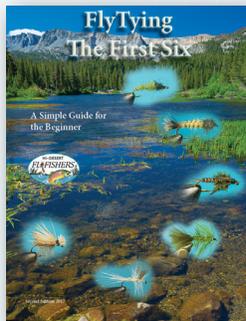
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Treasurer Report December 2017

Revenue

Opportunity Drawing \$170.00
Membership Dues \$70.00
Patches \$20.00
Total Revenue \$260.00

Expenditures

Opportunity Drawing for January \$130.31
Monthly Bank fee \$14.00
Total Expenditures \$144.31

Balance on Checking Account as of December 31st 2017 \$1999.95

Balance on savings account as of December 31st 2017 \$1798.96

Petty Cash \$50.00

Total Assets \$3848.91

Whats Happening

January

9th General Meeting 7 pm, Speaker Pat Jeager

14th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops

28th Fishing Jess Ranch, Float tube outing 7am to Noon Sunday

February

3rd Fly Buy LBCC 9 am to 4 pm

13th General Meeting 7 pm

18th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops

24th Installation dinner 5:30 pm

