



# HI Desert Fly Fishers

Established January 26, 2009

Oct 2018

## New Club Officers

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**PHWFF APL:** Mike Hayes  
**Communication:** John Aydelotte

**Fly Tying Group:** Fly rying group for Sept. is canceled

**Send Articles and Fishing Reports to:** [HDF4trout@gmail.com](mailto:HDF4trout@gmail.com)

**Next General Meeting:**  
**Date:** Tuesday Oct. 9th 2018  
**Time:** 7:00 pm.

**Location:**  
Apple Valley Fire Station  
19235 Yucca Loma Rd.  
Apple Valley, Ca  
[www.hidesertflyfishers.com](http://www.hidesertflyfishers.com)



## Meeting Location

**Apple Valley Fire Station** 19235 Yucca Loma Rd. Apple Valley, Ca



## The Voice of the Fly Box



### President's Report

Can you believe it, October is already here! For your HDFF board members October is the busiest month of the year and this October is no exception. Since 2016 we have been holding our fall campout usually in the middle of the month, but this year our fall campout will fall on the first week. Thursday October 4th thru Sunday the 7th. HDFF will be at the Rivernook campground in Kernville, CA. IF you haven't had the opportunity to fish the Kern River, this is your chance. The Kern is a beautiful scenic river with miles of fishable water. It holds many types of fish species depending on where you fish the river. The Kern will test your skills, but with many pockets riffles and runs a fish is just casts away. Success becomes greater with help of fellow club members, you're going to have a great time! Saturdays evening dinner and campfire never disappoints, please consider joining us at this event, flyer will be attached with all the information, I do hope will see you there!

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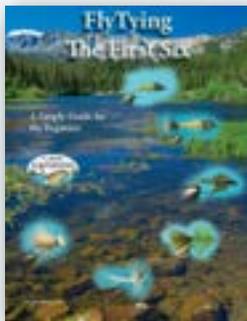
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## Project Healing Waters (PHW) and Casting for Recovery (CFR)

HDFS has supported Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery for many Seasons. We are again excited to be hosting this 2 day event at the beautiful Jess Ranch Lakes in Apple Valley. On Saturday October 27th we will be hosting our veterans from project Healing Waters and I'm excited to say for the first time, this includes veterans from the Hi- Desert fly Fishers PHW.

On Sunday the 28th HDFS will be Hosting the Ladies of CFR. In the past the ladies have had a great time casting for these large Jess Ranch Rainbows. Take a look at our past photo of this event on HDFS facebook page, we were not short of smiles thought the day. HDFS looks forward to creating a day of fun with the help of our friends at Jess Ranch Lakes.

The two days will be filled with, fun, fishing, barbecuing and making new friends. These events would not be able to happen without your help! So please consider volunteering for at least one of the events. Your time donated will be return with the smile seen throughout the weekend.

A volunteer sign- up sheet for the 2day event will be passed around at our general meeting!

Thank you!

Rodney Romero



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# Tuesday Meeting

## Hillary Grez



California Department of  
Fish and Wildlife

I am a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona and have a Bachelor's degree in Zoology. I grew-up in Corpus Christi, which is on the Gulf of Mexico, so I was raised by ocean anglers. I have been fishing since I was old enough to hold my own pole. I still enjoy ocean fishing but somehow I do more freshwater fishing now. I started with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in May 2012 as a scientific aid, with Region 5's Fishing in the City Program (FIC) and was fortunate enough to be a part of Classroom Aquarium Education Program (CAEP). I loved both programs because I feel these programs bridge a gap between the department and the public. Most people have no clue what the department does aside from our wardens. If you are not familiar with these two programs, FIC is a program that teaches kids how to be independent anglers and to care for the environment for future anglers. These events are usually in local city parks, which makes it easy for the public to participate. CAEP takes the experience directly to the classrooms. Kids get to raise trout in their classroom. While raising the trout students learn about the trout and the importance of a balanced ecosystem. This helps to promote environmental stewardship by providing something tangible for the students understand that we need to preserve our resources. I think both these programs are amazing and I am excited to be a part of them.

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Project Healing Waters Victorville is going well with 7 active members. We are fly tying and they are doing very well at the vice. Their fly boxes are getting full. They are looking to the Jess Ranch trip in October. Volunteers are a big part of the group and we welcome any that may want to help. We get opportunities to send active volunteers for training in order to help instruct the veterans. I expected the veterans to learn fly fishing and yes indeed they are but also I am seeing personal development. They are a great group and doing well. Next year they will go on several outings and we will need volunteers to help them fish.



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**Limited supply!**  
**Get yours while they last**

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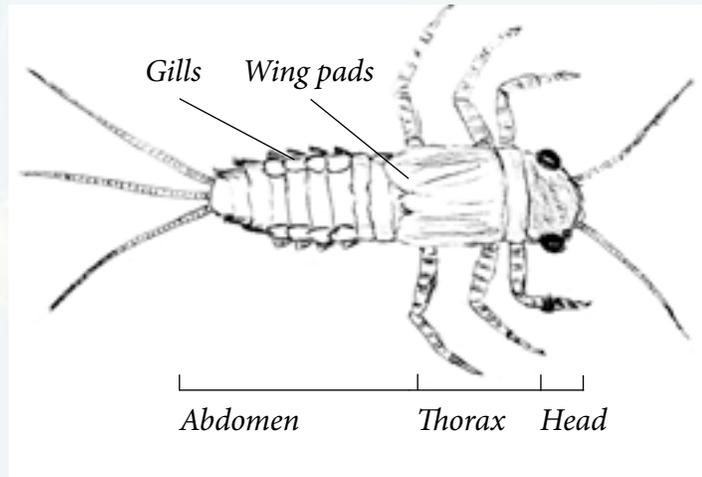
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*I have started doing a little writing on fly fishing ,with the idea of a book at some later date so I thought I would share a little with you. It's a little rough but you may enjoy. Editor*

# Of Trout, Bugs, and Fishermen

## Mayflies (Ephemeroptera)



There are four groups of Mayfly nymphs and it helps fisherman to be able to identify each of the four types. Don't worry I will try to keep it simple. The groups are swimmers, crawlers, clingers, and burrowers.

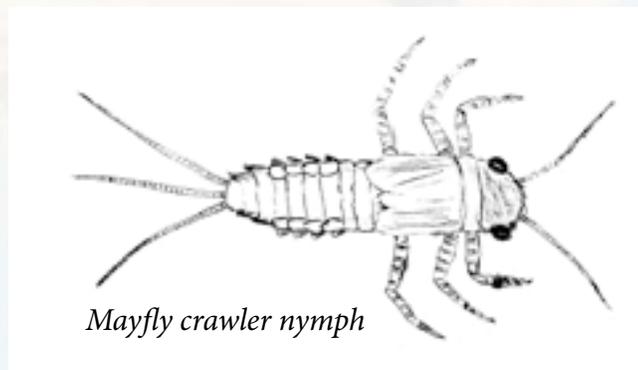
### Mayfly Crawler Nymphs

**Identification:** Always have three tails which lack the hair found on swimmer nymph tails , plate like gills, eyes at the side of the head, stout body and less streamlined then swimmers

**Habitat:** Mainly in fast to moderate water but a few have adapted to all habitats of flowing water. Mostly found between and under rocks in moving water.

**Behavior:** They swim but not real well. They crawl on the sides of rocks in the interstitial areas. When dislodged they tumble along the bottom and become available to trout.

**Imitation:** Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear fished dead drift tumbled on the bottom. Strike indicator will help with identifying strikes.



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# FISHING REPORTS

Big change here. Most places change their fishing reports from time to time. When I post a report I do so at the last minute before publishing the news letter. Often the report changes in a day or two after the news letter is published. The decision to post links I feel is a good step for our members to get the latest data when planing your trip.

[SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)  
[The Kern River Fly Shop](#)



Here is a new offer for our club members. Check them out. They are offering club members a 10% discount. They are also supporting the club in other ways such as our opportunity draws. Check out the web site it looks like a great fly shop with lots of reasonable choices and good northern California fish reports. Thanks go out to Paul Sinclair for this great find.

[thetroutspot.com](http://thetroutspot.com)

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PO Box 492  
1311 Highway 4  
Arnold, CA 95223  
PH: 209-795-4540  
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*Arnold is Located on California's Ebbetts  
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# Little River, Big Fish



If you were to take Interstate Highway 80 approximately 8 miles east of the town of Truckee, California or 25 miles west of Reno, Nevada you will find yourself at the confluence of the world-famous Truckee River and the lesser known Little Truckee River.

This immediate area has a rich and interesting California History. At around the time of 1868, at the mouth of the Little Truckee River, what began as a small construction camp for the Central Pacific Railroad eventually became the small settlement of Boca, California. It quickly became evident to investors that due to the extreme cold winters and abundance of trees that this would be an ideal location for saw mills, ice cutting companies and eventually a place to brew California's first lager. The first of these companies was the Boca Mill and Ice Company in 1868. Later many of these ice companies would merge to form the Union Ice Company. A dam was constructed, across the Little Truckee River, creating a 180-acre reservoir from which they would store logs in the summer and harvest natural ice in the winters. Once cut, the ice would be floated downstream to one of the companies six ice houses. The amount of ice being stored in their ice-houses is said to have been enough to supply the entire state of California for 12 years. Due to the invention of man-made ice and refrigeration there was no longer a need to cut natural ice and in the mid 1920's the ice company ended operations in Boca. The brewery burned to the ground in 1893 and the milling operations ceased that same year due to the diminished supply of trees. In 1904 the hotel burned to the ground subsequently what was left of the town was demolished to make way for the now 977-acre Boca Reservoir, completed in 1939.

The Little Truckee (LT) is a 30.6-mile-long tailwater that begins at Webber Lake, within the Tahoe National Forest, and is a tributary to the Truckee River. The modern-day river now first flows into the Stampede Reservoir, created in 1970. The tailwater outflow from Stampede starts off as a low-Gradient Freestone as it meanders for approximately 3 miles through mostly open meadow. The last mile or so becomes a little more of a High-Gradient Freestone as it runs through a short canyon section before reaching Boca Reservoir. This lower section between the reservoirs is designated as a Wild (Trophy) Trout Fishery and as such has special regulations. This stretch of water has a consistent water temperature of 45-50 degrees. This coupled with somewhat constant waterflows makes for an abundance of insects and therefore big and healthy Brown and

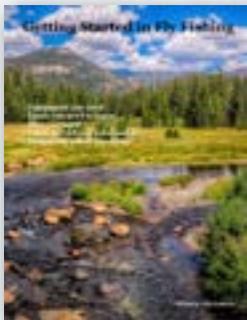
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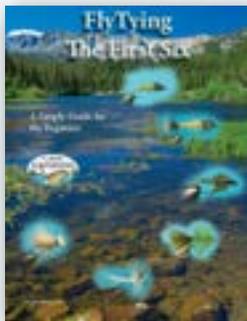
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### Rainbow Trout.

Well, now while that's all fine and good and I do find it all very interesting but that is not why I came here. I came here to catch fish. The first time I saw the LT I thought, "This looks like a perfect trout stream". It was late July and I was using my 8' 6" five weight rod and drifting a small Pheasant Tail Nymph but to no avail. I then began changing from one nymph to another, but the result was the same! I wasn't seeing any fish rising to the surface or even any in the water. After several hours of this I was beginning to think that my first impression of this stretch of water had been influenced by her beauty. With nothing taking my offerings and nothing rising I then, as a last-ditch effort, decided to change to my 7' 3" three weight and tie on a black beetle and present it to this "fishless river". I waded out to a small grassy island, knelt and cast my fly between a fallen tree and a small boulder. What the heck! It at least looked like a good spot! Much to my surprise a fish rose to my fly and sipped it into its mouth. I set the hook and was happy that I at least wasn't going to get skunked. I soon realized, this was no ordinary 8-inch fish! This was a healthy, hard fighting fish! I anxiously finessed the fish to my net not knowing exactly what to expect. I landed, as my first fish on the LT, a beautiful 18 inch rosy cheeked, copper color sided rainbow trout. The colors of the Rainbows very widely on this river. I ended up catching 7 more average size Bows that day. Now that I know that there are fish in this river I decided to return the next day thinking that the chances of catching another 18-incher was slim to none. Well... over the past eight years I have fished this river ten times, enticed thirty-seven Browns and Bows to my dry fly and at least two-thirds of those have been between 16 to 21 inches. I've even heard rumors of even bigger fish. Not bad for a "little river".

There's no need to get there real early in the morning but you will want to stay somewhat late. I love to fish a dry fly especially on the LT! Not only is it exciting but it seems like the fish are sipping dries almost all day long. These are well educated fish! As far as what patterns to use I only know to suggest what works for me. Of course, you can Google search to find a whole list of what the experts recommend but I've consistently caught fish using loop wing parachute PMD's and Mahogany Duns, extended body BWO's and Match the Hatch patterns in sizes 16-20. I think next time I might try stripping a streamer to see if I can haul in a 25 incher! *by Duane Morris*



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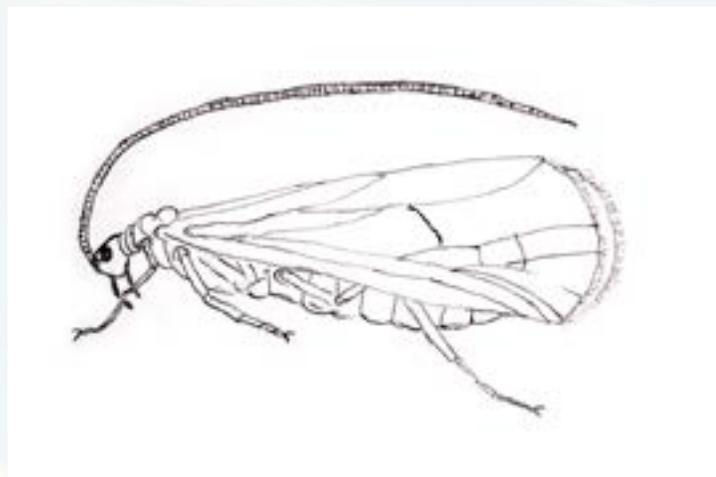
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IT IS THAT TIME!

Time to start the dialog regarding available Board Member positions! The Board will be accepting nominations for all posts.

In order to assist and support the new incoming Board, we have an excellent plan in place to guarantee that the transition will be easy and efficient.

Being on the Board is incredibly rewarding and fun. HDFS Members individually have a diverse background and varying experience in fly fishing. We enjoy a Board that reflects diversity at all levels. We seek active advocates and ambassadors for our great club and noble sport. We encourage any and all of those with a desire for leadership to apply.

So, go ahead and toss your hat into the ring! A gratifying position and a grateful club awaits you. We will be discussing the duties of the positions further at our next meeting on September 11, 2018.

Please forward all nominations or submissions to the HDFS President, Rodney Romero, at [Rskromero@msn.com](mailto:Rskromero@msn.com)

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# Treasurer Report

Sept 30st 2018

*Checking account \$2048.23*

*Savings account \$2,593.75*

*A detailed financial report for Sept 2018 will be available for full review at our Oct. 2018 club meeting.*



## CALENDER

### Whats Happening

#### October

4th - 7th Campout Rivernook campground

9th General Meeting 7pm

14th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops **(Canceled)**

27th Project Healing Waters at Jess Ranch

#### November

13th General Meeting 7 pm,

17th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops