

The Flyline



Newsletter of the Aguabonita Flyfishers

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The Path Forward ?

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Special Reminder

No August General Meeting
See you at the "Windless" Picnic
Aug. 2nd at Petroglyph Park

Still sizzlin' out there?

HERE'S HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT!!

Annual "Windless" Picnic August 2nd @ 5:30 PM Petroglyph Park

Those with last names beginning with:

- | | |
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| A-M | Bring cookies or cakes |
| N-Z | Bring fruit or fruit salads |

The Aguabonita Flyfishers will host our annual "Windless" Picnic in the Petroglyph Park (just south of the Post Office) on Tuesday 2 August starting at 5:30 PM (1730). This is a family event with food, games for the youngsters, and an opportunity to meet the rest of the Aguabonita Flyfishing family. The club (with Dale Harper rounding it up) will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, water and sodas along with paper plates and utensils. Don and Karen Bowling will be providing potato salad. If you too, would like to prepare your favorite recipe let Don and Karen know. Lloyd and Bea Smith will provide all of the condiments (lettuce, tomatoes, onion, cheese, and pickles along with ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, and pickle relish). Members with last names A-M are encouraged to bring cookies or cakes for everyone, and members with last names N-Z are encouraged to bring fruit or fruit salads for everyone. If anyone has an ice cream maker and would like to give it a try I am sure it will be enjoyed by everyone.

The Petroglyph Park has tables and BBQs under a shade roof, but it is still August and Ridgecrest, so be prepared for heat and wind. Restrooms are directly across from the picnic area.



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The Leader's Line

President of Aguabonita Fly Fishers:
Karl Zellner



I hope you have enjoyed your summer so far.

I'm writing this Leader's Line from Alaska, (on a work trip). During my breaks, I glance out the window toward the Chugach Mountains. I was told that Denali has twice its normal snowfall this year. Anchorage had 45 days of little to no rain, (which ended on my last day at Denali). The Park Road in Denali is closed due to a rock/glacier slide that removed several hundred yards of road. The speed of this glacier creep is exponentially increasing due to the warmer weather melting the ice holding the rocks together. Similar movement increases have progressed from historical yearly or monthly intervals down to current daily movement progressions.

Also this summer we have received significantly increased rainfall on the Oregon coast; (thirteen out of fourteen days in the first two weeks of summer!) As you may recall, Yellowstone National Park had a 1000 year flood earlier this year. All of these unusual weather patterns are also related to our drought conditions in California, which will adversely affect our fisheries. I'm afraid this may be the **new normal**.

Recently, I got out and fished during a backpacking trip to the McGee Pass area in the Inyo NF. I fished two lakes with little brook trout. (One lake was called Steelhead Lake.) It is nice to catch brook trout, but they seem to over populate a lake and alpine lakes have little food sources. Brookies seem to be a bad choice.

I hope you find ways to enjoy our hobby and fellowship too.

Karl

Right: Definition of Catch & Release by Midnight Sun Brewing Company

Left: Catch and Eat, (Wild Raspberries behind the motel)

Photos provided by Karl Zellner



The Leader's Line (continued from page 3) - more photos from Karl



Near Cantwell, Alaska on Parks Highway (Photo provided by Karl Zellner)



McGee Pass (Photo provided by Karl Zellner)

Collaborative Water Quality Monitoring Study

Background: The United States Environmental Protection Agency reported in its National Water Quality Inventory Report to Congress in 2017 that 3.34 million miles of rivers and streams exist throughout the lower 48 **United States. They further reported that quality of 60% of these “Waters of the US” are impaired or threatened** from bacteria, sediments and nutrients entering these systems. This is especially concerning to Fly Fishers International. The vastness of these waters combined with an additional 29.17 million acres of lakes, reservoirs and ponds (not including the Great Lakes) are the **“All Waters” of FFI focus that provide significant fly fishing opportunities** to our members and the fly fishing community. Their health and productivity are fundamental to preservation of the Fly Fishing Legacy. Collection of standard water quality data are essential for monitoring health of these waters and most importantly to detect adverse trends and point source disturbances that require remedy. It is for this reason that FFI is partnering with Science on the Fly to complement their water quality studies by investing FFI resources to monitor additional waters that are of local importance to FFI members.

Science on the Fly (SOTF) currently collects monthly samples for monitoring relative water quality trends at 350 monitoring sites across the US and other countries and is in agreement with expanding their studies in the US through a collaborative project with FFI. It was agreed that new waters would be included in the study that **complement SOTF's existing sample size and are waters of local importance to FFI Clubs and members.** Each new water or monitoring site also will require that a FFI member be identified who will serve as River Lead and primary contact person to assure all samples are properly collected and delivered for analysis and data management

Purpose: The purpose for this collaborative water quality monitoring study with SOTF is for FFI to invest in and **support the collection of scientific data for monitoring water quality of “waters of the United States” and to advocate the importance of protecting and maintaining the health of these waters so that our fly fishing opportunities, our enjoyment of the out-of-doors and our qualities of life endure.**

General Methods: The River Lead (Craig Porter for McGee Creek) will serve as primary contact for each river or stream and be responsible for collecting water samples monthly at each monitoring site for that water. Other FFI members may assist with collections as needed. The River Lead generally will be responsible for:

1. Receiving the sampling materials for each selected water and collection site.
2. Collecting monthly water samples and/or overseeing collections by members who may assist with collections, especially when more than one site may be sampled for each water.
3. Receiving, preparing, and mailing water samples for SOTF to the Woodwell Climate Research Center for analysis and storage of data.

Aguabonita Flyfishers Participation: The Aguabonita Flyfishers, as a Fly Fishers International (FFI) affiliate Club, will participate by taking water quality samples from McGee Creek monthly for the next two years. On 23 June 2022 we began sampling. To get the project off the ground five Aguabonita Flyfishers (Craig Porter, Lew Albright, Lloyd Smith, Don Bowling, and Dale Harper) took the first water sample from McGee Creek on 23 June 2022. We established a location on the creek where we will collect the samples and we went through the technique for collecting the samples.

The Aguabonita Flyfishers will be collecting and sending water samples to a Science on the Fly laboratory for assessing the water quality. The laboratory will be looking for Nitrate (NO_3^-), Ammonium (NH_4^+), Phosphate (PO_4^{3-}), Silica (SiO_2), and Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC).

If you are interested in participating, please contact River Lead for McGee Creek, Craig Porter (760)608-2316.



Water Quality Measurements
At McGee Creek
6/23/2022



<https://scienceonthefly.org/>



Field Trip: Water Quality Sampling at McGee Creek



Photos by Don Bowling

On June 23rd 2022, five ABFF members traveled northward to McGee creek, the first of hopefully many such monthly trips to follow. The trip was part of a cooperative effort to collect water quality samples in coordination with the “Science On The Fly” (SOTF) organization, FFI, and the Woodwell Climate Research Center and Fishpond, Falmouth, MA. This first trip served as a training exercise for members to learn and practice the water quality sampling protocol at ABFF’s assigned site; McGee Creek. The following photos illustrate the careful steps required to prevent contamination of the sample prior to ,during, and after collection. If you would like to participate in this project contact SWCFFI representative Craig Porter cporter148@mchsi.com.



Step 1. Select a sampling location with good flow, away from the bank and away from nearby tributary inputs. Depending on the size of the river it may be best to wade into the stream.



Sampling Location is directly adjacent to parking lot on east side of Highway 395 at McGee Creek road -- only a few steps down to the creek.





Step 2. Fill and rinse the 60 mL syringe 3 times, discarding rinse water downstream of the sampling point. This step helps to "clean" the syringe and minimizes cross contamination between samples.



Step 3. After 3 rinses, re-fill the syringe with river water and attach the Sterivex filter. Pass about 20 mL water through the filter by pressing the syringe plunger, discarding the water that passes through the syringe. This step rinses the filter prior to introducing any filtered water into the sample bottle.



Step 4. Carefully open the 60 mL sample bottle, never touching the inside of the bottle or the inside of the bottle cap. Rinse the sample bottle 3 times, each time with about 10 mL of **filtered** river water. Each time, cap and shake the bottle, and then empty the contents downstream of the sampling point. You may need to refill the syringe in order to have enough water for 3 rinses. Always remove the filter prior to filling the syringe.



Field Trip: Water Quality Sampling at McGee Creek



Step 5. Now that everything has been rinsed, refill the syringe, reattach the filter, and collect the water sample! Fill the sample bottle to the "shoulder" (top of the label) with filtered water.

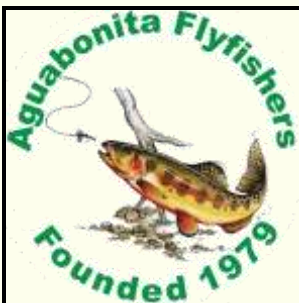
Step 6. Keep the sample in a cool, dark location until it can be frozen. Place the reusable syringe in a sealed plastic bag to help keep it clean for reuse. The filter should be discarded, and the plastic bags can be recycled or returned to Woods Hole for reuse.

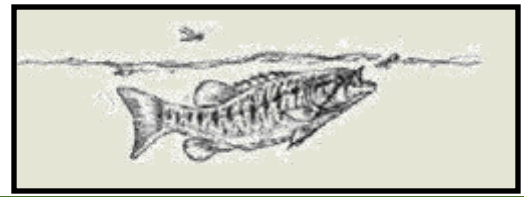


Step 7. In your waterproof field notebook, record:

1. 5-Digit Sample ID (e.g., A0125).
2. Date (YYYY-MM-DD) and Time.
3. River Sampled and Location (write GPS location if this is a new location).
4. Measured water temperature (O F).
5. Approx. Air Temperature (O F).
6. Current weather.

Notes and River Conditions (ice? Sediment? High Flow? Fish?)





2022 Schedule for upcoming general meeting speakers and events

July 2022 - There will be no general meeting in July while Aguabonita Flyfishers take time out to enjoy our sport.

August 2nd 2022 - The Aguabonita Flyfishers will host our annual “Windless” Picnic in the Petroglyph Park (just south of the Post Office) on Tuesday 2 August starting at 5:30 PM (1730). This is a family event with food, games for the youngsters, and an opportunity to meet the rest of the Aguabonita Flyfishing family. The club (with Dale Harper rounding it up) will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, water and sodas along with paper plates and utensils. Don and Karen Bowling will be providing potato salad. If you too would like to prepare your favorite recipe let Don and Karen know. Lloyd and Bea Smith will provide all of the condiments (lettuce, tomatoes, onion, cheese, and pickles along with ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, and pickle relish). Members with last names A-M are encouraged to bring cookies or cakes for everyone, and members with last names N-Z are encouraged to bring fruit or fruit salads for everyone. If anyone has an ice cream maker and would like to give it a try I am sure it will be enjoyed by everyone.

August 20 2022 The Friends of Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery will be hosting their annual fundraising BBQ Saturday evening 20 August. This is fun time with good food, fishing camaraderie, music, and raffles. All proceeds go for restoration and maintenance of the historic hatchery. Starts at 4:00 PM (1600) at \$15 per person.

September 6th 2022 - Our featured speaker for the 6 September general meeting will be Ken Johnson of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fresno Office. Ken will discuss his ongoing work in Golden Trout Wilderness on drought monitoring Volcanic Creek and fish barrier monitoring and restoration on the South Fork of the Kern River.

October 4th 2022 - Our tentative speaker for 4 October is Patrick Jaeger, Eastern Sierra Guide Service.

November 1st 2022 - Our tentative speaker for 1 November is Luke Kinney, Golden Trout Guiding Co.

December 6th 2022 - Our annual Christmas Dinner will be 6 December at 6:00 PM in the United Methodist Church.

January 3rd 2023 - Our speaker will be Michael Schweit, Southwest Council Fly Fishers International. talking about ocean fly fishing amongst the Channel Islands.

MODIFYING FLIES WITH TIM CAMMISA : PART 3 – HARE'S EAR

Excerpts from the Orvis Fly-Fishing Podcast, Published 4/7/2022

Host: Tom Rosenbauer

Website: <https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/podcasts/general-fly-fishing/1698-modifying-flies-with-tim-cammisa>

Guest: Fly Tier and Teacher -- Tim Cammisa

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Topic: Modifying Flies



Editor's Introduction This is the third of a series of articles excerpted from the Orvis podcast referenced above. The focus of the podcast was to examine several classic fly patterns that we all learned as beginning fly-tiers. The questions the podcast seeks to answer are:

1. Which classic patterns are just not to be messed with? - "UNTOUCHABLE"

We still tie it the same way now as we learned it 30 years ago?"

2. Which classic patterns should we have a little leeway to tie? - "TWEAKABLE"

We still tie the pattern, but we don't tie it that way anymore. And, if so, what are the reasons behind it?"

Tom: Let's do a nymph.

Tim: So, with a hare's ear, we're talking about the gold ribs. When I first started getting into fly tying, I would typically tie them with a bead head, not a jig hook, but just the traditional. It was a great fly. It worked so well. It could imitate caddisflies, maybe some mayflies out there as well. It looked buggy. Without a doubt, the Hare's Ear was just one of those great patterns. I was someone who, if I bought a traditional hare's ear blend dubbing that wasn't good enough. I liked to, cut my own. I liked to blend it myself, and I still do. Now, as I moved forward over the years, the fly that I have now turned to (probably since being from Pennsylvania) is a variation of the Walt's worm. The Walt's worm nymph, was created by Walt Young. It's basically hare's ear dubbing on a hook that has a bunch of wire underneath. That was the original design. <https://flylordsmag.com/how-to-tie-walts-worm/> Since then, I have added a few more variations. I still place this on a jig hook with a slotted tungsten bead, but the variation that I use now, are hot spots on the flies. Initially, I used them in the bead, but I've realized a lot of people use beads. So I now tend to use more muted colors on my beads like matte black and I put my hot spots in other places. In the case of the Walt's worm, I like to call it the Blowtorch variation, kind of like Devin Olsen. For my hot spot I use a little piece of glow bright thread coming out the rear. I still use wire for my ribbing.



But for my dubbing, I love to blend my own dubbing, and add a little bit of flash. I use an old coffee bean grinder. (Please don't tell my wife that that's what happened to our coffee bean grinder, but it's now being used for better things.) - and it now catches us a lot of fish. But I still love to blend my own dubbing because it separates my flies from others. Another tip in tying this fly is to have that dubbing go the whole way up to the bead, and put a little bit of dubbing on my thread right before I do my whip finish, so the last couple turns still have dubbing on them. That way you have a really clean look the whole way up to your bead.

Walt's Worm (Walt Young) - Tim Cammisa You-tube Video <https://www.frankenfly.com/walts-worm-blow-torch-tim-cammisa/>



Tim: So that's my current version of the Hare's Ear now. I'll fish that from sizes 12 down to a size 22 year-round. I have just a ton of those. Go-to color is something like a brown tan. I'll also offer a lot of gray colors, especially if I'm fishing in tail waters or spring creeks because then I feel like it's also going to pick up maybe a cress bug (sow bug), or scuds. I tend to use hot spot colors and dubbing in it, and I'll interlace my hare's ear with purples occasionally, sometimes even light oranges, that type of stuff, just, again, to make it look a little bit different than everybody else's.

MODIFYING FLIES WITH TIM CAMMISA : PART 3 – HARE'S EAR

Tom: My variation, is a little more traditional -- brown hackle fiber tails. For my body, I take the darker part of the hare's ear, mainly the little tiny hairs at the top where ears are really dark, and then I'll blend that with some fox squirrel or pine squirrel, pine squirrel actually, natural pine squirrel so that I get a really buggy looking body natural colors.



I rib it with oval gold tinsel. I don't use wire. I like oval gold tinsel, I always have.

Then for the thorax, I put two (slightly smaller than normal size) black tungsten beads underneath the wing case.

Then I will put a wing case of black thin skin over that. The whole thorax area is kind of black. And I might wind a little dubbing in between the beads or not. It's a pretty traditional profile but slightly different materials.

Tim: I like that. Well, I think this also brings up a point. Maybe, you and I, tend to be a little bit more particular about certain things. And for the listeners out there, this is something I love to do in my fly tying classes. I'll hold up two packets of dubbing that I bought at the show that day, and I'll say, "These are both labeled as dark hare's ear." And we look at them, they're not the same color.

That's something we have to keep in mind as we follow recipes from other tiers. I'm the kind of person that if you say...Tom Rosenbauer says, "Use these five materials". For the first X amount of flies, I'm tying with those materials," I'm using the materials you recommend. I know the specific materials probably don't matter, but I do it.

If you go online or you go to a shop and you buy those materials. The color in that packet could be different than the one that's being recommended, and it stinks because, with natural materials, there's so many variables at play that are really out of our control. So keep that in mind. I mean, we both know the color's we're shooting for, and we'll do what it takes to get to it.

Tom : Yeah. You blend your own because you're at somebody else's mercy. I've never found a commercial hare's ear blend that I like. I think they're all too light and I like my hare's ears dark.

Tim: I'm with you there 100%. Okay. So on the Hare's Ear we both have varied a little bit so far.

Classic Fly Pattern Score Board Ratings U - Untouchable T - Tweakable (Tom Rosenbauer's Rating, Tim Cammisa's Rating)

1. Elk Hair Caddis (T,T)
2. Woolly Bugger (U, T)
3. Hare's Ear Nymph - (T, T)
4. Sparkle Dun - next month's Flyline
5. Clouser Minnow
- 6.. Zebra Midge
7. San Juan Worm
8. Parachute Adams
9. Griffith's Gnat

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Hot Creek Kiosk “Best Intentions” - are OUT OF LINE !!!



Kiosk History: The Interpretive kiosk on Hot Creek was given a major rehab in 2004 with the installation of new artwork. This work was spearheaded by Chuck Newmyer and supported by many members of the Aguabonita Fly-fishers. Since then, ABFF has been maintaining the kiosk with painting, fence repair, and brush removal.

Recently, it was discovered that the installation of a new fishing line disposal receptacle has significantly damaged the panel structure of the kiosk. While the “best intentions” of installing the receptacle were admirable, the installation techniques definitely were not !!

The receptacle was attached to the 4”x4” post of the kiosk frame using two threaded bolts, nuts and washers. As shown in the lower left photo, the upper bolt protruded through the post, necessitating removal of the entire panel (to allow tightening of the nut/washer). In addition, a countersunk hole was then required to allow clearance for reattaching the panel. Proper woodworking methods were ignored resulting in unnecessary splitting and cracking as shown in the photo. This situation could have been prevented by using a simple lag bolt of proper length so as not to protrude thru the post. Further damage to the structure was created during the panel removal. The lower right photo shows how the upper 4”x4” beam was twisted in order to provide clearance for tightening the bolt. As a result of twisting the upper beam, the panel was dislodged completely, since it was being held in place by a tongue and groove joint that was destroyed during removal. The center photo below shows that the panel was simply left on the ground adjacent to the structure. The panel has been recovered and will be repaired by ABFF. For the next kiosk work party -- stay tuned to the Flyline !!!

Editor’s Note: The sign above the receptacle indicates that the Fly Fishing Guide Service FishMammoth.com was involved with this project. <https://www.fishmammoth.com/> If you are so inclined, drop them a **line** (via the above web address) and let them know how you feel about this shoddy and destructive installation. Perhaps, they need to be reminded that such shoddy workmanship and disregard for others has no place at the Hot Creek kiosk.





Eastern Sierra Area



Youth Fishing and Outreach Events

Date	Event Name	Time	Location	Address
July 30, 2022	Kids Fishing Festival	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Snowcreek Resort Ponds on Old Mammoth Road	2 Fairway Drive, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
September 3, 2022	Kids Fishing Event	TBD	Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds	475 Sierra Street, Bishop, CA 93514
September 4, 2022	Kids Fishing Event	TBD	Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds	475 Sierra Street, Bishop, CA 93514

Seeking volunteers with an interest in:

- Fishing
- Fly Tying
- Fly Casting
- Spin Casting
- Trout Cleaning
- Trout Anatomy / Dissections
- Aquatic Macro invertebrates
- Knot Tying and Rigging
- Fish Printing (Gyotaku)
- Trout Cooking
- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Ethical Angling / Regulations



The volunteer will assist with youth fishing events and must be willing to teach children.

If interested in volunteering, email Julia Cherenzia Julia.Cherenzia@wildlife.ca.gov

Learn to Fish Videos

- [How to Rig Your Line for Bluegill or Trout Fishing \(2:32\)](#)
- [How to Rig Your Line for Catfish Fishing \(1:25\)](#)
- [How to Tie a Palomar Knot \(1:24\)](#)
- [Introduction to Fishing \(0:52\)](#)
- [How to Tie and Improved Clinch Knot \(1:35\)](#)
- [How to Fillet a Fish \(1:49\)](#)
- [The Ethics of Fishing \(1:18\)](#)
- [How to Clean a Fish \(1:39\)](#)
- [How to Cast with an Open Face Reel \(1:27\)](#)
- [How to Cast with a Closed Bale Reel \(1:29\)](#)

Contact

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More Information

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Kirman Lake Stocked With 3,500 Brook Trout

CDFW Works To Restore Mono County Trophy Trout Fishery



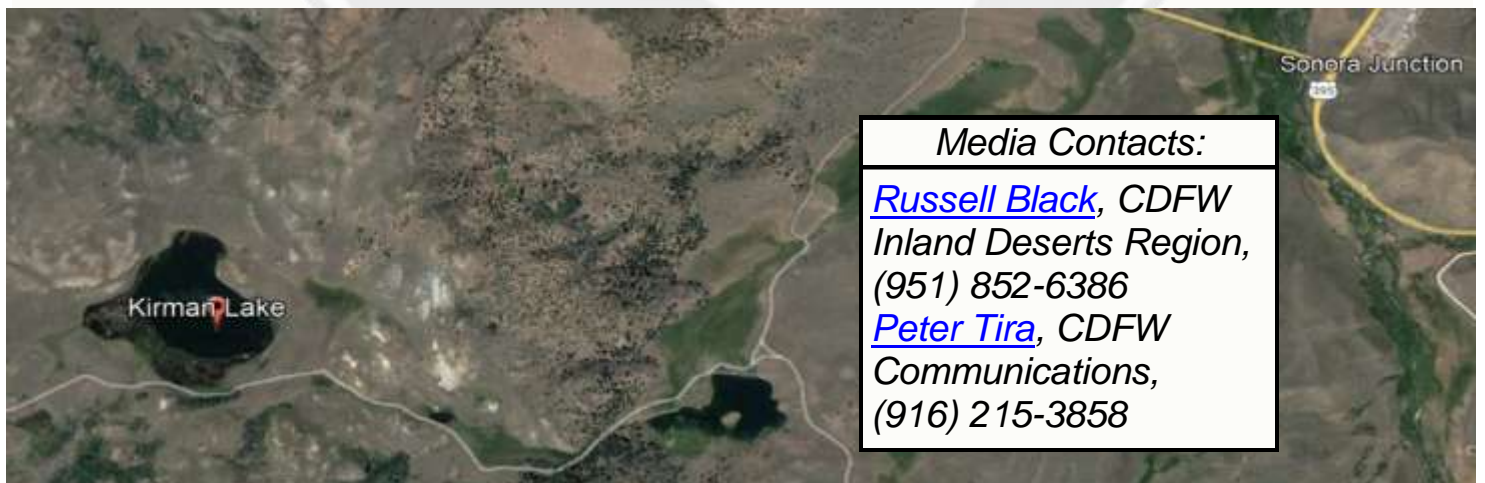
The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has stocked 3,500 large brook trout into Kirman Lake in Mono County as part of an ongoing commitment to restore one of the West’s best trophy brook trout fisheries. Brook trout in the 1- to 2 pound class were stocked recently into Kirman Lake from CDFW’s American River Trout Hatchery near Sacramento as CDFW trout hatcheries throughout the state assist stocking waters in the eastern Sierra.

Located about 20 miles north of Bridgeport, Kirman Lake is a small, backcountry lake with an outsized reputation for growing brook trout that can quickly reach 4 to 6 pounds in size. Unlike many high-mountain

lakes where trout eke out an existence in near-sterile conditions, Kirman’s fertile waters support a smorgasbord of aquatic invertebrates – water boatman, dragonflies, mayflies and midges among them – along with high-protein leeches and shrimp-like scuds that produce a tremendous growth rate in the trout that live there.

Kirman’s food-rich waters, however, lack any spawning habitat for trout, and Kirman’s famed recreational fishery has been entirely dependent on stocking from CDFW over the years. Kirman is stocked more regularly with Lahontan cutthroat trout, but brook trout plants have been sporadic in recent years as CDFW hatcheries transition from raising and stocking non-native trout in favor of native trout species.

Kirman Lake is a special regulations water that opens to fishing the last Saturday in April through Nov. 15 each year. Only artificial lures may be used. Only two trout may be taken with a minimum size limit of 18 inches in total length per fish.



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CDFW Recommends “Hoot Owl” Practices for Fishing Inland Waters During Drought



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is asking recreational anglers to begin “Hoot Owl” practices when fishing – voluntarily changing how, when and where they fish to minimize stress and mortality among fish populations suffering from drought conditions. CDFW uses the term “Hoot Owl” to recommend fishing before noon (i.e. times of day when owls can still be heard hooting) on certain inland waters, as even catch-and-release angling during the hottest parts of the day can greatly increase fish stress and mortality.

CDFW has introduced a series of voluntary “Hoot Owl” Recommendations – directing anglers to focus their fishing during the cooler “hoot owl” periods of the day when water temperatures are lowest. A watch list of specific waters anglers should fish before noon is included and will be updated as conditions change. Sustained afternoon water temperatures exceeding 67 degrees Fahrenheit for trout fisheries could trigger additions to the list.

Currently, the list of waters include:

- Lower Owens River (Pleasant Valley Dam downstream to Five Bridges) in Mono County
- Hot Creek in Mono County
- Mill Creek (Walker Basin) in Mono County
- Lower Rush Creek (Grant Lake to Mono Lake) in Mono County
- Bridgeport Reservoir in Mono County
- Deep Creek in San Bernardino County
- Crowley Lake in Mono County
- Truckee River (Lake Tahoe to the Nevada state line) in Nevada, Placer & Sierra counties
- Upper Truckee River in El Dorado County

To reduce fish stress during the drought, anglers can:

- Minimize the time you spend "fighting" the fish and any hands-on handling.
- Use rubber or coated nylon nets to protect a fish's slime layer and fins.
- Quickly remove the hook with forceps or needle-nosed pliers.
- Minimize the amount of time the fish is exposed to air, especially during warm weather
- Keep your hands wet when handling the fish.
- If the fish is deeply hooked, do not pull on the line. Instead, cut the line as close as possible to where it is hooked and leave the hook so it can dissolve.
- Allow the fish to recover in the net before you release it.
- If the fish does not stay upright when you release it, gently move it back and forth.
- Avoid fighting fish from deeper, cooler waters and bringing them into warmer waters at the surface if your intention is to release them.
- Target fisheries with stable water levels & species with greater high temp. resilience.

CDFW suggests all anglers follow these best practices even if anglers are only interested in harvesting fish to eat. Mortality may result from non-targeted species caught and released or fish outside of legal size limits that must be returned to the water.

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Aguabonita Flyfishers Facebook Page - Snapshots

Facebook Admins: Dave Calvert, Jim Hoover



Aguabonita Flyfishers

Private group · 50 members



+ Invite

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Rachel Felsen-Richards

Tenkara fishing with Chris Leonard. Fun day and I learned a lot!



Dear Fly Fishing Friends,

You are invited to visit, use and share a new private Facebook group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/429039391645519> .

So far, Dave Calvert and Jim Hoover are Admins but they will gladly share the duty. The hope is to provide a forum for both Club members and others to learn and share the joys of fly fishing and potentially expand the Club. Feedback via Karl and/or the group is invited and encouraged.

Thank you!

Aguabonita Flyfishers Facebook Group now has 50 Members !!!

Click on the link above or contact Dave Calvert, Jim Hoover, or Karl Zellner for more info.



Check out our Tenkara Rods !!



Rod specs:
 Extended length: 12ft (360cm)
 Closed size: 20 1/2 inches (52cm) Including 1/2" cap
 Segments: 9
 Handle length: 11 Inches (23cm)
 Weight: 2.7oz (76.5grams)

The Iwana is a classic all-around tenkara rod at a great value. The progressive taper, ultra-light weight, and tip action provides for great battles, even with smaller fish. Quality and strength are by no means compromised, and landing large fish is not unheard of. The original choice of many early tenkara adopters outside of Japan. It packs to a small compact size of 20 1/2 inches, which makes it easy to fit in a day pack. These rods have a beautiful "glossy carbon" finish over a high-quality carbon fiber material.

Other Classic fly rods available

Rods	Description	Reels	Flyline
1	ST Croix 9' 5/6wt 3pc	1	STH WF 10 F/S
2	ST Croix 9' 3wt 2pc	2	Cortland ltd DT6F
3	ST Croix 9' 8/9wt 2pc	3	Cortland cmlil DT7F
4	ST Croix 9' 9/10wt 2pc	4	Cortland Rimfly WF6F
5	ST Croix 9' 1/2 7/8wt 2pc	5	Cortland Rimfly DT6F
6	Winston 8' 6" 6wt 3pc	6	Cortland Rimfly DT3F
7	Winston 7' 10" 4wt	7	Cortland Rimfly DT6F
8	Winston 9' 8wt 4pc	8	Cortland Rimfly DT3F
9	Fisher 8' 6" 5/6wt 4pc	9	Cortland Rimfly DT6F
10	Fisher 8' 6" 3/4wt 2pc	10	Medalist WF6 F/S
11	Fisher 9' 6" 7/8wt 2pc	11	Medalist 1495 DT7F
12	Fisher 8' 6/7wt 2pc	12	Okuma WF9F
13	Fisher 8' 6" 5/6 4pc	13	Okuma WF8F
14	Sage 9' 4wt 4pc	14	Okuma WF8F
15	Sage 9' 7/8wt 2pc	15	Okuma spool DT7F
16	Sage 9' 5wt 2pc	16	Cortland 60 DT4F
17	Sage 9' 6" 9wt 2pc	17	Cortland ltd 80 WF6 F/S
18	Fenwick 7' 10" 5wt 7pc	18	System one WF6F
19	Fenwick 9' 10wt 2pc	19	Berkley DT2F
20	Fenwick 8' 6" 7-9wt 2pc	20	Cortland WF6F
21	Fenwick 7' 6" 5wt 2pc	21	Cortland ii DT6F
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26	Fenwick 8' 6" 7wt 2pc		
27	Cortland 8' 5wt 2pc		
28	G.Loomis 8' 3wt 2pc		
29	G.Loomis 9' 4wt 4pc		
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31	Cabelaf's 9' 6wt 4pc		



To check out any club equipment contact Lew Albright at 760-793-5225 . Let him know when you want to meet him at the club equipment, library and classroom at 231 Station St. Don't forget there is a \$5 fee to check out equipment. If the equipment gets damaged please let Lew know so that it can be re-

Membership Committee: Lloyd Smith

All members have now renewed !

Dues prices remain the same.

We currently have 79 members!

Individual membership	\$35.00
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No new members since last month.

Let's add to our membership. Invite friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us

Invite your friends to join. Have them fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter and return it to: Aguabonita Flyfishers, Membership, P.O. Box 2059, Ridgecrest, CA 93556-2059.

SWCFFI Representative: Craig Porter



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

Fly Fishers International (FFI) is dedicated, through education and conservation, to preserving the fly fishing experience. Conservation of our public waters and connected upland's is essential to our enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of fishes and their habitats and also the health of natural systems.

"When you teach a person to fly fish you have just created a conservationist"

- Lee Wulff

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Monthly Club Meeting

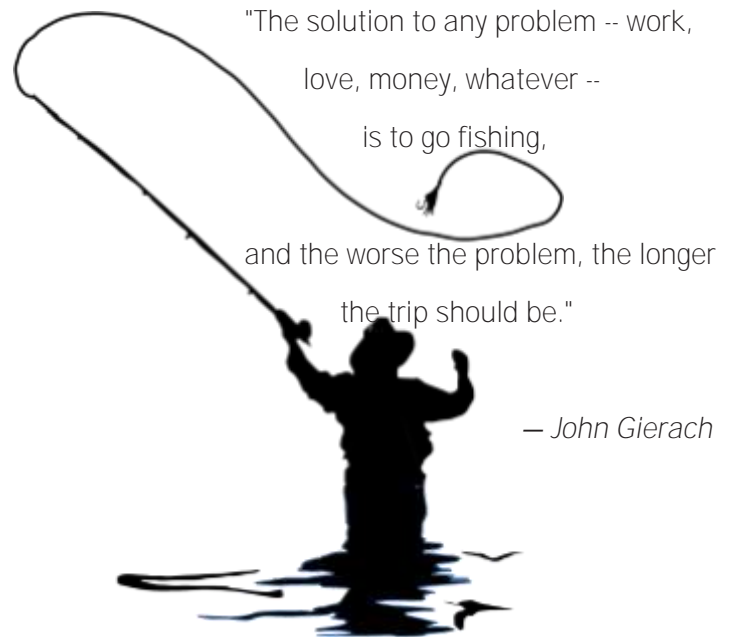
General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcomed to attend!

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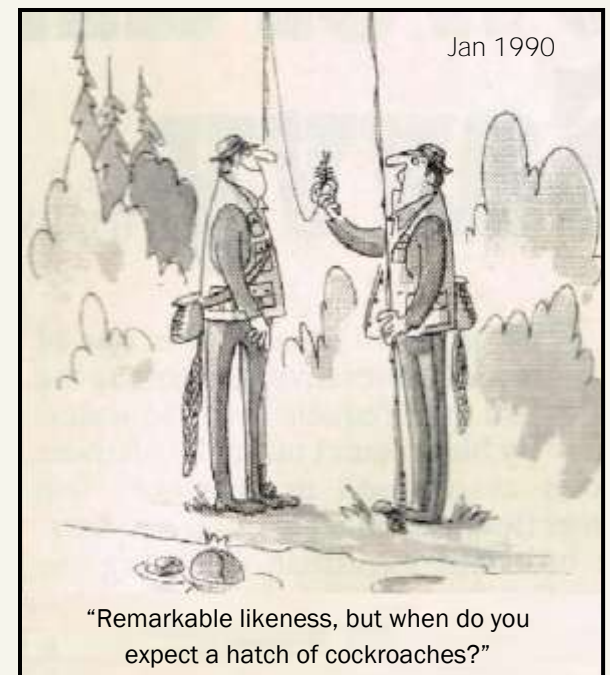
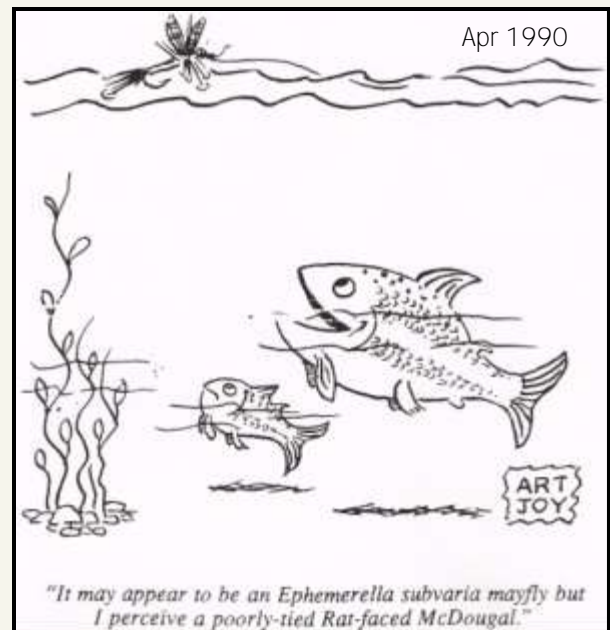
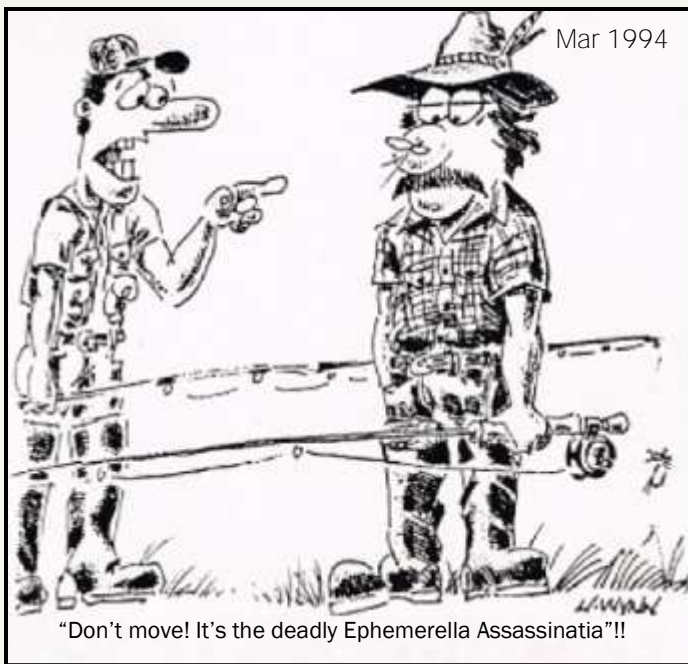
Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors usually meet at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the ABFF Clubhouse, 231 Station Street, to transact the business of the club. The board meetings are open to anyone with agenda items to share. To place items on the next meetings agenda, please send items to secretary Andrew Mitchell at (760) 382-9043 or crazzymex1@verizon.net



Flyline Funnies

Over the years, the Flyline has published a wide variety of flyfishing humor. Just as Krystal Flash adds a little sparkle to your favorite fly pattern, the hope is that “Flyline Funnies” will add a chuckle to your day, and dust off a memory or two. The nuggets of wisdom and humor are all gleaned from back issues of the Flyline. Sit back and enjoy the timeless humor of our sport. **Today’s topic is“ Bugology “**



***“Flyline at Your Fingertips”
promotion is now over !***



After finishing digitizing all of the Aguabonita Flyfisher's newsletter archives I assembled copies of all issues and put them on a thumb drive. I offered ABFF members a copy of the thumb drive for a \$20 donation to the club at our dessert award banquet held last March. The response was encouraging, a dozen or more were sold with proceeds benefiting our club projects. In April I continued the offer through this column in case out of town members would like a copy of the thumb drive also. To date, I have received no additional orders so I will cease the promotion efforts in this column and resume focusing on other stories of interest to ABFF members.

The focus for this month's column is to highlight the Annual Mount Whitney tri-tip BBQ fund raiser to be held at the hatchery on August 20th starting at 4:00pm. Admission is \$15 per person. The front page of this month's issue of the Flyline features a photograph of the historic hatchery taken by ABFF member Lloyd Smith in June of this year.

The Hatchery was founded in 1917 and produced trout until ceasing operations in 2008 due to damage sustained during heavy rain runoff from fire-damaged Oak Creek watershed. Since then, the historic Hatchery has remained open, attracting over 60,000 visitors per year to the inviting coolness of a picnic area around the main brooder pond offering a **respite from the desert's heat (as well as clean and well maintained restrooms) to travelers up and down Highway 395.** A gift shop and small museum is also open on the weekends in the summer to help support Hatchery grounds upkeep.

Since the flooding, CDFW owned the property and the Friends of Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery, a volunteer organization comprised of local citizens, had an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with CDFW to run the interpretive center and gift shop and conduct tours. The Friends also assume some maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

Recently, however, under CA gov. Newsom's new policy and executive order, any land for sale within tribal ancestral territory, must be offered to the tribe first. The Fort Independence tribe has reportedly expressed interest in the Hatchery property.

(Ref: <https://thesheetnews.com/2021/11/19/hatching-a-plan/>)

This year's fund raiser at the Hatchery may provide a clue as to the "Path Forward" for this historic landmark.

In the Background: Lloyd Smith



This month's background photo was provided by Lloyd Smith and taken in June of 2022 at Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery near Independence, CA. The Hatchery was founded in 1917 and produced trout until ceasing operations in 2008 due to damage sustained during heavy rain runoff from fire-damaged Oak Creek watershed. The Hatchery has remained open, attracting 60,000 visitors per year. Under CA gov. Newsom's new policy and executive order, any land for sale within tribal ancestral territory, must be offered to the tribe first. The Fort Independence tribe has reportedly expressed interest in the Hatchery property.

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Mt. Whitney Hatchery's annual BBQ is Aug 20th starting at 4:00pm. Admission is \$15 per person. In addition to a great evening at the Hatchery, perhaps we may find out more about "The Path Ahead."

Editor's Note: If anyone has a favorite photo that would make a suitable background for the Flyline (i.e. a vertical orientation, with photo features concentrated around the periphery - leaving center clear for Flyline pictures, text, articles etc.) please email a copy to me at bowlingdk4@gmail.com Thanks, Don Bowling

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Aug 2022

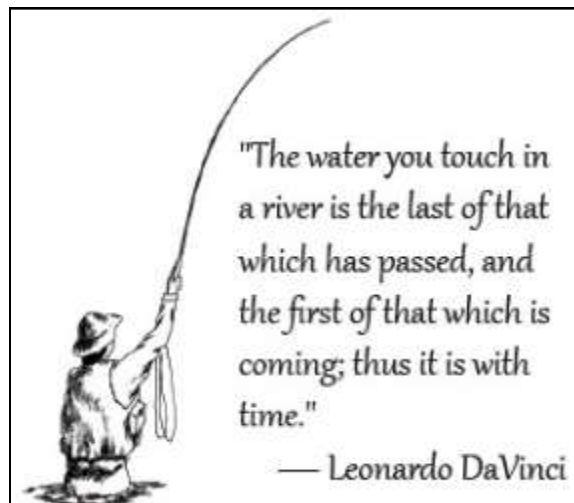
"It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days of the year."
- Theodore Gordon



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Windless Picnic Petroglyph Park 5:30pm	3	4	5	6 Fly Tying Session 9:00am - Noon
7	8	9	10	11	12 Deadline for Newsletter Inputs	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Mt Whitney Hatchery BBQ 4:00 pm \$15 each
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Board Meeting 7pm	31			

Southwest Council Fly Fishers International - The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International is a 57-year old international non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through conservation, education and fellowship.

<https://southwestcouncilffl.org/>



Trout Unlimited - Since 1959, Trout Unlimited has worked to conserve, protect, and restore North America's cold water fisheries and their watersheds. We have protected more than 10,000 river miles nationwide and pioneered new scientific, legal and legislative tools to make America's rivers cleaner and healthier.

<https://www.tu.org/>



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

How would you like to receive the *Flyline* newsletter? Email USPS

Would you like a badge (s)? Yes No

How would you like your name (s) to appear on badge? _____

What is your spouse's name? _____

What are the names of family associate members? _____

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PAID

One Time Membership Initiation Fee (\$10.00) _____

Annual Individual Member (\$35.00) _____

Annual Family Membership (Single residence) (\$45.00) _____

Annual Youth Only Member (\$10.00) _____

Life Member (\$350.00) _____

Total Due _____

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