



Reading The Water

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Newsletter of Golden State Flycasters Chapter, Trout Unlimited

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Southern Sierras with Guy Jeans



Fly fishing guide and Kern River Fly Shop Owner, Guy Jeans, has been fly fishing the Southern Sierra area for over 30 years. For the year of 2014, he has instructed and taught over 650 people and currently spends over 200 days a year guiding on the waters that cover a major portion of the Southern Sierra Region, which includes the Sequoia National Forest and the Golden Trout Wilderness. The majority of Guy's time is spent on the Kern River and its Tributaries. Anglers come from all over the world to catch three of California's Native Trout which are found only in their native habi-

tat throughout the Southern Sierra streams. These trout are California Golden Trout, the Kern River Rainbow, and the Little Kern Golden.

In addition to guiding along the Kern River, Guy's expert guiding and superb teaching led him to being asked to be a host for fly fishing trips and to be a guide in Northwestern Montana. He also provides casting clinics and lectures at numerous sportsmen shows and events, and teaches fly fishing in the California surf.

In 2004, Guy created and was a charter member of the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club located in Kernville, California. In 2014, the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers received the McKenzie Cup from the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) for their conservation work on the Kern River Rainbow as well as their very popular "Kids Fly Fishing Academy" held every spring.

Guy is recognized as a IFFF Certified Casting Instructor and in 2012, received the "Lee Wulff Award" from the IFFF. He is the host of the critically acclaimed DVDs, Volume I "Sierra Fly Fishing - The Lower Kern River" and Volume II, "The Kern River in the Golden Trout Wilderness". Guy occasionally writes fly fishing articles for magazines and newspapers such as Southwest Fly Fishing Magazine. Throughout the year, Guy lectures and teaches at various clubs and events on the fly fishing opportunities of the Southern Sierra. He is a contractual fly designer for Solitude Fly Company. Guy's most popular design, the "Kern Emerger" series, is sold and fished internationally.

NEXT MEETING

Monday

Jan 12, 2015

Wetflies 6:00 PM

Dinner 6:45 PM

Program 7:00 PM

Tio Leo's

3510 Valley Center Dr
San Diego, CA 92130
(Map—back page)

Next water quality monitoring will be Saturday, February 21. Please speak to Jack Marshall for details and to volunteer:

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Southern Sierras with Guy Jeans—Cont'd



Guy was born and raised in the beautiful town of Ventura, California, where he enjoyed surfing and fishing. In addition to these activities, Guy made a living composing, writing and performing music for various bands as a pianist/singer. As a musician traveling to different areas of the west to perform, he discovered the Kern River and many other waters of the Southern Sierra. The love Guy developed for the waters he encountered over 30 years ago eventually led to pioneering a fly-fishing guide service, a fly-fishing school and opening, “Kern River Fly Shop”. In Guy's spare time, he still performs today with his newly-created band, “Stoneflys”. While promoting their CD, “Emergence” they perform at music festivals and various benefit concerts to raise money for breast cancer research and educational foundations.

Guy is recognized as a Pro Staff member for Redington Fly Rods and Hatch Reels. In addition, he is a Simms Guide Ambassador for Simms fishing products.

President's Message

By Wayne Johnson



Our GSF 2014 year of activities and accomplishments is now complete. As we prepare for a new year in 2015, it's natural to reflect on another year that has passed so quickly.

Before we review the clubs 2015 opportunities, let's reflect on our 12th Annual Holiday Party and Awards Dinner. Those attending the Holiday Party and Awards Dinner, held at Vittorio's Restaurant, experienced a wonderful and entertaining evening. Upon entering Vittorio's Restaurant we were greeted by an attentive staff who served us our dinner First Course, a varietal selection of delicious appetizers and beverages, as we all shared in lively conversation reflecting on our club experience's during the year and plans for the coming year. As we were seated for our Second Course, we were introduced to "Mr. Eubanks" our engaging game master, **Rod Hendrickson**. This year the "Have You Ever" game was won by **Sue Crenshaw**, and the game that recalls your best "List of Firsts" was won by **Frank Grant**. As we completed our dinner Third Course we proceeded with our GSF member's awards presentation and member's recognition.

As our past and incoming President, **Wayne Johnson** and our Education Chair and past Secretary, **Steve Piper**, began the awards presentation by recognizing **Jack Marshall**, Conservation Chair, for his work performed in coordinating our conservation efforts, grant submissions, and field monitoring for the trout genetics program and water quality monitoring. Next, Jack gave a nice acknowledgment, which included a small gift, to the water quality monitoring team

time throughout the year each quarter conducting field samples. **Steve** proceeded to recognize those who made our GSF Educational Seminar series a success; Rod Building- **Eric Noguchi**, San Diego Bay Fly Fishing class- **Richard Cullip, Chuck Loudat, Bob Day**, Bishop/Owens Fly Fishing class- **Chuck Loudat, Norb Spitzer, Mark Utter**, Fly Tying classes- **Chuck Waterman**, Fly Casting class- **Brant Oswald**, and Fly Fishing the Surf class- **Steve Piper, Jon Hee, Rich Bradley**.

This year our Conservation Chair, **Jack Marshall**, presented the Skip Price Conservation Award to, **Dale Dalrymple**, in recognition for his year to year contribution to GSF through his conservation activities in support of grant submissions such as the GSF/ TU Embrace-A-Stream Silver Creek and Slickard Creek project, project monitoring for State agencies reports, and hours of field research work.

This year GSF initiated a new award to give recognition to members who have served the club in the capacity as a member of the Board, as a Director, and Committee Chair positions over multiple years, with unwavering spirit, creativity, resiliency and dedication. At the Holiday Party and Awards Dinner we presented the new Steelhead Award for the first time. President, **Wayne Johnson** and Education Chair, **Steve Piper**, with great pride and appreciation presented **Mike McClain** with the first annual Steelhead Award. During Mike's membership with GSF since 2006, he has been the go to person within in the club and has demonstrated an unwavering spirit, creativity, resiliency and dedication.

Mixed in with the presentation we a enjoyed a little fun with our Kern River Tourney participants, our past King of The Kern, **Steve Piper**, and Captain of the Women's Team, **Irene Hunt**, presented the crown and scepter as they introduced **Dave Smith** and **Sue Crenshaw** as the new incoming King and Queen of The Kern, respectively. The two of them did very well as individuals over all in the tourney.

Further club recognition was acknowledged to our committee chairs; **Chuck and Michelle Waterman**- Annual Fundraiser, **Mike McClain**- Monthly Raffle and Purchasing, **Tim Hunt**- Communication, **Steve Piper**- Education/SWCIFFF/Casting, **Rod Hendrickson**-Trips, **Frank Grant**- TU Liaison, **Ken Kaufman and Mark Turner**- Local Events, **Tiffany Smith**- Newsletter,

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Kevin McClain- Web Master, **Peter Syka**-Video Librarian, **Ken Notter**- Membership, **Chuck Waterman**- Fly Tying, and **Eric Noguchi**- Rod Building.

The finale e-club recognition went to the GSF Board and Director members. President, **Wayne Johnson**, acknowledged the BOD's for their term year of unwavering support and presented each with a bottle of Mattucci Winery Purple Haze Port (same name as a go to fly pattern in Missoula MT); **Mark Turner**- Vice President, **Steve Piper**- Secretary, **John Wohfiel**- Treasurer, **Tim Hunt**- Director, **Mike McClain**- Director, and **Kevin McClain**- Director. This year the club will see a change on the BOD's with the addition of **Dave Smith** – Vice President and **Mark Utter** – Secretary.

Our evening concluded with the desert serving, and the announcement of gratitude to our club membership who contributed to the Casting For Recovery raffle. The club's generosity allowed us to meet our goal of selling all 60 raffle tickets. The winning raffle ticket this year was drawn by **Linda Miller**; she received the NuCast Reel and Rod combination set.

In 2015 our club will have a wide variety of educational, conservation, outing activities and volunteer events. Please join us as we get the New Year started by attending our first 2015 monthly meeting. Our monthly meeting will be held on January 12 (Monday before the 3rd Thursday of the month) 6PM at Tio Leo's Restaurant in Del Mar (Located at I-5 and Hwy 56). Our January guest speaker, Guy Jeans, is a professional guide who lives in Kernville, CA. Fly fishing guide and Kern River Fly Shop Owner, Guy Jeans, has been fly fishing the Southern Sierra area for over 30 years. For the year of 2014, he has instructed and taught over 650 people and currently spends over 200 days a year guiding on the waters that cover a major portion of the Southern Sierra Region, which includes the Sequoia National Forest and the Golden Trout Wilderness. Guy will begin the evening with an informal pre-dinner presentation/ demonstration of the Kern River fly patterns and indicator rig setups. After our dinner Guy will conclude with a slide presentation on the technical aspects of fly fishing the Kern River, packed with pearls of wisdom. Please tell your friends or anyone else that would enjoy learning more about the Kern River. They are more than welcome to attend.

Our Intermediate Fly Tying Class begins this year on January 8. The class instructor is **Chuck Waterman**, our very own GSF member who contributes to our "Fly of the Month" in our monthly newsletter. As a GSF member you can enroll online at our website; space is limited so sign up early.

The GSF Annual Lower Owens Bishop trip is the club's first trip of 2015. The trip is being coordinated by **Rod Hendrickson** and the dates are February 26-March 1. Please let Rod know you are planning join to us as soon as possible; he has a limited number of rooms at a negotiated special rate with Holiday Inn Express and La Quinta Hotel in Bishop. Be prepared as the weather conditions can change from mild spring to winter snow storms.

On Saturday March 14, 2015, 5 PM, we will be holding our Thirteenth Annual Fundraiser Raffle and Silent Auction. This is our most important fundraiser of the year, which allows to us to fund our speaker's forum, support our conservation programs, club and community educational activities, local outings and contribute to charitable organizations. We have selected a new location with an expanded facility space for the event the year. The event will held at **University San Diego- Jenny Craig Pavilion 209, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110**. To make this year's Raffle and Auction a success, we need your help. This is a great opportunity for you to contribute to the club, become involved as a volunteer.

For March 26-29th we will be looking for volunteers to staff our GSF booth at the Fred Hall Show-Del Mar Fair Grounds. This can become another opportunity for you to consider being a participant in your club's face to the

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public and the benefits of being a GSF member.

In 2014, GSF/ TU Chapter 920, had a great number of significant accomplishments. Some of our successes are obvious to all and celebrated, but there are countless other daily “wins” that pass without much notice. While some of our daily achievements may go unnoticed, each achievement deserves acknowledgement. In this fast-paced environment, we sometimes forget the value of a simple thank you. I wish to extend a personal message of gratitude to every GSF Volunteer Member, Committee Chair, and the BOD's; please accept this genuine expression of appreciation.

I wish you all the best in 2015,

Thank you!

Tim Hunt and Rod Hendrickson's Excellent Adventure

Trailing the Sierra Loop – by Tim Hunt

After talking about our mutual affection for backpacking in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains at a couple of GSF meetings we finally pulled together a great trip. Rod came up with an excellent loop but it was one that involved off-trail climbing and route-finding abilities that were beyond the average backpacking trip.

Our target area for this trip was the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Specifically we were headed to Ediza Lake from the Agnew Meadow trailhead for our first night, followed by a cross-country scramble over to Minaret Lake for the second night, and then out to Red's Meadow. There are quotas that apply and permits are required for overnight stays in this area and we unfortunately had not reserved a permit for this trek. Fortunately though, 40% of the permits are made available on a first come, first serve, non-reserved basis. Therefore we hoped for the best and arrived just prior to closing time for the Inyo National Forest Visitor/Ranger Station in Lone Pine. We got lucky, so with permit in hand, we headed for Mammoth Lakes.

In order to get into the Red's Meadow area during the summer you are required to take a shuttle bus from Mammoth Mountain's main lodge down to the various trailheads and campgrounds. This area is flush with tourists who want to see the Devil's Postpile and play or fish in the San Joaquin River. However if you arrive after 7:00 pm or enter before 7:00 am you can drive your own car into this area. You will still have to pay 10 bucks or flash your National Interagency Pass upon exiting. Our plan was to get an early start thereby avoiding the hassle of the shuttle. We were not sure if we wanted to drive in and stealth camp that night or find a campground around town. We still had plenty of time on our hands to think about it before nightfall so we headed for dinner. While enjoying a burger the thought occurred to Rod that since we were in Mammoth we should see if fellow GSF member Don Montero was in town. Don spends much of the summer each year in Mammoth so we thought it would be fun to catch up with him.

As it turned out Don was home and invited us over to have some ice cream with he and his wife, Debbie (getting to know club members through trips and meetings really pays off!). Don and Debbie, being the nice people they are, graciously invited us to spend the night at their place. Since Don was getting up early to meet up with a friend for a hike into a backcountry lake himself, he offered to sound the alarm at 0 dark thirty.

After some coffee and breakfast with Don we headed out and made it to the trailhead around 6:30 am. Our hike took us toward gorgeous Shadow Lake, which is a prime day hike in the area. From Shadow Lake our trail followed along trout-filled Shadow Creek all the way to Ediza Lake, which was one of John Muir's favorite places. When not looking at the beautiful creek with its clear water and many small cascades, we saw a variety of wildflowers and views of the dramatic Minaret Pinnacles which are part of the Ritter Mountain Range. Once we made camp on the far side of the lake we rigged up the rods and headed back to Shadow Creek for the rest of the afternoon. After countless small and willing fish, most of which were brook with a few rainbows, we headed back to camp for dinner and a relaxing evening.

Tim and Rod's Excellent Adventure ~ Cont'd

The next morning we made a short backtrack to the trail which took us to the appropriately named Iceberg Lake. It's not that there are actual icebergs in the lake but there is a large island that certainly resembles one. From here we followed a faint trail that eventually had us angling up through a huge talus field toward the far side of the lake. After following the path of least resistance and the occasional cairn/duck we were able to make out the route which heads up a steep 3rd to 4th class chute. Apparently there is often a treacherous snow field in the area, but with the lack of moisture we've had there was only loose scree to contend with.

It is at this point that I'll mention we were really happy to be carrying relatively light packs. In our younger days we routinely carried 40 pound plus packs. Tim's packs were usually loaded with climbing or photography equipment and the not-so-light gear of the time, and Rod was usually supplied with enough food and heavy gear for his extended trips covering many miles. Nowadays it's very easy to cut pack weights in half which makes for a much more enjoyable hiking experience, and it certainly makes scrambling off trail much easier.

Once we ascended the chute we topped out on a beautiful saddle surrounded by spectacular views of the mountains. Only a few yards away, tucked into the small bowl, was Cecile Lake. With some additional rock hopping and trail finding we made our way to the far side of the lake. From here it's a fast 500 foot drop down to Minaret Lake, which was our target for the evening.

Fortunately, just as we arrived in the general area of the decent, we came across a couple who had just made the climb up. They pointed out where we needed to go to make the drop down to the trail which leads to the lake. We had a choice to make as to whether we wanted to down climb a chimney or a more exposed section of rock with good handholds. We opted for the latter. This is something that we would not suggest doing unless you have climbing experience. It's not a difficult climb but a fall would certainly lead to a serious injury or worse. Once back on solid ground we quickly made it to the spectacular Minaret Lake where we grabbed a fantastic campsite with nobody else in sight.

We both agreed that, with the surrounding peaks and general setting of this lake, it is one of the most beautiful places that either of us had visited in the Sierras. What made it even better than it already was is that the lake had plenty of trout to cast to for the rest of the day.

After scrambling around a few rocks and cliffs, Tim found a gulley to climb down which took him to a short traverse out on to a small shelf about 4 feet above the lake surface. At the same time Rod made his way around another small cliff and found a large boulder he stood on to spy his targets. There was a slight wind blowing toward us that pushed the water into the cliff faces causing a bubble line that acted as a feeding trough for the fish. Due to the crystal clear water we were both able to see the cruising brook trout come into view. At that point we could fire out our casts in front of the fish and watch them rise from a depth of 1 to 3 feet and explode on our dry flies. Actually, in Tim's case he started with a small streamer pattern given to him by GSF member, Tom Philips, which produced the biggest fish of the trip. It was 14 inches, which for a high mountain lake was not anticipated. It was at least 2 inches larger than the next in line. The thrill of watching fish attack dry flies quickly had Tim changing up from the streamer to a dry. The rest of the afternoon was filled with laughs and one fish after another. It does not get much better than targeting willing fish, with dry flies, high in the Sierras, with no one else around.

Tim and Rod's Excellent Adventure ~ Cont'd

With big grins on our faces from all the fun, we decided to head back to camp to get dinner going which was followed by scotch and cigars. After another great day in the mountains we turned in to our respective shelters and looked forward to what the morning would bring. As it turned out we were treated to a beautiful display of alpine glow on the surrounding peaks at first light, which is always a welcome sign.

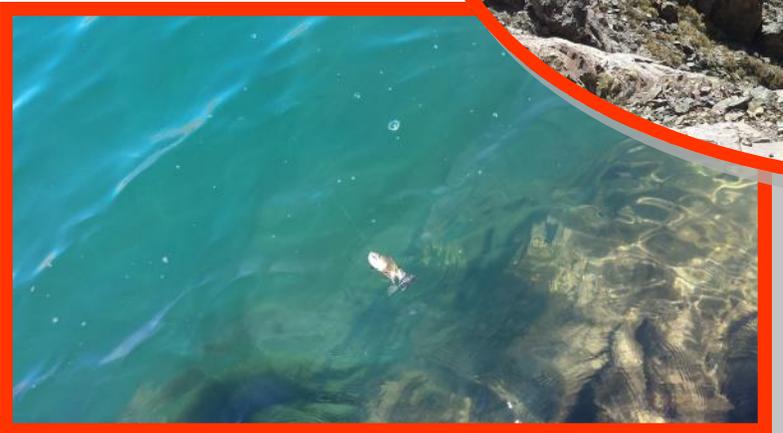
After breakfast we decided we would break camp and head for the San Joaquin River and a fairly early exit to avoid a very late night of driving. Shortly after leaving the outlet of the lake Tim spotted a large buck, who after seeing us apparently decided we were a menacing looking duo, or perhaps we just smelled funny, so he took off into some heavy cover. The trail down to Red's Meadow was really nice and kept up the theme of beautiful scenery. One particular spot that's really a sight to see is a very long cascade that is provided by Minaret Creek. It must be a raging torrent in the spring after a healthy snow year.

Once down to the San Joaquin we rigged up our fly rods again but the fishing proved really slow. Whether it was the crush of people all around, the high noon sun, warm August temperature, or something else, the fish did not want to cooperate. We already had our share of fish though and just enjoyed an awesome loop backpack, so we did not mind getting on our way. We hopped on one of the packed shuttle busses that took us back to Agnew Meadow and loaded up for the return home.

It's always a shock to the system, even if it's only a short trip into the backcountry, to come out and find throngs of people surrounding you. That solitude you just enjoyed has you quickly dreaming of another escape to the backcountry and makes you appreciate the opportunity you were just granted. This trip certainly created a wonderful memory for each of us to reflect on in the coming years.

As a side note, in the coming months the two of us (along with ultra-light expert Richard Cullip) are planning to offer a seminar similar to the ones Steve Piper has previously offered. We will cover ways in which you can shed weight from your backpacking kit, as well as trip ideas for both overnight stays and day hikes from the standpoint of good scenery, good fishing, or both. We will also offer suggestions for flies and fly fishing equipment that are useful in the backcountry. We'd appreciate emails from anyone that would like to attend. We need to gauge the interest level before putting work into a presentation. Please email Rod at sagerod2wt@gmail.com or Tim at sea2peak@gmail.com. Thanks!

Tim and Rod's Excellent Adventure ~ Cont'd



Fly Buy Event



Steve Piper, our GSF Education Chairman, has a little info for us for the upcoming "Fly Buy" Event of our Southwest Council of FFF.

The event is being held: January 31, 2015, 9 am - 5 pm, Long Beach

Do you have fly fishing equipment to buy or donate?

Would you like to meet and pick the brains of some of the premier fly tyers on the West Coast including three Buz Buzcek award winners? Or would you like to get a fly casting lesson from a Master Certified Casting Instructor on a bona fide tournament casting pond - one of only a few in the U.S.? Or see a fly fishing club and club house that was founded in 1925 with memorabilia on the walls including for example flies tied by the likes of Zane Grey?

Then you want to attend the Fly Buy on Saturday, January 31. Admission is cheap and the drive is a bit over an hour says Steve.

See the flyer for more details. Highly recommended.



January 31, 2015 9 am - 4 pm

*Great Buys on New and Used Tackle
Benefit the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers*

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB. 4901 East 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804

Bring usable and sellable items originally priced over \$40.00 to donate to the Garage Sale and get free admission.

**\$10.00 for FFF members, lunch included in admission price, \$15.00 others.
Membership available at door.**

Call 818. 757. 3474 or email: secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:



FLY TYING 9-4

Learn from award winning fly tiers. Bill Blackstone, Al Q, John Rose, Glenn Hiroyasu, John Van Derhoof, Mark Kirchner, Maria Rivas, Steven Fernandez, Dave Boyer, Mel Light, Dean Endress, Lee Baerman, Carl Ronk, Naomi Okamoto, Steve Posner, Vaughn Podmore, Mike Forest, Kevin Green and others.

They will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques!
This event will feature 3 renowned Buzsek Award winners.

GARAGE SALE: 9-4

Please donate items for the fly fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters or as needed by the SWC member clubs. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10.00. A great opportunity to dispose of extras and unwanted items of all matters fly fishing. Please give items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly. This is the perfect way to do spring cleaning and to help the SWCFFF!

CASTING 9-4

Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from our Certified Federation Instructors. \$1.00 per minute (15 minutes minimum). Your casting can be analyzed by one of our certified instructors. Get tips on your Single-handed, Spey or double-haul casting. See how you do in the **Danish Casting Games!** Come join in on the fun of casting!

SILENT AUCTIONS 9-4

For your bidding pleasure both select and special items will be on the tables all day. Bidding will be opened all day. Come any time and place your bids!

CONSERVATION REPORT

BY JACK MARSHALL



The Lahontan Archipelago

Ancestors of today's Lahontan Cutthroat Trout swam in a great lake covering parts of California and Nevada. The lake is now largely dry and the remaining fish live in a few refuges, islands as it were, in a surrounding sea of sage brush. To save today's surviving Lahontans from extinction, planners think of preserving approximately twenty sites, an archipelago of refuges, numbers being a kind of insurance against disasters like droughts, floods, wildfires, and debris flows. The goal is to establish self-sustaining, wild, populations. Our embrace-a-stream grant from Trout Unlimited was intended for us, in collaboration with many other groups, to create in Silver Creek – the one near Bridgeport, California – another island of refuge in the Lahontan archipelago.

Lahontan Cutthroat Trout are the giants of Pyramid Lake – the Pyramid Lake north of Lake Tahoe. Norb Spitzer (two over ten pounds in a half-day) and Bob Pharoah (35 inch, 18 pounds) caught some big Lahontans there last spring. The all-time top angler-caught fish registered 41 pounds in 1925. If Norb and Bob had been around at the time, the record might have been improved.

In any event, when you meet a Lahontan you look for size. The ones I've caught in the upper or lower Truckee seemed in the hand to be slightly elongated rainbow trout, but much more capable of bending in the middle. They look big in the water behind beaver dams.

Nevertheless, there is a stream-resident population of tiny Lahontans in a creek not too far from Mammoth Lakes. It has been self-sustaining for many decades in a stream no more than three feet wide -- don't bother to jump, just step across. Man has from time to time improved the stream by installing little wooden barriers, but these fish are reproducing on their own. At the recent meeting we showed a video by Dale Dalrymple of spawning behavior in this tiny trickle. The creek is not by any means within the historical range of the Lahontan. Its first population was brought by the land owner, perhaps thinking the residents would be large enough for good table fare. I imagine that he was disappointed. Public agencies got involved later.

Brook Trout: A shocking tale

The part of Silver Creek that interests us is above a natural barrier, preventing intrusion by non Lahontan, nonnative species. This would be an ideal site for a refuge population except for one thing, the surreptitious introduction of brook trout in the not-too-distant past by some misguided soul. In Silver Creek, brook trout are an invasive species. They are in fact not even trout. They are char. In their native range, the north-eastern territories of North America, they are beloved by many, and our rainbow trout are regarded there as unwelcome. But in Silver Creek in the

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mountains of California, brook trout are the invasive.

Brook trout are unable to interbreed with cutthroats. That is not their threat. Their threat is to outcompete the Lahontans for food and to disrupt their spawning. Why are the brook trout such fierce competitors? Perhaps the temperature in Silver Creek simply suits the brook trout better than it suits the Lahontans. Ideally the brook trout would be made locally extinct – extirpated – before the founding class of Lahontans is brought in. At least the numbers of brook trout would be reduced to give a breathing spell to the arriving Lahontans.

Our means of eliminating the brook trout from Silver Creek is electro-fishing. We shared some videos at members-present night showing the procedures in detail. Here it is interesting to record a few observations relevant to electro-fishing.

- When the shocker team approaches, the fish try to hide under something, preferably an undercut bank but if necessary under or among rocks in the stream.
- The shocker stuns the fish, but they still try to jump, hide, or otherwise get away. The dip netters have to be alert and act decisively when a fish is shocked.
- Fish killed by the shocker do not float to the surface. They sink and bump belly-up along the bottom. Very few fish are actually killed by the shocker.
- The risk of personnel being shocked is controlled in two ways. First, the strength of the electrical current is adjusted to suit water conditions, and second, by protocol, personnel do not put their hands in the water until the shocker is switched off. Since the helpers use long-handled dip nets and carry buckets along the bank, this requirement is not too onerous.

Thanks for being interested and supporting the conservation activities of the club.

Jack

Fly of the Month

By Dave Smith

While Chuck and Michelle revel in the Northeastern winter wonderland....our new GSF Vice President has kindly provided our Fly of the Month.

Competition May Fly Nymph



Materials

Hook: Hanak H300BL Size 12 (Any Grub style hook is fine)

Bead: 3.3 mm Slotted Gold Tungsten Bead

Additional Weight: 0.020 Lead Wire

Thread: Veevus Red 8/0

Tail: Natural Pheasant Tail fibers

Body: Waspi Span Flex Medium Brown

Wing Case: Hareline Dubbin Scud Sack Black 1/8"

Thorax: Rabbit Dubbing Natural with Guard hairs

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Step 1: Place Bead onto Hook



Step 2: Place lead wire into Bead slot and tie down on top of the hook. This adds additional weight that helps turn the fly over so it rides hook point up, which reduces snags.



Step 3: Tie in the Pheasant Tail Directly behind where the lead was cut off. Cut off excess material.

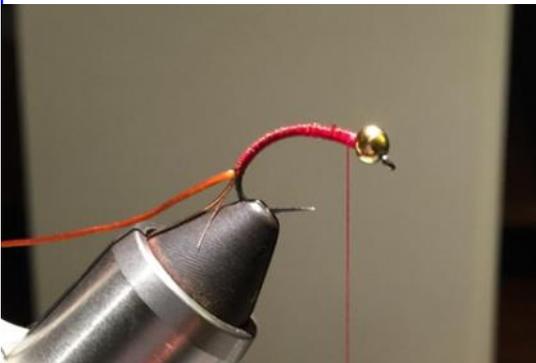


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Step 4: Tie in Span Flex on top of Pheasant Tail. By tying these two materials directly behind the lead it creates a uniform body without adding bulk.



Step 5: Wrap down the body keeping the Pheasant Tail and Span Flex on top of the hook shank. Wrap back up to behind the bead.

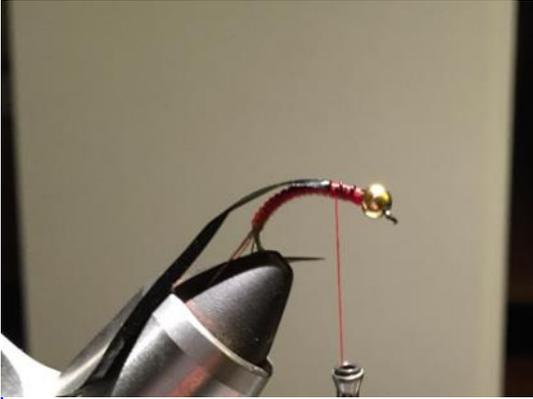


Step 6: Using medium tension wrap the Span Flex up the shank using touching turns. Tie off and remove excess material.



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Step 7: Tie in Black Scud back. Scud back should be roughly over the point of the hook. (This will vary based on hook used)



Step 8: Dub Rabbit dubbing onto thread loosely to get a “Buggy” effect.

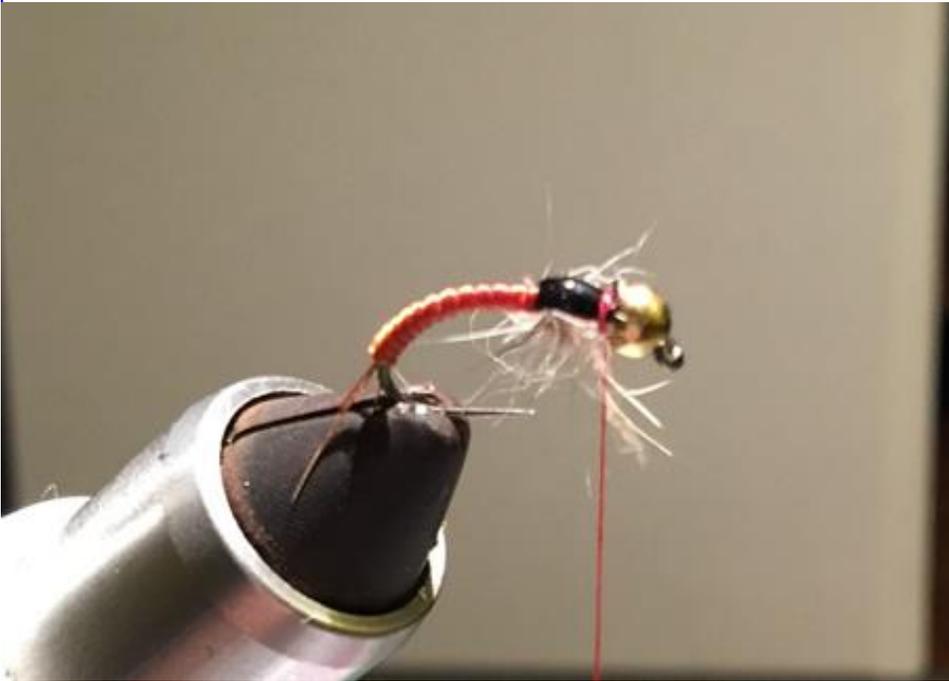


Step 9: Moisten fingers and encourage the stray dubbing to point down.



Fly of the Month - Cont'd

Step 10: Pull wing case over and tie off. Remove additional material. Provide two 4 turn whip finishes.



As a competitor with the Professional Fly Angling Tour (www.PFATour.org) and FIPS-Mouche, I have had the opportunity to learn patterns from fellow competitors all over the globe during National and International competitions. This fly I learned from members of The Silver Flies (Fly Fishing Team New Zealand) when I was down there fishing with them, and like a lot of competition flies, it never was given a proper name. I like this fly as it embraces all the good qualities of a competition nymph. The fly is simple and fast to tie, thin profile along with a tungsten bead to get it down fast and has decent movement thanks to the Rabbit Dubbing. The red collar adds a “hot spot” to the fly to aid in detection by fish. This fly is typically fished in tandem on a European style nymph set-up, but will work just as well under a dry fly or indicator.

Upcoming Events & Monthly Speakers

January 8: Intermediate Fly Tying Class (First Class in a series) , Contact- Chuck Waterman, Fly Tying Instructor

January 12: GSF Members Monthly Meeting, Speaker Guy Jeans “Southern Sierra’s”, Monday 6PM at Tio Leo’s Restaurant, Del Mar CA.

January 31: Southwest Council FFF Fly Buy - Long Beach Casting Club 9AM to 4PM, Long Beach CA.

February 16: GSF Members Monthly Meeting, Speaker Jon Baiocchi, "Fly Fishing California's Eagle Lake", Monday 6PM at Tio Leo’s Restaurant, Del Mar CA.

February 21: Conservation Water Quality Monitoring– Saturday 8:30-1:00,Contact- Jack Marshall, Conservation Coordinator

February 26: March 1: GSF Annual Lower Owens Trip, Bishop CA., Contact- Rod Hendrickson, Trip Coordinator

March 14, 2015: GSF Annual Fundraiser, USD Jenny Craig Pavilion, Saturday at 5PM. Save the date! Details to come

March 26-29: Fred Hall Show, Del Mar Fair Grounds

GSF Board Member contact info

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Reading The Water

Golden State Flycasters

GSF, A 501 (C)3 NON-PROFIT, WAS FORMED IN 2002 TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF FLY FISHERS IN NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY, SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY, AND CAMP PENDLETON.

Mission Statement

Golden State Flycasters supports the conservation and restoration of fisheries, and education in the sport and art of fly fishing.

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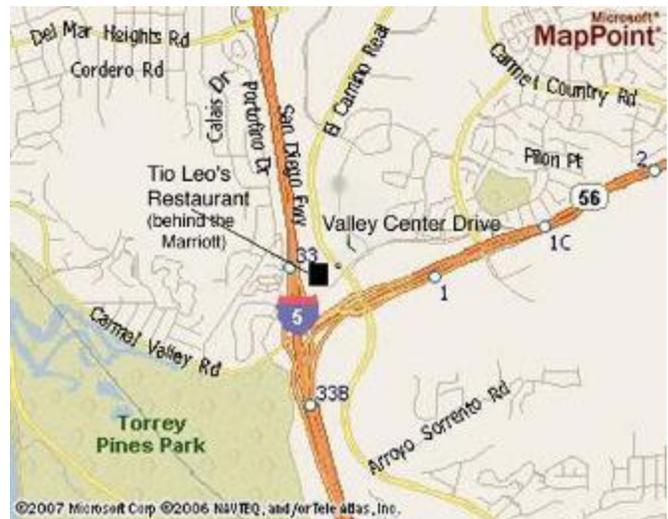
Meeting Location and Map

Tio Leo's Mexican Restaurant

3510 Valley Centre Drive
Del Mar, CA 92130
(858) 350-1468

Don't use MapQuest directions, they are incorrect

From I-5, exit Carmel Valley Road, go east 0.2 miles then left onto El Camino Real. At second stoplight, take left onto Valley Centre Drive. Marriott Hotel is on corner, go past hotel entrance to cul-de-sac and take right into Tio Leo's parking lot.



Newsletter Submissions

Submit & share personal, entertaining or informative articles.

Have you fished an out-of-the-way place recently? Taken a trip won at the Annual Raffle? Come across a killer fly for a favorite river? Have a newflash about a fishery or event? Please share it with the rest of our members.

Please limit your Word article to 1,000 words or less, and

include photos. Use straight typing, no indentions, nothing tricky. Submit photos as attachments, not embedded in the article. Editors may edit your submission for grammar or to adjust article length for space available. **Submission deadline is the 25th of each month.**

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