



Kaweah Flyfishers



JANUARY 2013

Monthly Meeting:

Date: January 4th
Day: Friday
Place: Life Style Center,
Address : 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia

FLY of the MONTH TYING SESSION with Don Lieb

6:30pm to 7:30 pm before the meeting.
Bring your own vise, tools and materials. If you do not have materials the club will supply them. There will be a donation cup to help pay for the materials provided and for future fly tying materials.

Monthly Board Meeting:

Date: January 7th
Day: Monday
Location: Life Style Center
5105 W. Cypress
Time: 700pm-900pm
All members are welcome to attend.

January 4th Meeting Program: Horse Corral Pack Station- "Into The Back Country"



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Charley's presentation includes beautiful destinations, general information, as well as several trip packages to accommodate specific needs and budgets. He will also have some equipment to show and talk about. Check them out at <http://www.highsierrapackers.org/horse.htm> or give them a ring at (559) 565-3404.

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Schedule:

5:00pm dinner with the speaker at Denny's, 200 South Akers Street Visalia, CA 93291
6:30pm Don Lieb fly tying session
7:30pm Club business.
8:00pm+/- The evening program starts.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May I start things off by wishing you all a Happy New Year? Let's see what we can do to make this at least a memorable year if not one of the best we've had.

Besides having me as your President, we've got a number of things to look forward to this year and I hope to see you all participating as much as possible. We're starting off the year with trophy size trout being planted in the Kings River below Pine Flat Dam. I am sure that a number of you have seen some or all of the pictures that David Harris has taken. When's the last time you had an opportunity to catch trout that ran on the average of around 5½ pounds. By the time you read this I plan to have helped to release a few of these monsters as well as trying my best to enjoy trying to catch a one or two.

We are looking forward to our annual, President's Day trip to Bishop. As I understand it, Rick has reserved five rooms at the motel in Bishop in preparation for the annual excursion to the Lower Owens (Feb. 15 -18). If you plan to go along but haven't yet touched base with him, you might want to do so ASAP.

We (by that I basically mean the Board of Directors) are going to be looking for some participation and assistance from club members in order to make this as successful a year as we can.

John

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HOURS

Thursday, Jan 10th	Noon to 8:00 pm
Friday , Jan 12th	Noon to 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
TICKETS	
\$15.00 Adult	
FREE - Youth and Children under 16 years	
FREE - Active Military with military ID card	

Tournaments

- ◆ 2013 Duck and Goose Calling Contest
- ◆ 2013 DockDogs Water-Jumping Contest
- ◆ 2013 Best of the West Accuracy Fly-casting Tournament
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- DockDogs National Contest
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On January 12, at 10:00am the club will be carpooling to the INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION-I at Cal- Expo Sacramento 10am-7pm contact :



The Kaweah FlyFishers Annual Owen's River Fishing Outing, Presidents Day weekend, February 15, 16, & 17th and leaving on the 18th.



This is a great fishing outing and whether you are a beginning or an experienced flyfisher, this river has always provided us with great fishing and a good time. This is an easy river to fish whether nymph or dry fly fishing and there are plenty of fish in the river too.



We have been fortunate that the weather has been clear and pleasant but cold in the Bishop area when we go, but there has been a few times that we have been rained and snowed on so you have to be prepared for everything. The water is still cold, but the warm sunny days have made conditions very comfortable for winter anglers.

Good to very good nymph fishing is the best on the Lower Owens River throughout the daylight hours, working with FB Pheasant Tails, Copper Johns, Hares Ear, olive zebbras, WD-40's are all good and midges always work well. Most of the trout being caught run 9 to 14 inches.

When the sun warms the air and water the dry-fly fishing can be great, there are BWO hatches each day as around lunchtime; sizes #16—20, are good even in the cold and gloomy days. For dry fly try a Parachute or a palmered Adams in Gray or Olive size #16 or 20, BWO -#20, Griffith's Gnat- #20, Baetis Dun- #18-20, or Elk Hair Caddis and emerger caddis will work too.

If you are planning to go please contact me, As of today I have 5 rooms reserved at the Bishop Elms Motel, the same place as last year. There will be 2 queen beds to a room.

Please contact me, at rhartley@dinuba.ca.gov or 559- 859-1435, if you are going because the rooms will get taken quick. Since fallen on Mammoth Mountain this year the skiers will have the rooms filled up fast.

Rick Hartley



Cold Weather Fly Fishing Tips

Some may say that flyfishing when it's cold can be the best time to fly fish. The cold could be a blessing because it scares most anglers away and allows for some real solitude while fishing, something that is hard to have in the warmer months. If the temperature rises above 32 degrees in the mountains, on the lower Kings River, Kaweah River it's possible to fish in relative comfort. I have fished the Marble Fork with snow on the ground and the Kaweah River in the cold and damp fog or just cold and as long as I went prepared it wasn't to bad.

Cold weather trout fishing offers some unique challenges, not the least of which is the fact that the cold weather can be really quite uncomfortable if you are not prepared for it. Besides being uncomfortable, cold weather means the fishing will normally be much tougher. When the temperature drops, so does the water temperature, and as the water temperature drops, so does the trout's body temperature. As trout become colder and colder, their metabolism slows down, which means they feed less. Unlike fish, our bodies don't adjust to the cold so we need to be prepared.

BODY. Dressing for the cold is as much necessity as casting techniques or choosing the correct fly. There are "rights" and "wrongs" in selecting what to wear, and it seems that every year there is more and more selections in the sports stores. Look for a material that is lightweight, waterproof, that insulates and wicks away moisture. Cotton is out and wool is in. Wool is good because it can insulate even when wet, synthetics are even better because they are lighter, insulate extremely well and are best at wicking away moisture from the skin. Remember being cold, wet is bad, dry is good. If we are bundled under 50 lbs. of heavy clothing, moving around and working up a sweat, our skin will get clammy and sweaty and we will be uncomfortable and eventually cold.

Materials to mix with wool in our clothing are Gore-Tex, thermax, Thinsulate, polar fleece, etc., and have the ability to insulate and wick away moisture from the skin. Down is a wonderful insulator, but becomes almost useless when wet. Layer these materials with the first layer - some synthetic, wicking material. Thermax or polypropylene under-wear work great. However, you have to match the type of clothing with what the temperatures will be or how much hiking or walking while fishing you will be doing; over dressing can be just as uncomfortable.

WADERS. Neoprene waders are usually recommended for cold weather and cold water conditions but I have kept warm in the cold with light nylon waders over a layers of long underwear or long underwear and flannel pants. Neoprene will keep one warm even if the skin gets wet so a wader leak isn't an end to the day. Along with the waders a good pair of wool, thermax, Thinsulate or polar fleece socks are a must; cold hands are just as bad as cold feet.

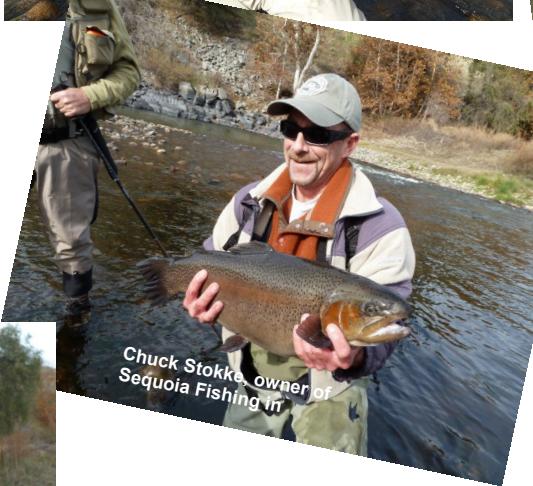
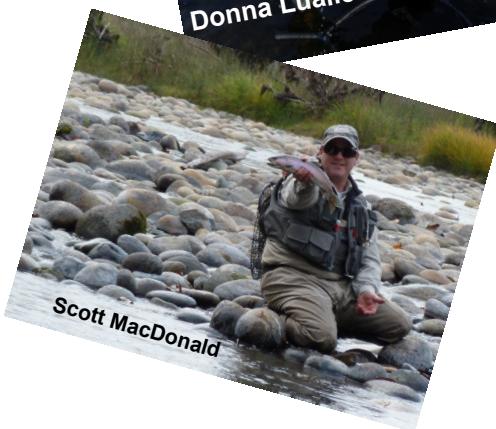
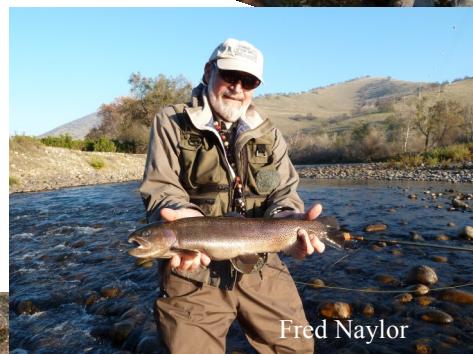
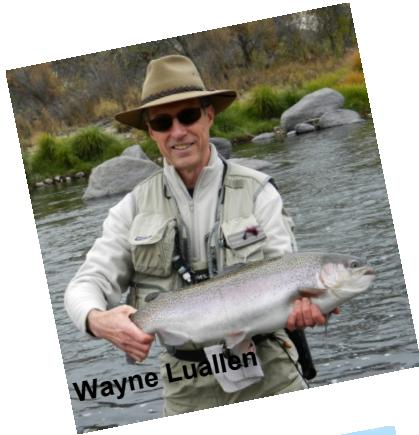
GLOVES. For me, the hands, will get colder than any thing else, and there is nothing worse than fishing with really cold hands. For the hands I use or wool gloves, and Neoprene work too since the hands are likely to get wet. Fingerless gloves will work just fine, if they keep the palms sufficiently warm. The warmed blood from the palm flows through and warms the fingers, most of the time this is true. If you prefer to use full gloves and remove them when you have to tie knots, be sure and warm them up before you insert your cold hands inside. I can tell you from experience that being on the river and feeling like your hand is going to fall off, because that hand got wet releasing a freezing cold trout, is no fun at all.

HAT. One of the best cold weather hats I've found uses is either a wool "beanie" cap or an insulated hat with built-in ear flaps (my ears get cold easily). Consider some sort of hood that insulates and protects the neck and head, you would be surprised how much heat is lost from your head. A waterproof heat may be necessary if rain is in the forecast.

These are just some my suggestions from the cold weather fishing I have experienced , you may have other ways to stay warm. What ever works for you stay with it.

Rick Hartley

Flyfishing this week on the Lower Kings River with some of our Club members



Steps tied by Don Lieb

Photos by Chuck Wilcox

THE COPPER JOHN went through several design changes over a period of about three years beginning in 1993. The early patterns caught fish, but I didn't consider it finished until 1996. After trying numerous hook styles, I settled on the Tiemco 5262, a 2XL, 2X heavy hook. I tried many hook styles, but the proportions just came out the best on the Tiemco 5262, and it was a good strong hook.

In the first version, I wrapped natural-colored copper wire on the hook shank to form the abdomen. Because the fly had no underbody, the abdomen didn't have any taper. The original pattern's tail and legs were Hungarian partridge and the thorax was wrapped peacock herl with an epoxied turkey quill wing case. I first saw epoxy used to coat wing cases years ago on a Hal Jansen's Callibaetis nymph pattern. The epoxy may give off a little glow that many emerging nymphs and pupae exhibit.

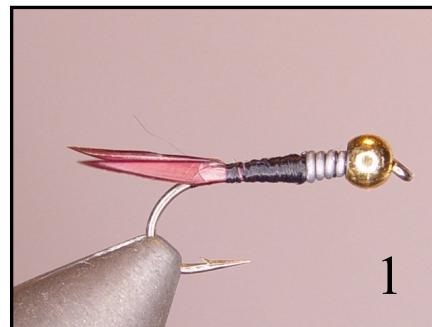
When Wapsi introduced Thin Skin, I began to use that instead of turkey quill for the wing case. Thin Skin is a versatile synthetic material that comes in sheets and can be used for wing pads, wing cases, and backs on nymphs. Thin Skin is durable, easy to work with, more readily available than turkey, and accepts the epoxy coating better than the turkey. The first layer of epoxy I used soaked into the turkey feather and a second coat was required.

I also changed the materials for the tail and legs. The partridge wasn't very durable, so I switched from hen-back feathers to fibers for the legs and to goose blots for the tail. The hen-back fibers were durable and came in a variety of mottled colors.

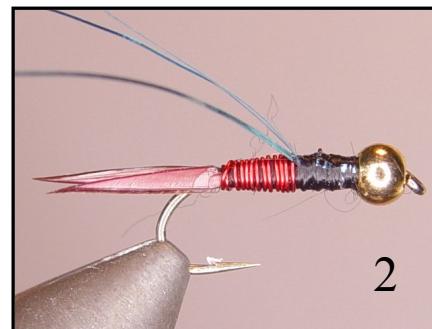
To make the fly sink faster, I wrapped lead wire on the hook under the thorax. I chose the metal bead, lead, wire abdomen, and slim profile to achieve the fastest sink rate possible. I added a tapered thread underbody so the abdomen had a nice taper when the wire was wrapped over it. The fly was almost where I wanted it. The final piece was put into place when artist Dave Hall suggested pulling a single piece of pearl Flashabou over the top of the Thin Skin before applying the epoxy. The pattern was finished.

At first I only tied the fly in natural copper. Michael White, owner of Blue Ribbon Sales, who lives in Boulder, Colorado, suggested I try red and green wire. It took me a few years to try the red and green, which turned out to be productive colors. In spring 2001, Wapsi introduced Ultra Wire, a tarnish-proof wire available in a wide assortment of colors. The original copper-colored fly now shared space in my fly box with Copper Johns tied in red, green, chartreuse, silver, wine, zebra (black and silver), black, blue, and hot pink. John Bar (*copied from John Bar's web site*)

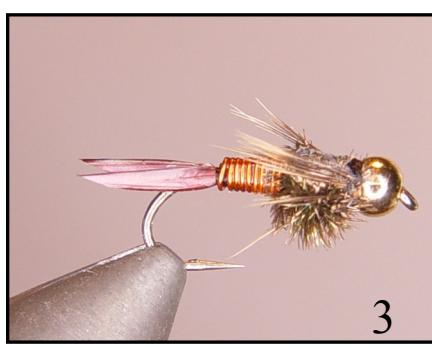
Completed Copper John



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Materials

Hook:	Daiichi 1130 or equivalent
Thread:	Black super size 70d
Head:	Brass bead 1/8" or 7/64"
Thorax:	Peacock herl
Abdomen:	Copper wire (red, green or copper)
Wing case:	3 Strands of Flashabou plus drop of epoxy
Tail:	Brown Goose Biots
Legs:	Lt. Partridge or Hen back
Weight:	Lead .020 (4 or 5 wraps)

Tying Sequence

1. a. Start by placing the brass bead on the hook.
b. Place 4 to 5 wraps of the lead wire and push it against the bead.
c. Attach the goose biots to form a forked tail.
d. Taper the body with flat wraps of thread.
2. a. Attach the copper wire by placing it along the top and wrapping it with thread back to the bend.
b. Return the thread to the center of the shank.
c. Closely wrap the wire forward to the lead wire and secure.
d. Tie in three two-inch sections of Flashabou.
3. a. Attach 2 or 3 strands of peacock herl ahead of the Flashabou and form a rope with the tying thread. Wrap the rope forward to form the thorax.
b. Pull the Flashabou forward over the peacock herl and secure to form a wing pad
c. Tie in a tuft of partridge or hen back feather on each side behind the bead to form legs.
4. a. Whip-finish, apply head cement, and place a dab of epoxy on the wing case to complete the fly.

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If you're headed up this way, please be sure to stop in and say hello.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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 Visit the Clubs web-site at www.kaweahflyfishers.org

DAY	DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
January	1st	HAVE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS	NEW YEAR
Tuesday	Jan 1st	Fly Tying with Don Lieb - Flies to tie: Copper John	7pm – 9pm ,at 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself. Contact Done if you are going so he can plan on bring the materials he will need at 559-734-5153 or d.lieb@sbcglobal.net
Friday	Jan 4th	Kaweah FlyFishers January Meeting Life Style Center 5105 W. Cypress Time: 7:30pm-9:30pm	⇒ Dinner with the evening's program, - at Denny's, 200, South Akers Street , Visalia 5:00pm – 6:30pm ⇒ Fly tying before meeting with Don Lieb 6:30—7:30pm ⇒ After club business- Charley and July Mills, Horse Corral Pack Station- Into The Back Country
Monday	Jan 7th	Kaweah FlyFishers Board Meeting	Life Style Center, 5105 W. Cypress,7:00pm– 9:00pm
Tuesday	Jan 15th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb - Flies to tie: Olive Matuka & PMD loop wing emergar	7pm – 9pm ,at 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself. Contact Done if you are going so he can plan on bring the materials he will need at 559-734-5153 or d.lieb@sbcglobal.net
Tuesday	Jan 29th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb - Flies to tie: Baetis Hair Wing Dun & Blue Winged Olive Para	7pm – 9pm ,at 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself. Contact Done if you are going so he can plan on bring the materials he will need at 559-734-5153 or d.lieb@sbcglobal.net
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