



Visalia, Ca

February 2011

Newsletter

**Monthly Meeting:**  
 Date: February 3rd  
 Day: Friday  
 Place: Life Style Center,  
 Address : 5105 W. Cypress,  
 Visalia  
 Time: 7:30pm—9:30pm

Dinner with Jimmy Morales, 5:00pm—6:15pm at Applebee's on Shirk Road

6:30pm—7:30pm Fly tying session with Jimmie Morales

7:30—9:30pm Club Meeting and program

**Monthly Board Meeting:**  
 Date: February 6th  
 Day: Monday  
 Location: Life Style Center  
 5105 W. Cypress  
 Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm  
 All members are welcome to attend.

**Meeting Program:  
 Jimmy Morales and Sierra Fishing**

Sierra Fly Fisher (SFF), Is now entering It's 13th year of operation. We've added two more guides for the 2012 season along with some new fishing destinations. 2011 marked the first year that permitted fly fishing was allowed In Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. SFF was issued the very first permit. SFF has also added winter drift boat trips down the lower Tuolumne river. SFF now covers the Sierras from Tioga Pass In the Yosemite high country South to The Kaweah river In Sequoia National Park.



Yosemite Rivers Fly Shop Is now entering It's fourth season and holding strong despite the weak economy. We do appreciate the support we have received from the Kaweah Flyfishers club these last couple years.

- Our show will be split into four or five different segments with each centering on different guide trips we do throughout the year.
- 1) Winter tailwater fishing.
  - 2) Spring Upper Kings March Brown hatch.
  - 3) Summer Yosemite high country.
  - 4) Fall "Trout Camp".
  - 5) Kings Canyon & Sequoia Park just to name a few.

So come to the meeting and enjoy the evening

Jimmie

**Jimmy will be tying flys from 6:30pm —7:30pm**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is it too early to talk about the fundraiser? I think not. A Colorado rod maker has donated for our fundraiser a 9' 5 weight graphite rod incorporating titanium. When the days get long enough to cast before the meetings I will have the rod available for you to try out.

Is there a speaker or subject you would like to see at one of the monthly meetings, let one of the board members know? In the case of specific speakers, provide contact information.

Have a place that you think would be a great place for an outing, again let one of the board members know. All that we ask is that you act as a coordinator. The annual trip to Bishop is only a month away. Get with Rick Hartley to sign up. He has rooms reserved at one of the Bishop motels. Hume Lake is sort of scheduled for late April; make sure your float tube, pontoon boat, kayak or whatever is sea worthy. Memorial Day weekend is our annual Kelsey trip; there will be good fishing and great food compliments of Mark Cave (food that is. The quality of the fishing is up to you and the weather). September or October is the time for the Annual Kings River Classic. Again, great fishing, great socializing and great food is a given.

The Spring Trout in the Classroom exercise is fast approaching and George Pilling needs volunteers.

The Lower Kings is down to about 300 CFS but won't be at that level for long. Dave Harris has been out there so get with him for details

**GO FISHING!!!**

### **Kaweah Flyfishers Aims and Purposes**

To improve and promote the sport of fly fishing as one means of enhancing and conserving high quality fisheries.

To educate the public as to conservation practices needed and used in fishing.

To promote and provide instruction in fly tying, fly rod building, fly casting and general stream-manship.

To promote and work for the betterment of all fisheries in the Central Sierra with particular interest in the Kaweah, Kings, Tule and Kern River watersheds.

The Club's Annual Owen's River Fishing Outing is held each Presidents Day weekend and this year is no exception. Every year the outing is a fishing fun holiday.

January 17, 18, 19 and leaving on the 20th

It will be here before you know it.

If you are planning to go please contact me, at [rhartley@dinuba.ca.gov](mailto:rhartley@dinuba.ca.gov) or 559- 859-1435 to make a reservation.

6 rooms have reserved at The Elms Hotel, there are two beds in each room Please contact me if you plan on going, the rooms usually fill up fast with other fishermen or skiers heading to Mammoth Mountain.



Both the Upper and Lower Owens River so far appears to be great fishing, but the mornings are a little cold (in the upper 20's) but we have had that before and by 10:00am you are down to a shirt.. well pants too.



Fishing the Upper Owens River

The reported flows are between on the Lower Owens of 105cfs- 145CFS, the wading is has been good and combined with the weather the Owens Valley has been experiencing it's ideal fishing weather. The fishing reports show a fair amount of BWO mayfly adults and midges emerging daily for top water and nymphing with smaller birds nest or pheasant tail patterns are good choices, as well as some #16-22 crystal midge, dark zebra or tiger.

The Upper Owens despite some very cold morning temps and the fishing is still good above the Benton Bridge where we go to if the road is plowed; the road is open now but in February... We shall see.

Pat Yeager is offering a half day class on flyfishing the Owens River. The class will include nymphing techniques, dry fly techniques, rigging and more. The class is a total cost of \$300.00 whether there is 1 person or 15 persons. This will be a great class to take since we will be fishing the Lower Owens. The class will be held on Saturday morning.

***Please contact me by February 3rd if you are interested in taking the class.***



Fishing the Lower Owens River



# AN OLDIE BUT GOODIE, THE HUMPY

Various people have claimed credit for making the first Humpy. Grant King, a well known California tier, tells me that the late Jack Horner originated it years ago. It became very popular there, where it was called the "Horner Deer Fly".



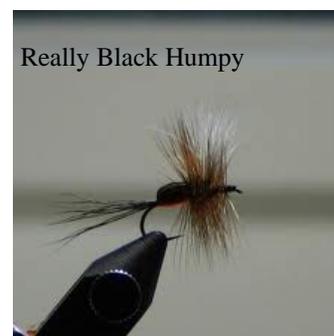
Jack Horner was a California fly fisherman and fly tyer associated with the famous Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club. (The fact that the club uses the Horner Deer Hair Fly as a significant portion of their logo - see <http://ggacc.org/>) The club is well-known for its three ponds. In "the day," two ponds were used primarily for teaching people "tournament casting;" e.g., accuracy and distance for score. According to a friend who was active with the club, Jack Horner would take up residence at the third pond and help fly anglers learn "fishing casts."

Many fly historians believe the Humpy originated during the early 1940's by California Fly Tyer, Jack Horner, in the Hat Creek area of the Northern Sierra. It was known as Horner's Deer Hair Fly. The fly utilized very buoyant deer hair which could handle the fast water situations of the Truckee River. Jack fished the Truckee often with this fly and a bend in the river above Hirshdale is known as "Horner's Corner" A similar fly at the time was the Canadian fly, Tom Thumb, which did not utilize a hackle or split the wing. The pattern made it's way to the Rocky Mountain region and a Yellowstone Guide, Pat Barnes, popularized this pattern by referring to it as the Goofus Bug in 1943 for the "goofy looking" fly that his customer's requested. For a period of time, the fly was referred to as the Goofus Bug in Montana or the Horner Deer Hair Fly in California. At some point within the late 1940's, the term "Humpy" was attached to the fly within the regions of Jackson Hole, Wyoming and the name stuck. It is probably one of the most successful attractor flies created. Boots Allen, the owner of a small fly shop in Jackson Hole, is thought to have come up with the name. Due to the hollow hair, the large profile, and the way the hair is utilized, the Humpy has great floatability and can be used in most western streams. Many variations have evolved from this fly. The most popular is the Yellow Humpy. Tied in sizes 14-16, the Yellow Humpy can be used to imitate Little Yellow Sallies and small Golden Stoneflies. The basic body colors can be changed to red, green, or tan using Floss for the body material. Jack Dennis changed the body of Deer Hair to Elk Hair in the 1960's and added a Black Elk Hair tail to call the pattern an Elk Hair Humpy and the Humpy is often tied with Elk Hair today. The Royal Humpy was a variation by Charlie Ridenour of Jackson Hole, Wyoming in the 1970's. It brings the visibility characteristics of the Royal Wulff and combines the Humpy's very buggy appearance. The Adams Humpy is used for certain gray mayfly hatches as well as an excellent attractor pattern. The Black Humpy was a variation developed by Ramona Bressler in Jackson Hole, WY in the 1960's and is particularly good during overcast conditions as a beetle imitation. The most recent variation is the Double Humpy which was actually a mistake at the vise by Joe Allen, the son of

Boots Allen, in 1981 but ended up working so well on the stream that it became another pattern.



Some of the many, many types of HUMPYS



# DRESSING RIGHT IN COLD WEATHER

Clothing for cold weather flyfishing must keep you warm, comfortable and protected from the elements. The level of protection you need will depend on how well you deal with cold weather.

## **Be prepared**

Weather conditions can change quickly, no matter how short, long or how close you are to home. You need to be prepared for changes every time you venture out in the winter.

## **Don't overdress**

Wearing too much clothing can lead to increased perspiration, which can lead to discomfort, chills and even [hypothermia](#); body heat loss.

## **Keep skin covered:**

Wear a hat or other protective covering to prevent body heat from escaping from your head, face and neck. No hat or the wrong hat is a big mistake. The quickest heat loss is through the head. A hat and scarf can help keep in the 40 - 50% of heat lost through the head and neck. Cover your hands with mittens instead of gloves. Mittens are more effective than gloves are because mittens keep your fingers in closer contact with one another.

Keep your clothes clean, dirt and grease fill up air spaces and weaken insulation.

## **Avoid Overheating:**

The key to staying warm is moisture management. If you get too warm, remove a layer or open some of the clothing's fasteners to get ventilation. The clothing's made so you can leave some parts open--such as the collar and cuffs--to let in cool air and hot air out. You want to avoid overheating and sweating. Sweat makes clothing next to your skin wet, and wet clothing doesn't insulate well. What's more, as sweat evaporates, you'll get chills in a hurry, especially in the wind. Sweating leads to rapid evaporative cooling. Insulated clothing that wicks moisture away from the skin, while outer garments keep the moisture out is a good match. The idea is to remove moisture faster than it can be produced.

## **Keep Clothes Dry:**

Heat loss is about 20-30 times faster from wet clothes than dry clothes.

Moisture also acts as a barrier keeping your clothes from breathing.

## **Basic Layering Tips**

Start with wicking long underwear.

Match your insulation layers to match the weather, fishing and how your body deals with cold.

In general, you'll want layers that are lightweight, comfortable, thermally-efficient and quick-drying. No matter what kind of insulation layers you choose make sure they fit well and allow you to move freely as you fish.

The most popular materials for insulation layers are wool, synthetic fleece. Wool is a traditional favorite because it's natural, durable and keeps you warm even when wet. Fleece is extremely popular because it's lighter than wool, dries more quickly, insulates while wet and is available in a wide variety of thicknesses, styles and colors.

Pay special attention to the "critical areas"

Anyone will lose the most body heat through their heads, necks and wrists. Make sure that you protect these important areas whenever you ski in moderate-to-cold conditions. Wear a warm hat, warm socks and comfortable mittens or gloves.

Each layer has a function. The **base layer** (against your skin) manages moisture (wicking); the **insulating layer** protects you from the cold; the **shell layer** (outer layer) shields you from wind and rain. You simply add or subtract layers as needed. A base layer can be anything from briefs to long underwear sets (tops and bottoms) to tights and T-shirts. It can be designed to fit snugly or a loose fitting, fine-mesh garment. Thermal underwear and fleece clothing is available in three weights: (1) lightweight for activity like hiking, walking a river/stream or mild climates, (2) midweight for moderate activity or moderate climates, (3) expedition-weight for low activity or really cold climates.

Choose the weight that best matches your activity and the temperature, these fabrics transport (or "wick") perspiration away from your skin, dispersing it on the outer surface where it can evaporate. The result is that you stay drier even when you sweat, and your shirt dries faster afterwards.

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## What's your best protection against cold weather?

The answer is dry air.

*Air is an excellent insulator. Good cold weather clothing is designed to trap warm, dry air among its fibers and between its layers. All that trapped air insulates the body against heat loss and prevents cold discomfort.*

Use the acronym **COLD** when dressing for cold weather.

[Keep Skin Covered](#)

[Avoid Overheating](#)

[Wear your clothes Loose and Layered](#)

[Keep your clothes Dry](#)

Keeping dry is important for maintaining a cool body temperature in the summer and avoiding hypothermia in the winter. If you've ever worn a cotton T-shirt under your raincoat while you hiked, you probably remember feeling wet and clammy, even though you weren't getting wet from the rain itself. Cotton is an example of a fabric that retains perspiration and can leave you vulnerable to unwanted chills. Wear Water Proof Boots with good insulating properties. Make sure you can wiggle your toes with socks on.

## NO COTTON FABRICS.

Cotton does not wick moisture and contains very little air if it gets wet, cotton is not a good cold weather choice, not even as underwear. Cotton holds sweat and won't dry quickly

## Outer Layer (shell)

The shell or outer layer protects, such as a jacket or coat, you from wind, rain or snow. Shells range from pricey high tech flyfishing jackets to simple windproof jackets, but most are designed to block precipitation and hold in your body heat while allowing water vapor to escape. Most are treated with a durable water repellent (DWR) finish to make water bead up and roll off.

## Shell Layer: Weather Protection

An outer layer is an important piece in bad weather, because if wind and water are allowed to penetrate to your inner layers, you begin to cool off. Furthermore, without proper ventilation, perspiration can't evaporate but instead condenses on the inside of your shell.

Fit is another consideration. Your shell layer should be roomy enough to fit easily over other layers and not restrict your casting ability or ease from any kind of movement.

Shells can be lumped into the following categories:

**Waterproof/breathable shells:** These are usually the most functional (and more expensive) choices. They'll keep you comfortable in any weather, and are especially suited to wet, cold climates. Waterproof fabrics (typically a laminated membrane or a fabric coating) include Gore-Tex, and a wide variety of other branded choices.

**Water-resistant/breathable shells:** These are best for mild weather, light precipitation and high activity levels. Less expensive than waterproof/breathable shells, they're usually made of tightly woven fabrics (such as mini-ripstop nylon) that block wind and light rain.

**Soft shells:** Many offer good wind and rain resistance, but soft shells emphasize breathability. They usually offer both shell and insulative properties, so they in effect combine 2 layers into 1. Most feature stretch fabric or fabric panels for added comfort during aerobic activities. As this category has grown in popularity, styles have become specialized by season, so you'll now find cold- and mild-weather options.

**Waterproof/non-breathable shells:** These economical shells are typically made of a durable, polyurethane-coated nylon which is water- and windproof. They are ideal for rainy days with light

**Insulated shells:** Some outer shells have a layer of insulation built in, making them convenient for cold, wet conditions, but not as versatile for layering in a variety of temperatures.

Remember it's always easier to take something off if you get to warm than not have anything else to put on if you get to cold.

That's all

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FOR THE YEAR 2012**

Date submitted \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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Please highlight your preferred means of contact (email, phone or fax)

Annual dues are Pro-rated in the year of joining so that all memberships will renew on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. To renew you should pay the full amount for your category shown on the right. Members without Email will receive the Kaweah Fly Fishers Newsletter via the U.S. Mail. Family memberships consist of your spouse and all children under the age of 18 residing in your household. Please provide the name and ages of the children.

	Individual	\$48_____
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	Initiation	\$10_____
	(1 <sup>st</sup> year only)	

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**I would like to help with or be included in the following club activities:**

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**I can help mentor members in \_\_\_ on-stream fishing; \_\_\_ fly tying; \_\_\_ casting**

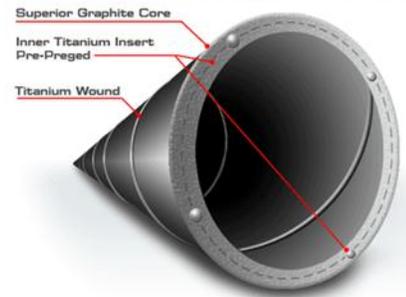
**I would appreciate help with \_\_\_ on-stream fishing; \_\_\_ fly tying; \_\_\_ casting**

Occasionally we may rent our roster to fly fishing related vendors. If you do not want your name to be included, please so indicate by checking the following: **\_\_\_ I do not want my name included on mailing list releases.**

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# Mercury Blood Midge

*Steps tied by Don Lieb*

**Don Lieb**

*Photos by Chuck Wilcox*

Midges are among the most important food sources for trout and the Mercury Blood Midge by Pat Dorsey is one the best imitations. Blood midge patterns work well in Hume Lake. I would expect good results with this one also.

## Materials

Hook: Tienco. 200R sizes 12-16

Thread: 8/0 Red (70 Denier)

Abdomen: 8/0 Red Thread

Rib: Fine Gold Wire

Thorax: Peacock Herl

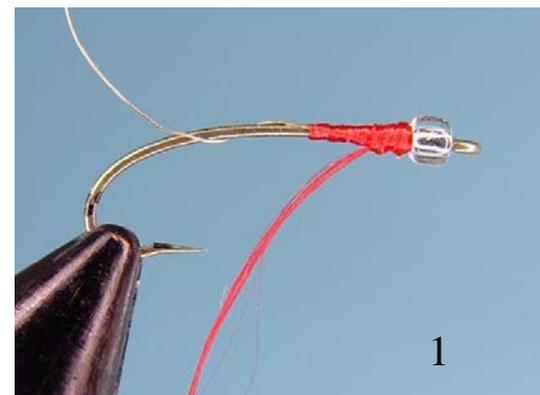
Bead: Small Silver Lined Glass Bead

## Tying Sequence

1. De-barb the hook, install the bead, and clamp in the vise. Attach the thread behind the glass bead and secure a section of gold ribbing wire while forming a small thread dam to keep the bead in place.
2. As you bind down the gold wire, form a tapered thread body extending a short distance beyond the bend of the hook.
3. Spiral the gold wire over the body and secure behind the glass bead. Attach a section of peacock hurl.
4. Form the thorax with 4 or 5 wraps of peacock hurl. Whip finish and apply head cement to complete the fly.



Finished Fly



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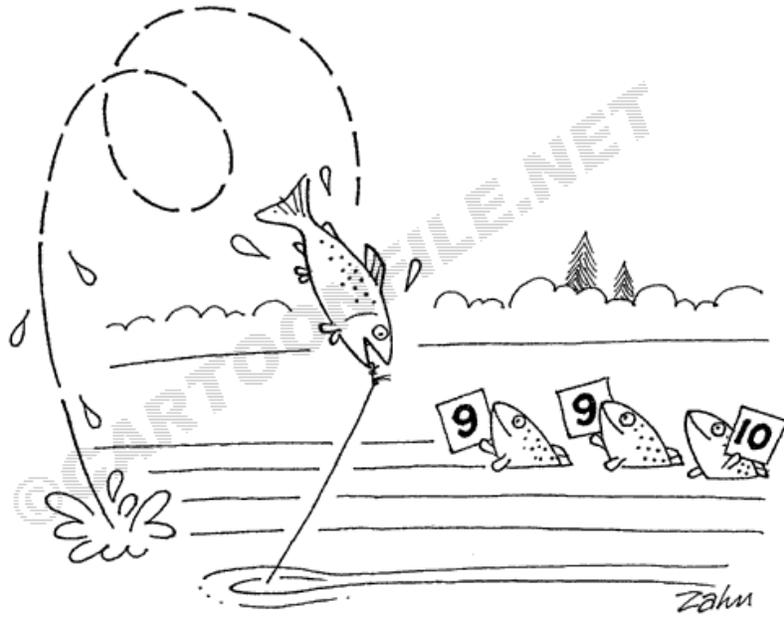


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# Fish Tales



"This looks like a good spot, momma, bring grandma and the kids!"



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For other Calendar Dates

Visit the Clubs web-site at [www.kaweahflyfishers.org](http://www.kaweahflyfishers.org)

DAY	DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Tuesday	Jan 31st	Fly Tying with Don Lieb - Biot Midge (Wayne Luallen style) & Griffith's Gnat	7pm - 9pm , 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village Tying instructor Don Lieb has material and tools or better yet bring your own. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself.
Friday	February 3rd	Monthly Club Meeting	6:30—7:30pm, flytying with Don Lieb 7:30—9:00pm club Meeting. Jimmy Morales is the nights program
Monday	Feb 6th	Monthly Board Meeting	7:00—9:00pm Everyone is welcome
Tuesday	Feb 14th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb - Flashback PT Nymph & Copper John	7pm - 9pm , 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village Tying instructor Don Lieb has material and tools or better yet bring your own. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself.
Fri- Mon.	Feb 17th-20th	Annual Owens River Fishing Outing	The Club's Annual Owen's River Fishing Outing is held each Presidents Day weekend and this year is no exception. Every year the outing is a fishing fun holiday. January 17, 18, 19 and leaving on the 20th. See page 3 for details.
Fri-Monday	Feb 24,25 & 26	Bakersfield Sportsmen's Boat, RV, and Outdoor Living Show 35th Annual	Whether you're an avid outdoorsman or are just looking for a way to escape winter for the day, the 35th Central Valley Sportsmen's, Boat, RV & Outdoor Living Show is your place to be! This annual 3-day event turns the Kern County Fairgrounds (Bakersfield, CA.) into a one-stop marketplace for outdoor fun— your best place to see and buy everything you need for your upcoming outdoor adventures! <a href="http://calshows.com/Default.aspx">http://calshows.com/Default.aspx</a> FRIDAY 10am - 7pm SATURDAY 10am - 7pm SUNDAY 10am - 5pm ADMISSION PRICES: Adults - \$8.00 (go online for \$2 discount) Children 12 years & Under (with paid adult) - FREE Seniors Friday Only - \$5.00 Military in Uniform - FREE
Tuesday	Feb 28th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb - Whitlock Fox Squirrel & Red Quill	7pm - 9pm , 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village Tying instructor Don Lieb has material and tools or better yet bring your own. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself.



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Articles must be received by the 20th of the month for the following month's edition. A heads-up even before then is greatly appreciated.

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