



Kaweah Flyfishers



Visalia, Ca.

November 2012

Newsletter

Monthly Meeting:

Date: November 2nd
Day: Friday
Place: Life Style Center,
Address : 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia
Time: 7:30pm—9:30pm

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: November 5th
Day: Monday
Location: Life Style Center
5105 W. Cypress
Time: 700pm-900pm
All members are welcome to attend.

November 2nd Meeting Program: Horse Corral Pack Station- "Into The Back Country"



If you have not been on a pack trip to high mountain streams or lakes, maybe the 2013 pack year is the year for you. For those who have gone on pack trips before, maybe it's time to go again. Have fun in more than eleven-hundred square miles of the most majestic and unspoiled land you'll ever know.

Charley Mills has been packing into the Sierras most of his life, and the past 13 years the pack station in the Sequoia National Park has been his summer home. The area we pack is accessible only to trails. The peace and beauty of your surroundings will help you relax and enjoy the vacation of a lifetime. Trips are arranged several ways to suit individual wishes. Total trip costs depend on the number of people riding, and how many mules it takes to pack your gear. We will help you plan a trip to fit your interests and budget. We will be glad to answer your questions and help you plan your trip.

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.

Your host, "Charley and July Mills and horse corral staff.

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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.
7:40pm Presentation starts, approx 60 minutes.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last weekend was the annual Kings River Classic. In spots, the catching was a little tough (not for Dave Harris) and in spots it was really good. Dave Harris and Mark Cave did their usual great job of laying out the beats, some easier than others. Mark and his band of accomplices joined together to put on a really stupendous meal for us. Some of the chefs and chef's helpers were Jim Brem, master of the charcoal fire, John Crane, Janel Schwartzenbach, Fred Sciacca, Dave Harris and others whom I recognized while they were doing the food prep and cooking but have now slipped my mind. If you weren't there you missed another great outing.

On the subject of outings, if there is an outing you'd like to see added, near or far, and consider volunteering to coordinate it. Express your interest to any member of the board.

Our November meeting will feature speakers from the Horse Corral Pack Station taking us on a pictorial trip into the backcountry. The December meeting will be the annual Chili cook off, cutthroat gift exchange and officer election.

February is the annual outing to Bishop; the only possible hiccup is that Valentine's Day is the prior Thursday. We've always had a really good time and next year should be no different.

On a closing note, the current Buz Buszek award winner is another member of Kaweah Fly Fishers, Steve Fernandez whom we don't see at many meetings since he lives in Venice, Ca.

Wayne

October 2012 KINGS RIVER CLASSIC



Mark Cave did a great job, as he always does, organizing the 9th annual Kings River Classic. He supplied all the (his own) kitchen equipment, awnings and most everything else we used. **Many thanks to Mark.** Jim Brem was the camp chef, he is a great chef too!!, this year and made a delicious steak and shrimp dinner. Many others helped to set up camp, wash dishes, keep the fire burning, tell fish stories, and take down camp.

The included pictures are of some, but not all, of the flies that worked at the Kings River Classic. Nymphs worked better than dries this weekend but there were other fishermen that used different flies like Royal Wulff, Adams, Stimulator, Elk Hair Caddis, etc.

More fish were caught on small pheasant tails and the Lieb Bug, invented by Don Lieb. To learn to tie these flies come to Don Lieb fly tying class every other Tuesday, check the KFFC calendar. To improve your casting and presentation come to Mark Cave's casting class, every Wednesday. Casting class will start up again in the spring, check the KFFC calendar. Both classes are free to club members and helped improve my catch rate considerably.

Kings Classic 2012 secret: Nymph fishing took most of the fish. A 2 or 3 flies set up, large and small, or dark and light, or higher and lower in the water column until you find the depth the fish are feeding at.



KAWEAH FLYFISHERS CLUB would like to invite you to bring some of your store goodies (flyfishing gear) to our next meeting to sell Friday evening, November 2nd between 6:30pm-7:30pm and after the presentation or about 9pm.

You guys will have to do the promoting and advertising to make this a success and we will get you a couple of tables to set up on.

I would suggest 4 or 5 e-mail type promotion pieces that can be sent out to all the fly fishermen in Fresno, Visalia and Bakersfield area. We have a master list. Submit your promotion to Rick Hartley at RHartley@dinuba.ca.gov and a copy to me. It should be sent out a couple of times a week before the event. You may want to change the ad somewhat to keep it fresh. Get the ads started ASAP, time is short.

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All,

Once again time for our annual fish population survey. We're getting ready to don our waders, strap on our backpack electrofishers, grab our nets, and jump into the Kings River to shock up some fish. We collect thousands of fish each year and we couldn't complete the survey without your help. The schedule for this year will be as follows:

Tuesday, November 13 – Wildwood
Wednesday, November 14 – Greenbelt
Thursday, November 15 – Avocado Side Channel
Friday, November 16 – Avocado Boulder Channel
Monday, November 19 – Alta
Tuesday, November 20 – Winton Park

If you are interested in participating in this year's survey, please let us know which day(s) you will be available so that we can include you on our roster.

What to do before you join us, You will need to watch a short informational and safety video prior to coming out with us. The video is approximately 9 minutes long, we will be using the green backpack shocker as shown in the video.

Read and sign the Release of Liability form **Please bring this form with you to the river.**

Read and sign the Acknowledgement of Orientation form found here. **Please bring this form with you to the river.**

Where do we meet? We will meet out at the designated survey site at 9am each morning. Maps and driving directions can be found at the link above. If you would prefer, you can meet us at the District office in Fresno at 8am and then follow us to the survey site. Our District office is located at 4886 E. Jensen Ave.

What should I bring? Participants should prepare by dressing in layers as the weather can be unpredictable out on the river. Hats, jackets and a spare pair of dry socks are recommended. Be sure to bring plenty of water to drink and snacks you might want.

All necessary equipment will be provided. This includes waders, boots and gloves. If you have your own bibbed waders and boots, you are welcomed to bring them instead. Rubber soled boots are not recommended.

We will have a safety meeting each morning prior to beginning the survey. At that time everyone will be given further instructions for the day ahead. Please note that due to liability issues, volunteers not employed by KRCD or CDFG will not be allowed to operate the back pack electrofishers.

Thank you for your interest in this important survey. We look forward to having you join us on the river. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us via e-mail or at the phone listed number below.

Contact Louie M. Long Jr or Heidi Ann Isner for information on where to view the video and download the forms required prior to the survey attendance.

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FISH TALES

Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went bass fishing this morning. I took my pole, bait, tackle and a bottle of Jack Daniels to pass the time. Somehow, after about an hour, I ran out of worms. It was about then that I saw a big cottonmouth. The snake had just struck a frog and he still had it in his mouth. Frogs are good bass bait. Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket. Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp. I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.

A little later, I felt a nudge on my foot. **It was that snake, with two more frogs.**

The Fly Fishing Priest,

An Irish priest loved to fly fish, it was an obsession of his. So far this year the weather had been so bad that he hadn't had a chance to get his beloved waders on and his favorite flies out of their box. Strangely though, every Sunday the weather had been good, but of course Sunday is the day he has to go to work.

With the forecast of good weather again for the coming Sunday, he called a fellow priest claiming to have lost his voice and will be in bed with the flu. He asked him to take over his sermon and his friend said OK.

The fly fishing priest drove fifty miles to a river near the coast so that no one would recognize him. An angel up in Heaven was keeping watch and saw what the priest was doing. He told God who agreed that he would do something about it.

So with the first cast of his line a huge fish mouth gulped down the fly and for an hour the priest ran up and down the river bank fighting the fish. At the end when he finally landed the monster size fish it turned out to be a world record Salmon.

Confused the angel asked God, 'Why did you let him catch that huge fish? I thought you were going to teach him a lesson.' God replied 'I did. Who do you think he's going to tell?'

Bob is sitting on the ice all day fishing with no luck, not even a nibble. Cold and tired he is about to leave, when a guy walks up cuts a hole in the ice beside him, and starts pulling out fish as fast as he can drop his hook in the water. Bob can't believe it, he yells over 'what's your secret?' 'woogatkakeptewrwm' he answers back. 'what did you say?' replies Bob.

The man spits a large ball of worms on the ice and says to Bob, 'you have to keep your worms warm'.

(Hhhmm I wonder if the same is true with flies?)

Fishing rule #1: The least experienced fisherman always catches the biggest fish.

Fishing rule #2: The worse your line is tangled, the better is the fishing around you.

Fishing rule #3: Fishing will do a lot for a man but it won't make him truthful.

Size Matters - The 10-Foot Tool

All fishing gear is simply a collection of tools – tools primarily for catching fish, but also for play, in the same sense that a bat and ball are tools for playing baseball, maybe scoring a few runs and definitely having fun.

I enjoy good gear as much as anyone, but I do have to admit that my old high school backpack (Sears, 1960 - \$10) could probably do the job as well as my new Simms day pack, my \$300 Waterworks-Lamson reel probably doesn't really catch most trout any better than a 1970's era Orvis, etc.

But I have recently had some time to spend with a new tool that I think offers some real advantages over the current gear, at least for my favorite type of fishing; trout in mountain streams and rivers.

The stick I've been using for most of this Summer has been a "nymphing rod," 10 feet long and actually useful for far more than for just nymphing, including fishing dries, multi-fly rigs and streamers.

The particular rod I use happens to be a Hardy Grey's Steamflex 10 foot, 4 weight, 4 piece, which I picked up for less than \$200, as I recall. A quick search of the internet as this is being written (middle of August, 2011) shows a number of vendors carrying the rod, some showing it as a close-out item. Similar rods are available from other makers.

I see that TFO has one in their Lefty Kreh Pro Series at \$195 and the Cabela's 2011 fly fishing catalog, which arrived this afternoon, shows a substantially similar rod in their CZN series - the 10 foot 4 weight is order code TM - 32 - 1288 #104 - at \$200, while Echo has their Shadow nymphing rods at \$330, and they may all be great. (2012 Update - I've fished the Echo 10' 6" PE rod and it's excellent also.)

The Hardy/Greys was simply a rod that was very well reviewed when I began my search and available at a great price point, at the time I was ready to buy.

But this article is not just about my particular stick - it's more about the concept of a 10-foot nymphing rod in general and what it allows you to do, and do better than regular 9-foot rods. (Note that these are not switch rods or spey rods, and you usually cast them just like your regular rod.)

So, what's so special about a rod that's just one foot longer than the "standard" trout rod?

Here's what: That 10-foot length makes it substantially easier to cast longer distances, throw more effective mends and keep more of the line off the water when doing long drifts (whether using dries, indicator nymphing or using Czech techniques.)

For example, on recent trips this summer to the Lower Owens and the Kings River in Kings Canyon National Park I was able to not only more effectively guide the fly through weed channels, around obstacles and place it exactly where I wanted, I could also achieve longer drag-free drifts through extended flip mends and minimizing line-induced drag, simply by elevating the rod tip.

Although I haven't tried it yet, I can imagine situation where the longer length would be useful in dapping situations.

Also, the extra length has helped me stay above brush on my backcasts, but remember that proper casting technique is the best tool in minimizing backcast snags.

Guides I respect and have chatted with are now using 10-foot nymphing rods and speaking very well of them. In fact, it was an extended discussion with Beryl Rea on the Lower Owens one afternoon that convinced me to get my rod.

After 3 or 4 months of using the rod, I'm now at the point where if I'm going to be fishing streams of any decent size, I simply don't leave home without it.

A few minutes spent browsing on the internet should generate a number of articles on the advantages of the longer stick.

Are there any disadvantages, aside from spending an extra \$200 or \$300? Sure, though I think they're relatively minor.

Even in 4 weight, a longer rod is almost always going to be slightly heavier than a shorter one, although I've not noticed any greater shoulder, elbow or wrist strain in my use of it, and I'm 68 years old. In fact, I've even "cheated" a few times, grabbed the butt end of the rod with my non-dominant hand and used it as a poor-man's switch rod when doing some short-distance spey casting.

In fighting a trout, the longer stick gives the fish that much more leverage, but I can't say that I've lost a fish yet due to that factor. Usually my own incompetence seems to be a more important element!

Also, the longer rod might not be appropriate in very tight, small stream situations, but there I tend not to use a 9 foot rod either; I generally go to my 7 1/2 or 8 foot rods on really small creeks and streams anyway.

Finally, these types of rods seem to be available in 3, 4 and 5 weights. After talking with a number of folks, I got the 4 weight and am very happy with it, but the other weights might be better for someone else. I do see these types of rods, and others, advertised on Amazon.

So, when you get that itch for one more rod, and if you do the kind of fishing I do and don't need to spend \$700, take a look at the 10-Foot Tool from a few of the makers I've mentioned.

Tight lines!

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Hardy Grey's Steamflex 10 foot, 4 weight, 4 piece,



T.F.O. 7wt 10'-0" IM6 Graphite

Bead Head Zebra Nymph

Midges make up a huge portion of a trout's diet. Often even during a caddis or mayfly hatch, trout will still key in on the tiny midge larva and midge flies; except for the occasional *Baetis* hatch, midges are the only insects you are likely to see. This fly will effectively imitate the midge in its larval and pupa stages.

There are species that are indicative to rivers and those for lakes. The Zebra Nymph is a highly successful imitation of the Midge Pupa stage. These insects are trapped in the surface tension of the water and float along in rivers and streams by the hoards! They range in color from red to black. Rust and green are two highly effective colors as well. Try fishing these flies at varied depths, surface, sub-surface and full sinking. Small, yes, effective ABSOLUTELY!

The Black Tiger midge is tied the same way except the black tiger midge has a copper bead head and ribbing - deadly in the Eastern Sierra!

Scientific Name: order Diptera, often the family Chironomidae
Other Common Names: Chironomid

- Hook: Standard wet fly hook 16-22
Thread: Black or color to match fly
Rib: Fine silver wire
Body: Black thread, extra fine dubbing or stripped pheasant hackle
Hackle: Grey Ostrich
Head: Black, opaque or gold bead

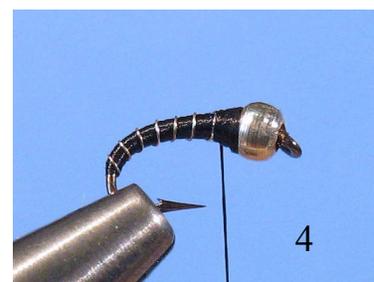
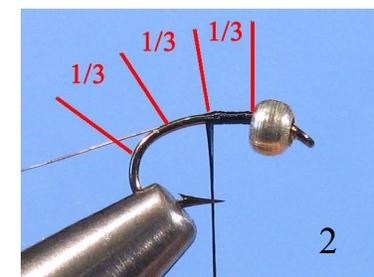
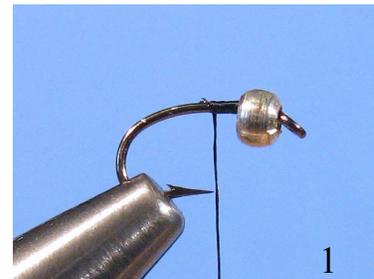
Step 1 Slide a bead onto the hook and mount it in the vise and tie in the thread.

Step 2 Tie in the silver wire and start looking at the hook in thirds. Cover 1/3 with thread.

Step 3 Wrap the thread back up to the bead and wrap it back up again, wrap it down to the last point and wrap it back up again. One more time. Up to now, we have mainly been building. Flatten the thread completely for this last time by spinning the bobbin counter clockwise. Then wrap it all the way down and back up again. Stop a little now and then to flatten the thread again. Wrap the thread down to the next point...

Step 4 Spiral wrap the wire over the body. Tie it in behind the bead and cut the waste. Make a whip finish behind the bead.

And the fly is completed



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Contemplating a trip? Check our pages, or call us - or both!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*For other Calendar Dates
Visit the Clubs web-site at www.kaweahflyfishers.org*

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Tuesday	Nov 6th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb , flies to tie: Marabou Leech & Peacock Body Bugger	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	Nov 20th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb - flies to tie: Clouser Minnow & Lefty's Deceiver	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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Monday	Dec 10th	Kaweah FlyFishers Board Meeting	Life Style Center, 5105 W. Cypress,7:00pm– 9:00pm
Tuesday	Dec	Fly Tying with Don Lieb - Flies to tie: Muddler Minnow & Flash Back Hairs Ear	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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