



# Ring of the Rise

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Gary Silveira, Newsletter Editor

## President's Message: by Chiaki Harami (*haramic*)

2Fly and I just got back from a week in New York City. Sorry to say no fly fishing was done during the week. The primary reason for going was to visit her son that recently moved there from S. Cal. We took in a Dodger – Yankee game and ate at some interesting places. I had a Nathan's hot dog (only 1) at Coney Island, a porterhouse steak at Peter Lagers, a crème brulee donut at the Doughnut Plant and a cookie from Carlo's Bakery (Cake Boss) in Hoboken. We walked a lot and stayed in Brooklyn. I walked by the Dakota Apartments on my way to Strawberry Fields and the Imagine Memorial. There was a constant stream of people paying their respects and taking pictures. I stood by the circular design, flowers placed into a peace symbol, pulled out my I-Phone and played Imagine. It just seemed appropriate.

One morning, I even walked around the old Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. This is where the Brooklyn Dodgers played from 1913 to 1955. The stadium has been long gone, but there's a marker on the side of the 20 story 1,318 unit apartment complex wall "This is the former site of Ebbets Field". As I stepped out of the subway onto Flatbush Ave., I thought of the thousands of fans that walked along the same path I took to the ballpark, it must have been crowded. I walked by where 1<sup>st</sup> base used to be, played by #42. We went to the same high school, but at different times of course. The first game played here was 100 years ago. The "Boys of Summer" played here and I can still remember hearing their names on the radio: Pee Wee, Jim, Gil, Duke, Johnny and Jackie. A lot has happened at this stadium, where "dem bums" played their hearts outs and 1955 was a magic year. It was an early morning visit with the usual traffic noise, but I could hear the faint roar of the cheering crowd. This was a fantastic walk around an apartment complex.

We plan to return to New York City again, in the fall, visit 2Fly's son, take a train to New England for the change of colors, eat some lobsters in Maine and to visit the town of Roscoe, NY aka Trout Town, USA, population 541. This is where young Bill Darbee grew up, feeding chickens owned by his Uncle Harry. There's even a Darbee Creek nearby. I hope to fish the confluence of the Beaver Kill and the Willowemoc Rivers. A few months ago, I was lucky enough to obtain a book; "Catskill Flytier" authored and autographed by Uncle Harry. Last month, I took this book to Bill Jr.'s retirement party and had all of Bill Sr.'s kids and grandkids autograph the book, underneath Uncle Harry's name. After all, these folks are fly fishing royalty.

I hope everyone is able to take some time off and get out on the water, for a day, for a few days or even weeks this summer. We all deserve it!

*Chiaki*

## River Report: by Guy Jeans (*Flyguy*)

Hello everybody, this is a fly fishing report for the week of 6-9-13 written on Sunday 6-9-13.

**The 20 mile roadside section of the upper Kern** The river is fishing excellent...water temps are starting at 60 degrees (in town) in the morning warming up top 65 by afternoon and air temps are pushing 90 degrees today. We are now starting to see Yellow Sallies hatching in the 20 mile section as well as a few Golden Stones. Black Caddis are hatching and returning to the water in the early morning and evenings.

**Recommended Nymphs:** Tungsten Yellow Sallie 16, Caddis Larva 18 – 20, Kern Emerger yellow 12 -18.  
**Recommended Dry Flies** RL Stimulator size 8, Orange and Yellow Stimulator 12-18, H and L Variant 12 and 18.  
**Recommended Streamers** Buggers - Olive and Black, Egg Sucking Leech – Black.

Flows in the 20 mile section are at 500 cfs. The flows are lower between Kr3 and Fairview.

This week on guided trips by me , Brandon, Dano and Joe has produced some steady top water action. There hasn't been much of a hatch, but the fish are eating dry flies anyway. When fishing the 20 mile stretch, fish the pocket water and shallow water areas. Lots of wild fish to report in the 20 mile section. The 20 mile section of the upper Kern is very healthy. Dry dropper rigs are doing the trick. If you're a dry fly fisherman, now's the time for fishing top water on the upper Kern in the 20 mile section.

Other go to flies are Hares Ear nymphs of various colors. Great attractors right now are the Tungsten Teddie, BH Pink Kern Emergers, Chartreuse Copper Johns and BH Prince 18.

Upper flows are at 750 cfs below Kr3 and above Fairview Dam

**The 4 mile wild trout section Open year round.** The

fishing above the bridge is excellent. **Catch and Release barbless hooks only!!**

**Lake Isabella** Trout fishing is slow and the lake is very low and fishing various streamers with a floating line or sink tip is getting the job done. Rainbows are looking up early in the morning and taking midges on the surface with some great top water action near Paradise Cove and the main dam. **Crappie fishing is excellent**, Bass fly fishing is good in about 10ft of water, Carp fly fishing is excellent.

**Lower Kern** From Isabella Dam down to Democrat the fishing is ok. The lower river is 500+cfs. Great flies to use down on the lower are Hares Ear size 12-18, Tungsten Yellow Sallie Nymphs size 14, Psycho Princes pink sizes 12-16, Copper Johns size 18 and WD40 18-20. Early morning hatches have been reported. Be very careful wading/fishing the lower. The small mouth fishing is ok in Section 1.

**Tributaries of the North and South Fork Kern** Open

**South Fork of the Kern from Rockhouse North** Open

*Guy*



**Conservation Report:** by Shane Goslin (fishinXJ)

### **KRRP UPDATE**

The Edison Committee awarded, June 25th 2013, the SSFFC's grant request of \$45,000 for a backup propane generator system at the Kernville Hatchery to protect the Kern River Rainbow brood stock. Note that the DFW is now calling the Kernville facility a hatchery, not a planting base. The generator is one of the last pieces of the water supply system. The next step for upgrades per the UC Davis Hatchery Genetic Management Plan is to build more suitable raceways for the brood stock which include actual structures mimicking a river being built into the current raceways. Hopefully all goes well with catching brood stock this September!

### **Next Project?**

I'm searching for feedback in picking our next conservation project. There's a poll up on the Kern River forum and only 16 people have voted. Please vote on the forum, or by email, or call direct. <http://www.kernriverflyfishing.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.pl?num=1366042878>

*Shane*

**Outings Report:** by Chris Chamberlain (ChrisC)

No report this month.

*Chris*

**Rod Building:** by Pete Emmel (Pete)



### **Static Guide Placement**

What is "Static Guide Placement"? Well it is a means of fine tuning the placement of your guides on a custom build. Yes, guide placement charts, vendor recommendations or programs are pretty accurate. For the majority of builds and builders they are good enough. But what if you just want that little bit extra on your build? Well you go with "Static Guide Placement". Honest, it isn't Rocket Science. It involves several high dollar items: the blank, guides, tape and line.

Ok I so lied about the high dollar items, but as with all aspects of rod building, we like to make things harder than they really are. So how do we do a "Static Guide Placement"?

- 1) Tape the guides on the blank at their recommended spacing.
- 2) Run a line through the guides and, using the line, give the blank a good flex. Just like you are fighting a good size fish for the rod.
- 3) Look to see how the angle of the line flows is as it goes thru the guides. You want to see nice smooth line transitions from guide to guide.



- 4) If necessary, move the offending guide(s) one way or the other and repeat steps 2 & 3. Most time you will only be moving the offending guide(s) a fraction of an inch or so.

Note: There may be times when the "Static Guide Placement" might actually show you need another guide on the blank to get you that dead on smooth line transition you are looking for.

In most situations if the guides are close to the recommended guide placement after I do a "Static Guide Placement", I usually won't move the guides. But on the rare occasion where they are way off you have just verified and corrected the placement. Hey, no kidding, sometimes the guide placement referenced on a chart or by the vendor is for the wrong blank. Taking the 10 minutes to do a "Static Guide Placement" has saved you hours rebuilding the rod after you find out the specs were wrong.

*Pete*

*Also, remember that SSFFC club members receive a 15% discount at Acid Rod. When you make your next rod building purchases please make sure to give Mark Griffin (Mark Griffin) a call at Acid Rod @ 909-394-7486 or stop by his shop at 910 N. Cataract Ave, San Dimas, CA and let him or Colleen know you're a member of SSFFC. - Gary*

Check out the following link to see what Mark has to offer –

<http://www.acidrod.com/>



**Club Meeting & Activities:** by Chiaki Harami (haramic)



### **SSFFC is "On the Road"**

On our next Club meeting, Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> will be an "On the Road" meeting and will be held at the **Long**

**Beach Casting Club** located at 5201 E. 7th St., Long Beach from 7pm to 9 pm.

Our guest speaker is Al Quattrocchi presenting **"Sight Casting to Corbina."** Al Q is one of the great surf experts and a dynamic and fun presenter.



Al Quattrocchi (aka Al Q) was born in Brooklyn and was schooled fishing the bridges, beaches and jetties of Breezy Point and Jamaica Bay chasing stripers, weakfish and bluefish. After graduating High School, Al moved to California in 1978 to attend college. He attended Loyola Marymount University and graduated Art Center College of Design with a BA in Advertising Design. Al Q is a Grammy Award winning creative director for his company, Tornado Design in Los Angeles. His love for design and art are translated directly into his fly tying skills, many of which have been taught to him his mentors and friends, Bob Popovics, Lefty Kreh, and Nick Curcione. Al Q is an avid saltwater fly fisherman who specializes in fly fishing the surf and tying beautiful saltwater patterns that catch fish.

As an added bonus to our July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at Long Beach Casting Club, Mark Allen (*one2fish*) will also be conducting casting lessons at the LBCC. Mark is a Certified Instructor and a great guy. 2Fly and I took his last class he taught for the Club and he helped both of us tremendously. He's a great instructor, has tons of helpful hints and a way about him which makes the class....FUN!!

Mark describes the class as follows;

### **Roll Cast - From the Basics to the Advanced**

Learn to perfect your roll cast from the basic setup to roll casting with a haul and shooting line for extra distance or windy conditions. I will also teach the roll cast with various mends to put your fly in tight and tricky locations. Equipment: 4 to 7 weight rod, floating line (DT or WF) 7 1/2 foot, 1X to 4X leader.

Saturday: July 13, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the LBCC casting pond. Class limit: 6. Cost: free to members of SSFFC.

As the class will be limited to 6 people, please contact Chiaki or Mark to reserve your spot.

This is a tremendous opportunity for SSFFC club members to enjoy this west coast gem known as the Long Beach Casting Club as well as learn new skills and techniques for fly fishing the surf and roll casting.



### **Lahontan Project**

Don't forget that SSFFC has scheduled a weekend outing, August 17th and 18th to assist in the Lahontan Project. The target area is Silver Creek in the West Walker River watershed near Bridgeport. A base camp will be established at the headwaters of Silver Creek and a team of 4-5 people will assist the CDFW with electro-fishing. The goal of this multi-year event is to eradicate the non-native brook trout so the stream can sustain a currently imperiled population of Lahontan cutthroat trout. Upon completion, Silver Creek will be opened to angling.

This is a great opportunity to help the Californian Lahontan Cutthroat recover in Silver Creek. Working will be done in the mornings, leaving the afternoon to fly fish. The base camp will be available for camping and there are hotels in Bridgeport. This event will be a joint outing with the Carson City Fly Fishers Club. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Inter-Club Tourney last year. Please email [haramic@aol.com](mailto:haramic@aol.com) if you wish to sign up or have any questions.

## **SWCFFF - HELP WANTED**

The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWCFFF) is in need of someone to coordinate some of our events. One of the purposes of the Council is to increase outreach to the general public. Some of these events include the Fred Hall Show in both Long Beach and Del Mar, Sport Chalet, Fly Fishing Film Tour and others that come our way throughout the year. The job would be to keep track of these events, decide how many and what type of volunteers are needed for each one and generally be the liaison between the Council and these groups.

If you are the type to help us create a movement towards more fly anglers in SoCal and Southern Nevada, we want you.

This description makes it sound like a full time job. In reality, would only take a few hours each month. For more information, contact **Michael Schweit (818) 601 9702 or [president@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:president@southwestcouncilfff.org)**. Please join us in this quest to show everyone we have the greatest sport around.

## **2013 SSFFC PHW/ CFR Raffle Update**

As we discussed last month, it's time for another raffle to help out two charities right in our backyard. If you somehow missed the details last month, here's what's planned this year;

We are going to do the same type of raffle as last year, but with a different twist. The two charities will be the Southern California Project Healing Waters and Casting For Recovery. But this year, if you win the grand prize, you will get to pick out the Epic Fast Glass fiberglass blank of your choice, as in weight, color and length and "Renaissance Rods" (that's me) will build it to your specifications. Along with the rod you will get a "Renaissance Rods" rod tube and rod sock. Like last year, Greg Madrigal of "Sierra Nets" will create a custom net and our own Gary and Lacey Silveira, proprietors of "Western Vision Lanyards" are donating a custom lanyard made to match your rod.

Keep an eye out for additional details as the club finalizes all the details. And yes, you will be able to pay for tickets via the club's PayPal.

As noted in the earlier article, "Epic Fast Glass" fiberglass rods/blanks are new fiberglass rods that are made with S2 fiberglass. The big difference between them and other glass rods is that the glass fibers are aligned, making them very accurate. Not to mention extremely strong and sensitive. Not to mention very fast for a fiberglass rod.

**\*\* The latest update information to this raffle is that our VP Randy Skidgel (*Randy*), while competing at the Carp Throwdown, put the bite on Orvis to donate a reel to be combined in the package. Orvis came through and donated this amazing Limited Edition beauty!**





### Limited-Edition CFO III Reel

Produced in England to the same specifications and using the same tooling as the original CFO, these Limited-Edition classic CFO fly reels are magnificent pieces of fly-fishing history sure to be future heirlooms. First offered in the Orvis catalog in 1972, the CFO quickly became an iconic reel in the fly-fishing community, thanks to its unrivaled sound and unique, timeless appearance. Manufactured in England for the next two decades, the Hardy-made CFOs developed a devoted following over the years that continues to this day. As a respectful nod to the past, a limited, individually numbered supply of these spring-and-pawl reels will be made. Each is a replica of the riveted 1972 model with subtle updates such as a gray anodized finish. This classic fly reel comes in a soft leather reel case and commemorative box. Weighs 3.3 oz.

**Oh yeah, the price point on this reel is \$ 695.00. To finish the package off, SSFFC will donate a line to match the package.**

Pete

*Chiaki*

**Tippets from the Fly Addict:** by Allen Bell (Raider)



### CHOICES

Young Trey had a choice to make. Would you rather have warm dry feet or do you want to catch a fish? What a dilemma this turned out to be. We were at the SSFFC Kids Academy. I had just spent the day teaching young fly fishers

how to tie flies. Might be a good idea for me to learn how to do it properly myself before next year, but that's another story.

I really enjoy doing the Kids Academy. I enjoy seeing my friends and I always like to give back to the sport in some small way. Mainly though, I like being around the kids. They have exuberance about them that rubs off on me. That is the main reason I choose to participate in this event every year.



### Expert fly tiers passing along the skills

As we live our lives, we are faced with choices every day. Some are the normal everyday things, such as ham or bacon for breakfast. Some are moral choices. Should I really be coveting my neighbor's fly rod..... It's a Winston after all. Sometimes we have very serious choices that have to be made, but this is fishing. We don't have to make them here. I don't like those types of questions anyway. The ones I like better are the ones like, "That is a sweet looking slick over there. I wonder if I can wade through this water column to get there without drowning." Or, "Maybe I should get my room for another night. I wonder how many days it will take my wife to talk to me again?"

We always have to weigh the cost of our choices. A great day of fishing loses its luster if others are hurt by our actions. Once I saw a fisher crowd into a spot right in front of another. He caught a really nice fish and let us all know about it. The guy he cut in front of was new to the sport and having a difficult time. He would certainly have gotten to catch that beautiful fish except for the choice made by another. I had to choose to go and make friends with the intruder. My tongue still bears the tooth marks, but in the end, everyone walked away happy. The beginner ended up catching a nice fish later and the rude guy admitted being a jerk with laughter. We all ended up friends for a day anyway. I think he will be more careful in the future, sometimes we just get excited and don't realize what we are doing.

Back to the Kids Academy. This is a long day. I'm always amazed at how tired I am after sitting and coaching children how to tie. I wish I had the patience and teaching ability of my good friends Rob and Mark. They have the little ones tying these beautiful flies. Maybe I can get them to teach me to do that.

Anyway, back in camp, all the kids were off chasing lizards, finding rocks and the bugs that live under them, the older ones attached to their phones. The instructors finally were able to crack open a cold one and enjoy a little relaxing time.

I was just melting into my wonderful Winston chair when Grace and a young face I seemed to remember from the day are standing in front of me, fly rod in hand. "Trey wants to know when you are going to take him fishing?" I had a choice to make. I really wanted to just sit there and soak in the moment. I just looked him in the eye and said "Well, I guess I'd better string up a rod." So off we went. Happily, we were camped right on the river. As we got to the water, Trey informs me that we can't fish here. There are too many trees to cast his new fly rod. Hey, trees are no problem, just get into the water and wade out far enough to clear the brush. That turned out to be a problem for this young fly fisher. What's the problem? It seems that the water is cold. I don't like it when my feet are that cold. "Well Trey, these are trout we are fishing for. They live in cold water. You have to make a choice. Do you want to fish, or do you want to have warm, dry feet?" Trey chose compromise. He took off his shoes and waded right along the bank. He wouldn't come out far enough to cast, but he had a blast telling me where to cast while he found a plentiful bounty of beautiful rocks. So on we went and all would have been well, except I finally hooked the only fish hooked in camp. Trey was so excited, "Bring it here so I can catch it!!!" "Not so fast my young friend. You now have to choose, do you want dry feet, or do you want to catch a fish? I can't bring the rod to you. You have to come to the rod." Trey thought about it for a few seconds and chose to catch a fish, which he did in grand form.



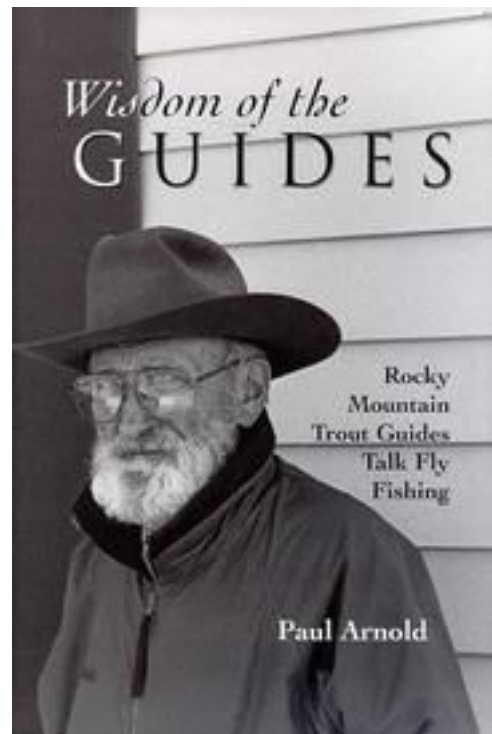
I still feel bad about the nosedive he made into the water but he's ok. You know, I think Trey is going to be quite a fisher. I'm proud of the decision he made. It certainly won't be the last time he goes home wet and cold. The best part of every fishing adventure is the story. This one is complete with a picture of the missing fish. The first 'big one that got away' story. I also got what I had been after. The smile of a child experiencing the thrill. The thrill I feel every trip....



*Allen*

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### **Fly Fishing Book Review:** by Ants Uiga (Ants)



### **Wisdom of the Guides Rocky Mountain Trout Guides Talk Fly Fishing**

By Paul Arnold  
Published 1998 Frank Amato Publishing, Inc., Portland, OR  
150 pages

Of course there is a lot to be learned from this book. The book presents interviews with ten guides, with probably at least 20 years of guiding experience, and even more fishing experience.

One of the basic premises stated by the guides is that the fly fisher needs to be willing to learn when they head to the water, not just willing to catch more and larger fish. When Shane (*FishingXJ*) recommended this book, you can be



sure I obtained a copy as soon as possible. I appreciate the recommendation and the opportunity to learn more from the book.

Paul Arnold, the author, compiled 20-30 questions to ask each of the guides related to guide / client interactions, guiding history, common lessons that most people need, tackle information, catch and release, fishing dries, nymphs, and streamers, and general observations. Many of the responses show a common answer, but the individual guide preferences show a broad variety.

For most fly fishers, the tendency to immediately wade into the water is not the best approach to fish the area well. The typical suggestion is to take some time to look at bank side vegetation for information about active bugs, observe where fish activity may be visible or where likely fish feedings lies are located, and develop a plan to fish the areas without disturbing the surroundings. Oh yes, don't neglect the fish that are likely holding in the 8-10 inches of water that you are first ready to step into.

Most fly fishers would benefit from shorter casts that allow much greater line control. Shorter casts would generally be considered 20-30 feet or less. The simple and logical reason is that if there are little options to control drag and detect strikes, the likelihood of catching fish is low. One guide suggested cleaning his fly line every time he goes out so the clean line is easier to pick up from the water and mend. The guide is out on the water over 300 times per year.

The comments on flies selection and presentation are too numerous to hint in this short write-up, however, the comments on catch and release and landing the fish as quickly as possible merit a summary. A well-executed fish landing and release still places added stress on the fish. A poorly landed fish can still succumb if too much time is used to land the fish even it is released afterward. The buildup of lactic acid from the fish fighting the angler can be deadly. For the trout, the shorter the fighting time, the shorter and easier the recovery period. Landing tips include holding the rod horizontal and in the opposite direction of the fish travel resulting in some disorientation that allows the fish to be brought in faster. In addition, the sooner the fish is persuaded from greater depths and stronger currents, the sooner the fish can be released. Not all the comments, but a quick synopsis.

The wisdom is well presented and more knowledgeable tidbits come out with each reading. The guides offer their suggestions as to how one can get the most from hiring a guide. Remember be willing to learn and enjoy the fishing.

Thanks again Shane.

*Ants* .....Your SSFFC Fishing Book Aficionado

## Fly of the Month: by Rob Buhler (clouserfreak)



### THE CRACKLEBACK FROM: ED STORY

Designed in the mid 1950's by Feather Craft founder Ed Story, the Crackleback is a series of flies that Ed calls a "dry fly wooly". As a floatant treated dry fly it readily imitates many streamside terrestrials fished with a dead drift. If no hit comes on the drift, Ed suggests jerking the fly beneath the surface and skipping it across stream, or stripping it back upstream as a sub-surface emerger. To fish deep, use a sinking line or leader, place a small split-shot 15" above the fly and skip or strip the fly just off the bottom of a stream or lakebed. Originally tied in size 12, it has been found that a size 16-18 can be extremely effective in low water.

Caterpillars can be found near most of the California waters that we fish. This is a great fly to fool the fish with, especially during the late spring and summer months. The "worms" will group in a nest during night and low light periods, but in the middle of the day they are on the move foraging for food and often end up in the water, especially on windy days (see pics of Truckee and Hot Creek caterpillars). Adjust the colors to the "hatch" on your favorite river, tie some up and give them try this summer.

#### Materials:

Hook: 12 Dry Fly 2x long

Thread: Black or Olive

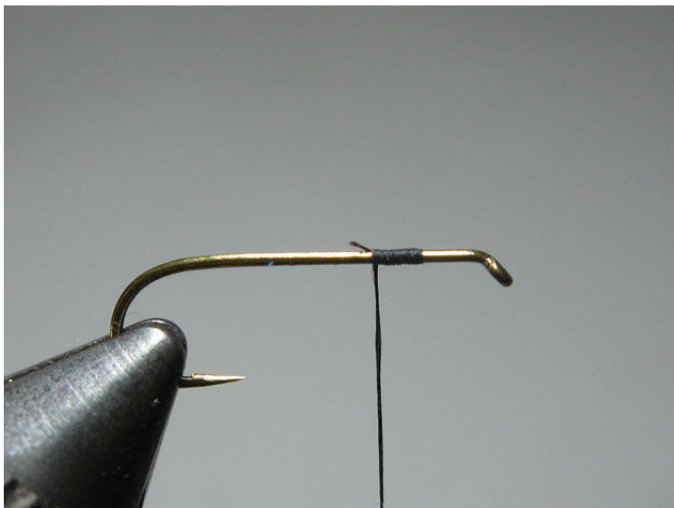
Body: Pale Yellow-Olive Dubbing (I used a mix of Pale Yellow and Light Olive Superfine with some Yellow Antron)

Shellback: Two or more Peacock Herls

Hackle: Dark Furnace (sub brown or grizzly) Rooster, Palmered

Optional: Wire Rib

## Tying Instructions:



1. Debarb hook, insert into vise and attach thread at the 75-80% mark.



2. Wind a clean thread base back to just past the bend and attach the tip of an appropriate size feather with the dull side facing forward. Hackle tips should extend to the hook point or just past when wound.



3. Wrap thread back to 75-80% mark and tie in two or three peacock herls below the tips.



4. While holding the herl up and directly on top of the hook, wrap thread to the feather tie in area covering most of the herl on the shank.



5. Create a dubbing rope and prepare to wrap dubbing forward.



6. Wrap dubbing forward to the 90% mark creating a full body.





7. Pull the peacock herl over the top of the body dubbing and secure at the 90-95% mark.



10. Trim the butt end of the hackle and create a thread head. Whip finish or apply three half hitch knots.



8. Trim the left over herl butts.



Truckee River caterpillar nest in June.



9. Palmer the hackle forward in 5-7 even wraps.

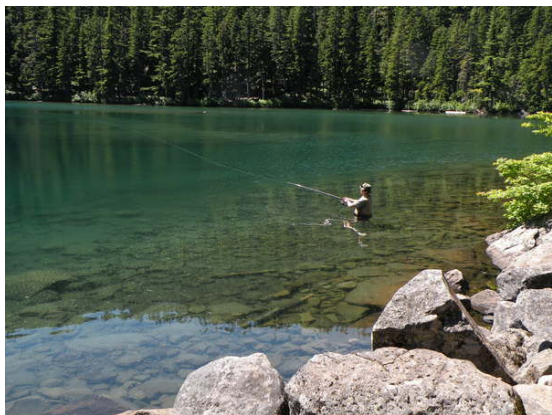


Hot Creek caterpillar nest in June.

*Rob*



**Tips & Techniques:** by Ryan Buhler (ryan)



### Time to Hit the Lakes and Ocean

There is not much I would rather do than dry fly fish a beautiful mountain stream or river for trout. This year being an extremely low water year I've had to look elsewhere for my fly fishing fix. That is where the lakes and ocean come into play. Fortunately I live six miles from the ocean and most of us have lakes, ponds or the ocean nearby.

Lakes offer a wide variety of fishing from bass to trout, catfish, carp and all kinds of sunfish. They range from local lakes in town to high back country lakes. The back country lakes are an excellent alternative to stream fishing. They are located in some of the most beautiful country in the world and also offer chances to dry fly fish outside of the river and streams we all love.

The ocean also offers a great outlet for our fly fishing addictions. There are endless miles of shoreline to fish with multiple species to catch. The many Bays and Harbors offer outstanding fly fishing and are easily accessible from a float tube, kayak or pontoon boat. Then there are miles upon miles of ocean to fish if you have access to a boat.

If you have never fished or the ocean this is the year to expand you fly fishing territories. If you need inspiration, just check out *Richard Cullips* or *Clouserfreaks* posts on the saltwater section of the forum. Give the trout a break this summer and try some lakes or ocean fly fishing.



*Ryan*

**Message from the Editor:** by Gary Silveira (CopperDropper)

I don't know about you 'all, but even though I have never really been a hot weather person and the daytime temperatures are now in the triple digits, I am a happy and contented soul. Although I cannot control the weather, I can control what I do in and out of it.

As I edit this newsletter I am, of course, enjoying the benefits of central air conditioning and a ceiling fan! Yep... that makes it all good. But what makes it even better is that I (we) can all now enjoy listening to the Eagles on Rhapsody! Just listening to "Take It Easy" and "Peaceful Easy Feeling" seem to make the whole process just right. Heck, maybe I'll have to start on the July issue just as soon as I hit the final "save" on this one!

Another way I've recently confirmed to "beat the heat" is an obvious one to most readers and an activity I should have taken up long ago. Although I have been talking about it for years, but never making it happen, last week I took a day trip to Morro Bay and fished the surf with our very own rod building aficionados Pete (*Pete*) and Tim (*Veggieman*). Since Pete and I were newbies to the sport, Tim "schooled" us in how it's done. He put hands on surf perch and Pete and I got the joy of snagging sand crabs and kelp. Well I guess our flies were at least in the right zone!



This is one way I'll be beating the heat this summer for sure. As a matter of fact, a new Rio OutBound line for my 7 wt should be showing up in my mailbox any day now. Then those sand crabs, I mean surf perch, will really have something to worry about!

Tight Lines, *Gary*





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