



Ring of the Rise

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Gary Silveira, Newsletter Editor

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

It's been a very busy April and May for our Club. On April 23rd we held our 11th Annual Rendezvous. This event is our major fund raising event and membership drive of the year. It was held at a new venue this year – Rivernook Campgrounds. We had a very nice small meadows area reserved and everything worked out very nicely. There's a more detailed report on page 5 which includes pictures and the winners of our C & R Tourney.

On May 14th we held our famous Kids Academy at the Kernville Hatchery. 15 kids graduated after learning casting, knots, fly tying, entomology, conservation and catching. The kids were able to fish the hatchery and caught trout up to 5 pounds. The kids ended up getting wet from all the "splishing" and splashing from the big trout. Many of the kids caught trout on flies they tied earlier in the day, taught by Gary Applebee. All the kids had big smiles at the end of the day. There's another more detailed report on the Kids Academy on page 6.

On May 22nd, I helped at the Casting for Recovery Retreat at Lake Arrowhead. 14 breast cancer survivors participated in a long weekend of spiritual togetherness and emotional support. The highlight of the retreat is fly fishing in a nearby pond with 14 "water helpers". I was one of those water helpers. I admire these amazing women because they are fighters. Each and every one of them have been through the worst possible nightmare and come out with amazing attitudes. They have such an appreciation for life. They are very upbeat and always smiling. Many are still in the fight for their lives, the concern never goes away.

The other bond amongst them is their love of the outdoors. I was assigned to Nancy. She spent time in the Northwest, hiking in the mountains, spent time in Telluride, CO skiing and briefly fly fishing. Nancy commented a few times how great it was to be on the water, fly fishing. She had that gleam in her eyes. She was wearing sunglasses and I couldn't really see her eyes, but I know that gleam was there. Towards the end of our session, she took a slight step backwards and tripped. I saw her falling down and I tried to hold her up. It wasn't too big of a concern because we in about 4 inches of water. Well, we both fell down together and laughed. A small concerned crowd gathered around us asking if she was OK. Nancy stood up and stated I pushed her down. At first I was shocked, but then everyone laughed at us. We had the best time together.

I had made arrangements for each participant to receive a fly fishing outfit. I wrote a group email to each of the 26 fly

fishing club presidents in our region, requesting their support. A day later, all 14 outfits were sponsored. When their fly fishing outfit was announced, there were cheers and tears of joy. I was glad to help out in a small way.



I hope other members of our Club can help and participate in the Casting for Recovery Retreat next year. It is very rewarding and you'll learn to appreciate life like never before from the participants. It's an amazing experience.

To better communicate with our members, the Club will utilize our Website (ssffclub.org), Facebook page (Southern Sierra Fly Fishers) and send out email blasts. Hopefully all the members received the 2016 calendar of meetings, outings and events. Please contact me for you have any questions or suggestions.

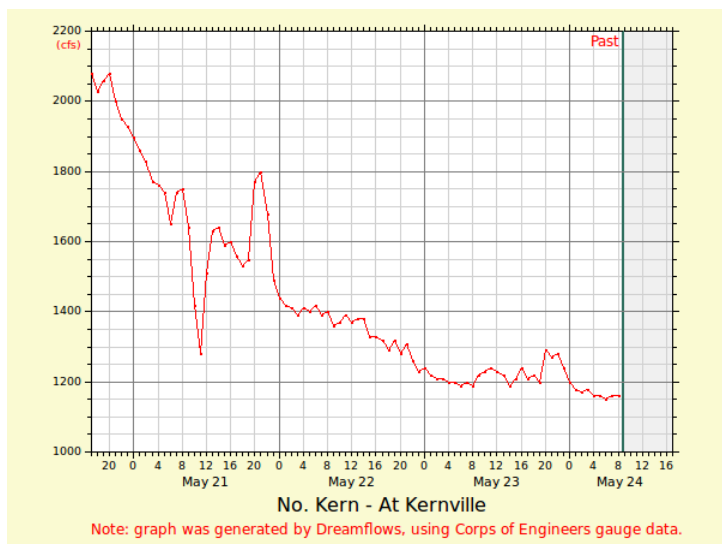
Thanks,

Chiaki

River Report: by Guy Jeans (*Flyguy*)

Upper Kern (20 mile section) - Open year round!

The upper Kern flows have come way down with the recent cooling trend in the high sierra mountains. Flows on the north fork of the Kern have come down 1000 cfs in the last week. The river is clear and fishing well. Check out the flow chart below. The flows will increase when we get warmer weather.



The fishing has really picked up and big fish are coming out to play. The fish below was caught on an Egg Sucking Leech stripping down deep.

Other great flies to use are the Tungsten Yellow Sallie and the Tungsten Teddy.



Upper Kern (4 mile Wild Trout Section) - Open Year round!

The 4 mile section is fishing great since the flows have come down. Some great flies to use are Tungsten Psycho May Olive and Hydropsychyche Czech Nymph.

Upper Kern (Forks of the Kern Wild Trout Section)

The forks area is fishing excellent. Make sure you have these in your box when fishing there; H&L Variant and Streambank Hopper.

Lower Kern (Lake Isabella Dam to Democrat)

Trout fishing is excellent and bass fly fishing has picked up with the warmer temperature at 65 degrees. Small-mouth and Large-mouth bass in this section getting very active.

Recent plants of hatchery trout in this section as well. When fishing down there, make sure you have the Ziwi Olive and Carp Craw-Orange.



Trout fishing is good! The trout in this section seem to be eating the same bugs as the upper 20 mile section when the upper river was clear. Nice BWO hatch around 3pm and fish are coming up and eating them. Small size 20-22 BWO's are getting fish to the net.

There is also a major Crane fly hatch size 12 through 8 hatch all day and into the evening.

Lower Kern (Kern Canyon Entrance to Oildale)

Bass fishing has picked up with the warmer temperature. Water temperature 65 degrees.

South Fork of the Kern – Open

Tributaries of the North Fork Kern River – Open

Lake Isabella

The lake is fishing very well with the recent 9000 pounds of trout planted for the annual fishing derby. Fly Fishing for Crappie in Lake Isabella is great. Carp are turning on!

As a reminder, the most current fishing reports are available at kernriverflyfishing.com

Guy



Conservation Report: by *Tim Michaels*

No report submitted this month.

Tim

Outings & Club Calendar: by *Chiaki Harami (haramic)*

June Activity

The June Outing will be held on June 11 & 12, fishing the San Diego Bay with Richard Cullip. Meet at Tidelands Park at 6:00 am on Saturday. Sunday time and location to be determined. You will need a personal floatation device (float tube or pontoon) and qualified life preserver. The Crazy Dad is one of the most effective flies for the targeted Spotted Bay Bass, but you'll never know what fish you'll catch in the Bay. This is a fun outing and we usually meet for lunch after the morning session. There is no signup, just show up. Contact Chiaki (haramic@aol.com) if you have any questions.

July 9 Activity & Meeting

Day Activity: Rod Building class with Chiaki Harami and Pete Emmel. Kernville Chamber of Commerce at 9:00 am
Cost: \$130. Limited to 8 students. Email Chiaki to reserve a spot: haramic@aol.com

Meeting: Kernville Chamber of Commerce at 7:00 pm with Al Watson of the US Forrest Service.

July Informal Outing

Fishing the Surf for Corbina with Chiaki Harami Date: To be determined. Location: So Cal. South Bay beach.

August 6/7 Outing

Weekend at Mammoth fishing the San Joaquin with Chiaki Harami.

August 27 Outing

Lower Kern Bass Outing with Guy Jeans.

August 28 Activity

Spey Casting class with Randy Skidgel.

Sept 17 Activities & Meeting

Kern Pride Day trash collection, meet at the Fly Shop 7:30 am.

Afternoon Fly Tying class focusing on Crowley flies 1:30 pm Chamber room.

Meeting: Ernie Gully presenting Fly Fishing Lake Crowley at 7:00 pm at Chamber.

September 24/25 Informal Outing

Lake Crowley with the Buhler brothers.

October 1/2 Outing

Upper Kings River with Freddie Ramirez.

October 14/16 Activity

SWCFFF Fly Fishing Faire Bishop.

November 5 Activity

SWCIFFF Inter-Club Tourney on the Kern River.



**2016 IFFF Southwest Council
Fly Tying Competition**

The IFFF Southwest Council will conduct their 5th annual Fly Fishing Faire in Bishop CA from October **14** through October **16, 2016**. The results of the inaugural Southwest Council fly tying contest hosted by the Carson Fly Fishing Club will be displayed in the main exhibition building.

All members of the IFFF SWC clubs are invited to participate. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the top three tiers for each of the twenty six categories. An entrant must be a current member of an IFFF SWC club.

There are three divisions:

Advanced, Intermediate and Youth (17 years and younger)

There are ten fly tying categories in both the advanced and intermediate divisions.

Participants may enter a maximum of four categories:

- 1) Dry Fly 2) Streamer 3) Nymph 4) Midge 5) Attractor 6) Hair 7) Terrestrial 8) Bass 9) Saltwater 10) Realistic

There are six categories in the youth division.

- 1) Dry Fly 2) Streamer 3) Nymph 4) Attractor 5) Terrestrial 6) Midge

Participants may enter a maximum of four categories. Some categories have required flies and/or additional requirements, all have mandatory hook sizes. Those requirements are noted directly under the fly category on each of the division entry forms.

At the conclusion of the faire all flies entered will be offered in the fundraising portion of the Faire Banquet on Saturday evening October **15th**. The flies will be offered as a raffle prize, or offered at the live auction.

Participants may enter the division(s) of their choice with no more than four categories selected. Only one fly per category.

The entry fee is ten dollars per participant, regardless of the number of categories entered (no more than four). The entry fee will cover the costs of awards, postage, and printing. Checks must be made out to: **Carson Fly Fishing Club** (please do not abbreviate). The deadline for entries is Thursday, September 15th. Entries postmarked after the 15th will not be judged, but will be considered donations for this benefit. All late entry fee checks will be returned to entrant.

Judging: Two Reno area professional fly fishing guides and fly tiers will determine the winning entries prior to the Faire. Flies will be judged for proportions and demonstrated control of the materials and techniques required to produce an effective and durable fly.

Visitors to the Faire will be able to view the award-winning flies mounted in a display case at the fly tying demonstration area in the main exhibit building.

Awards will be available during the Faire at the IFFF tying table. Awards not picked up on site will be mailed to all winning tiers after the Faire's conclusion.

If you have additional questions, concerns or comments please submit an email to:
2016SWCFlyContest@charter.net

2016 IFFF Southwest Council Fly Tying Contest

Advanced Division Entry Form

Name: Southwest Council Club -

Address _____
City _____
State _____ **Zip code** _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Please check or circle the category for each fly submitted (four maximum).

Only one fly per category selected.

Dry Fly - Klinkhammer Dry Streamer - Spruce Fly

Parachute style dry Traditional style
Size #12 Hook - Klinkhammer or may be light or dark winged
Similar type hook Size #8 or #10 Hook

Nymph - Golden Stonefly Midge - Biot Midge

Any style golden, tiers choice Abdomen must be biot,
Size #12 Hook bead heads accepted
Size #10 Curved Hook

Attractor - Red Humpy Hair - Irresistable

Traditional style Traditional style
Size #12 Hook Size #10 or #12 Hook

Terrestrial - Hopper Pattern Bass Fly - Popper Pattern

Any style hopper or material Hair or foam body surface
Size #8 or #10 Hook pattern
Size #4 or #6 Hook

Saltwater – Surf Perch Pattern Realistic – Tiers Choice

Any style, tiers choice May be any style – terrestrial, Heavy saltwater hook nymph, winged dry etc. on any sized hook.

Deadline for entries is Thursday, September 15th. Entries postmarked after September 15th will not be judged, but will be accepted as donations to the benefit.

Checks must be made out to: **Carson Fly Fishing Club** (please do not abbreviate)

Send flies with \$10 entry fee and completed form to:

CFFC – 2016 SWC Fly Tying
PO Box 3163
Carson City, Nevada 89702

A small container such as an Altoids tin will help protect the flies during shipping.

2016 IFFF Southwest Council Fly Tying Contest

Intermediate Division Entry Form

Name: Southwest Council Club -

Address _____
City _____
State _____ **Zip code** _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Please check or circle the category for each fly submitted (four maximum).

Only one fly per category selected.

Dry Fly - Royal Coachman Streamer - Hornberg

Hair or feather wings Cheeks may be any material
Size #12 Hook Size #8 or #10 Hook

Nymph - Prince Nymph Midge - Floss or Thread Midge

Traditional Style Abdomen must be floss or thread
No bead heads Bead heads accepted
Size #12 Hook Size #10 Curved Hook

Attractor - Sierra Bright Dot Hair - Muddler Minnow

Traditional style Traditional style
Size #12 Hook Size #8 or #10 Hook

Terrestrial - Hopper Pattern Bass Fly - Popper Pattern

Any style or material Hair or foam body surface pattern
Size #8 or #10 Hook Size #4 or #6 Hook

Saltwater – Deceiver Realistic – Tiers Choice

Any style, tiers choice May be any style –
terrestrial, Heavy saltwater hook nymph, winged dry etc. on any sized hook

Deadline for entries is Thursday, September 15th.
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Checks must be made out to: **Carson Fly Fishing Club** (please do not abbreviate)

Send flies with \$10 entry fee and completed form to:

**CFFC – 2016 SWC Fly Tying
PO Box 3163**

Carson City, Nevada 89702

A small container such as an Altoids tin will help protect the flies during shipping.

2016 IFFF Southwest Council Fly Tying Contest

Youth Division Entry Form (17 and under)

Name: Southwest Council Club -

Address _____
City _____
State _____ **Zip code** _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Please check or circle the category for each fly submitted (four maximum).

Only one fly per category selected.

Dry Fly - Female Adams Streamer - Woolly Bugger

Traditional style Traditional style
Size #12 Hook Bead heads accepted
Size #10 or #12 Hook

Nymph - Pheasant Tail Attractor - Renegade (dry)

Traditional style Traditional style
No bead heads
Size #12 Hook

Terrestrial - Any Hopper Midge - Thread Body Midge

Any material or style Bead heads accepted
Size #8 or 10 Hook Size #10 curved Hook

Deadline for entries is Thursday, September 15th.
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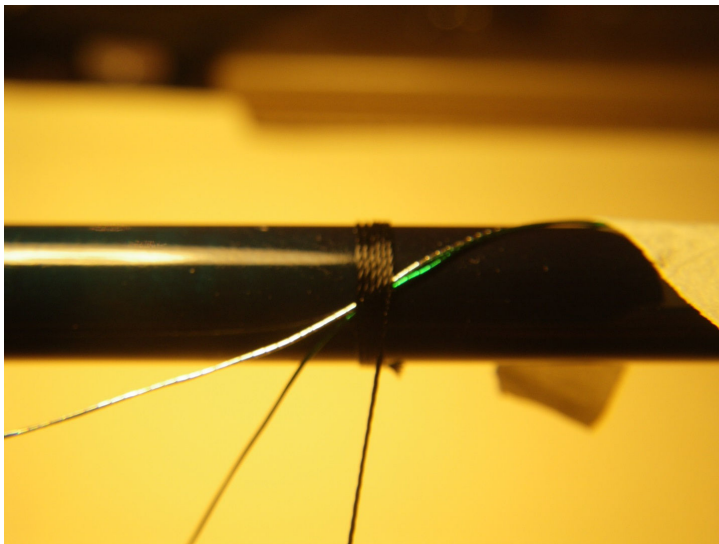
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Rod Building: by Pete Emmel (Pete)

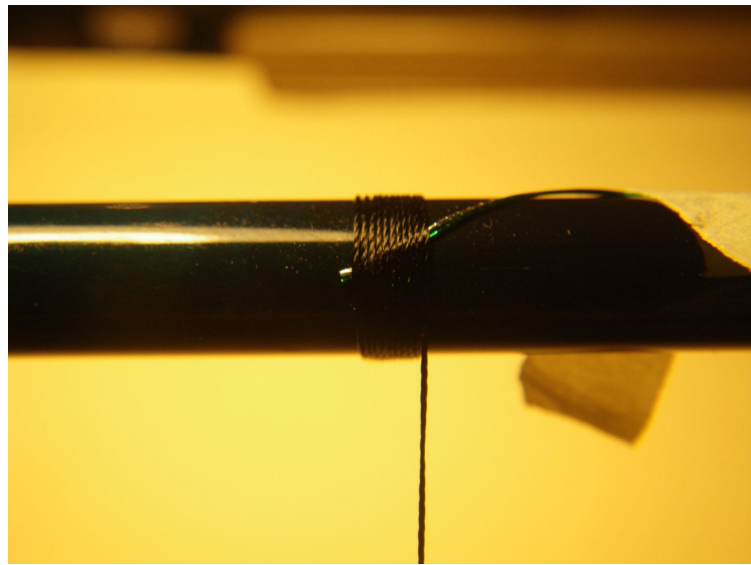
As Pete is up to his neck in a re-fueling at the plant, this month's Rod Building tip is brought to you by guest writer, Chiaki Harami.

Two-Metallic Thread Alternating Wrap

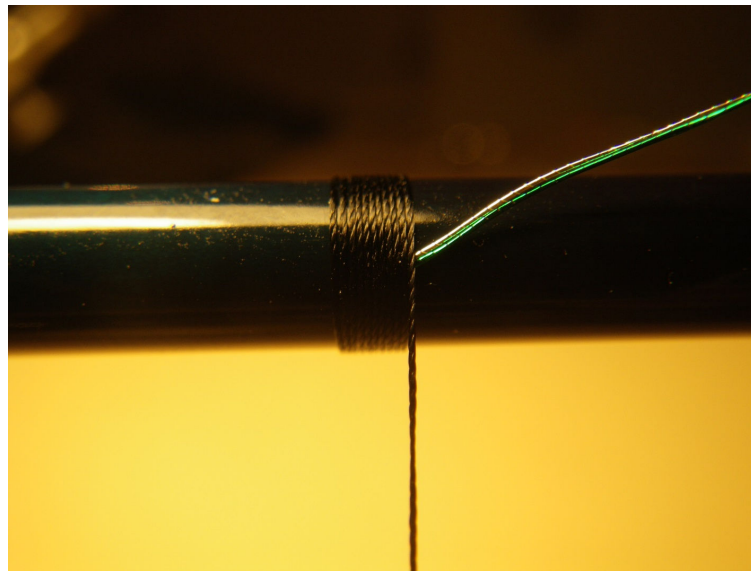
I've been doing a two metallic thread alternating wrap on my last 5 builds and people appreciate the different look it provides. I used them in 3 inch decorative wraps on the butt piece and they do a nice job framing a jungle cock feather I place in between the wraps.



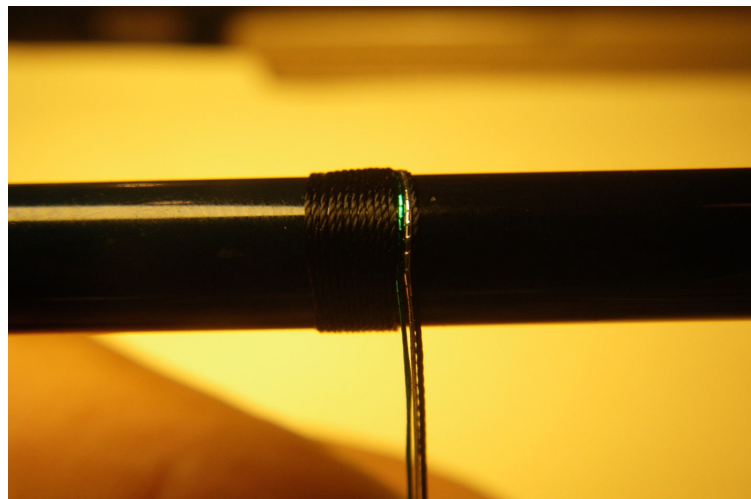
I tape the two metallic threads to the blank and start my main wrap covering the two metallic threads. I'm wrapping left to right. I think having the metallic thread in the 7 & 2 o'clock position helps the metallic threads stay in place.



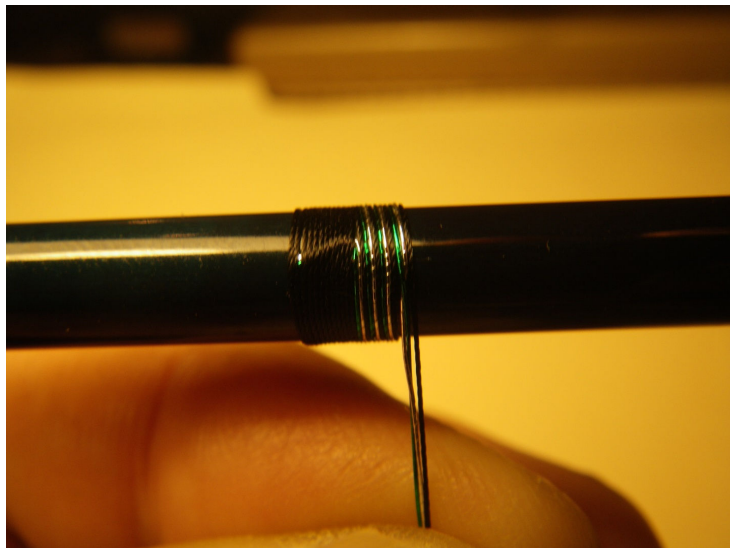
I'll wrap over the metallic threads about 10 turns, before cutting the tag ends. These wraps should be made at medium tension. If the tension is too tight, it becomes difficult to pull them in the next step.



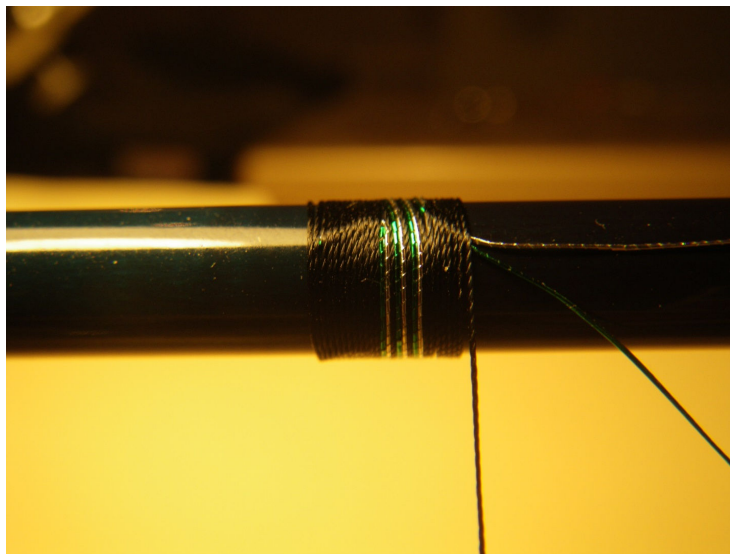
I'll then pull on the metallic threads until the tags ends are under the main wrap and no longer showing. I then un-wrap the main wraps a few turns and rewrap at a much greater tension to make sure the metallic threads remain in place.



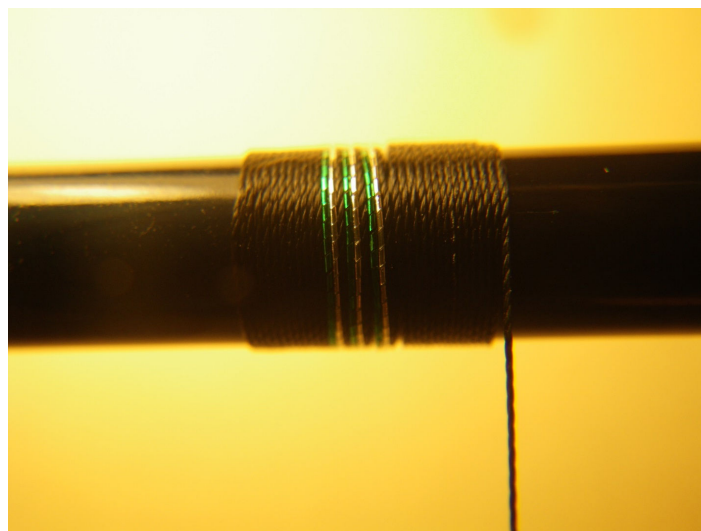
The next step is to start the alternating wraps. I grab all 3 threads between my finger and thumb, side by side by side with the main thread on the outside.



I carefully turn the blank creating 3 wraps. Careful to keep each thread side-by-side-by-side. Do not create any overwraps.



I'll place my finger on top of the wraps at the 3 turn mark and bring the 2 metallic threads underneath the main thread. Continue to wrap over the metallic threads about 4 or 5 turns before cutting the metallic threads. The alternating wraps look better if they start and stop at the same position on the blank.



I tighten the wraps and continue along the blank, doing the same alternating wrap at the other end of the decorative wrap. These wraps become easier with a little practice. I also used this 2 metallic thread alternating wraps on the ferule.

Chiaki

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/>



Recent Club Activities: by Chiaki Harami (haramic)

2016 Rendezvous

We held our 11th Rendezvous on April 23th at a new location – Rivernook Campgrounds. The new spot was a big hit. The afternoon activities were held in a small meadow consisting of a nice grassy area, surrounded by green trees. It was slightly away from the camp sites, but within an easy walk of a few minutes. Freddie and Tim did their usual amazing job of BBQ tri tip, chicken and sausages. We had great entertainment from Par Avion, a surf band consisting of Bernard (lead guitar) and Rebecca Yin (bass) and DJ Bonebrake (drums). I didn't know it at the time, but DJ Bonebrake is also the drummer of the group called X. I saw them at the Whiskey on Sunset many years ago. The raffle prizes were unbelievable. The Woodward brothers donated a week's stay at their Montana cabin, Guy

Jeans donated one of his 3 day 4x4 trips, Tim (*antiqueguy*) donated a Sage 9 ft 5wt. Z-Axis, Randy donated a spey rod and perfect flies were donated by the Buhler brothers and the Carson City Boys. We also played our usual Heads or Tails game.

The winners from the Tourney are:



Trevor Hurley – Largest Trout



Jeremy Hale – Most Trout



Mark Fulkerson – Jr. Division

Everyone had a great time!!!



2016 Kids Academy

We had a great group of 15 kids graduate from our Kids Academy on May 14th. Every year, the kids are pumped up to learn how to fly fish. This year was no different.

Most of the kids were from the Kern Valley area and never fished before. Our Kids Academy gave them a great start and many of the kids couldn't wait to go fishing immediately after the graduation ceremonies. These kids quickly learned how to cast, tie flies, learned knots, identify bugs and learned about our environment. Catching trout up to 5 pounds was the highlight of the day for the kids. Many kids caught trout on flies they tied earlier in the day.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers of the day: Patrick, President of Friends of the Hatchery helped BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs. Gary Applebee, Bob Krieder, Sergio Martinez, Keith Pengilley, Guy and Kimberly Jeans all taught fly fishing courses to the kids.

It's important we continue to fill the fly fishing pipeline for the future of our sport. Here's pictures from the fun day!



Chiaki

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

Take a Picture, It Lasts longer!!

Take a picture, it lasts longer!! I was thinking of a time that seems so long ago the other day. When I first started fly fishing, I fished the Kern almost exclusively. Well, that's not entirely accurate, there was no 'almost' involved. We caught many nice fishes, took a few quick pictures or as we liked to put it, "harvest the porn," and released the fish, no worse for the experience. We would then post the pictures online or send them back and forth to our friends. Lately, I have been thinking of those happy times on the Kern and went back to remember a few of those times from the pictures I took.

There were a few miracle years on the Kern. Some my friends and I had a couple really nice spots that were full of fish and no one else had found them yet.

One day, I happened upon a pod of really nice fish in a small pool in the middle of a long shallow run. You had to do some tricky wading to get to it and it was almost invisible unless you happened to find it by accident, or walk on the opposite bank and happen to be looking through the trees at just the right time. We knew where it was. Anyway, I was out trying a new prototype caddis pupa. I found myself in my favorite spot and it just happened to be loaded with fish. Really big fish!! I had caught several, when my friend Joe Martin (*Tech*) happened by. I invited him to come over and try for one of these nice fishes. He declined, instead choosing to guide my fly to each individual fish. What an afternoon!!

I don't know how many we caught, I do remember telling Joe I thought I had them all and he said that there was one more. I had to cast a little this way and drift about ten feet farther. The next cast, I hit the mark and maintained a perfect drift. The fish didn't hesitate. I think Tech was more excited than I was. He made the river crossing to take this picture for me as I released this wonderful, strong, leaping fish. It was the middle of the afternoon and we decided to call this a day and retire to the shade for refreshment and stories. I will never forget this one. Great day, better friend!!



Birthday Bash

There were a couple years that I was invited to join my friend Randy's Birthday Bash. What an honor!! We would spring for a room at Sequoia Lodge and the 'Boo gang' would all show up. What fun casting all those wonderful bamboo rods in the parking lot.

Anyway, it was April, pre runoff on the Kern. March Browns were popping all day and the fishing was beyond anything I can describe. I will put it this way. Randy told me as we started that he wanted to catch a fish for every year this weekend. At 11:00 the first morning, he mentioned that he had already achieved his goal. He was 47 years old. I wasn't far behind. We happily fished March Browns with a Pheasant Tail dropper and the fishes just couldn't resist either. In the evenings, we sat at the Lodge, eating great food and telling the stories of our adventures. Laugh and enjoy was the order of the day. Great fishing, coupled with the greatest people is the best of times.



Randy enjoying Birthday Bash on the Kern



Birthday Bash at its best!!

Camp 3

I have a love affair with Camp 3. Once the guides were telling me I need to find another place to fish. Why do I keep going to the same spot? I replied that the fishes there were my friends. Heck, I'd caught them so many time most of them had names. They told me to find some new friends!!

Anyway, I used to sneak out of work early and fish. My normal destination in September would be Camp 3. No real surprise there. It was never crowded and I typically had the whole place to myself. Just me, an evening caddis hatch and a whole bunch of fishes to say hello to. After all, we were all friends!!

One evening, fishing was much better than normal. I worked my way down to the hatch pool and cast dries until after I thought I could safely get back across the river. You guys know how that goes. Just one more fish, then I'll cross. After 4 or 5 more, it would be, "Man, it's getting dark; I have to get back across the river." Then after 4 or 5 more it would be just dark, a slight glimmer of light to guide my steps through the fast currents and slick rocks. Then I had to pray for no rattlesnakes coming out in the early darkness as I gingerly snuck back to my truck. I guess I thought that if I didn't disturb the sneaky snakes, they would leave me alone. It must have been a good plan, because no snakes ever interrupted my happy journey back to my waiting truck and relative safety.



One of my Camp 3 Friends!!

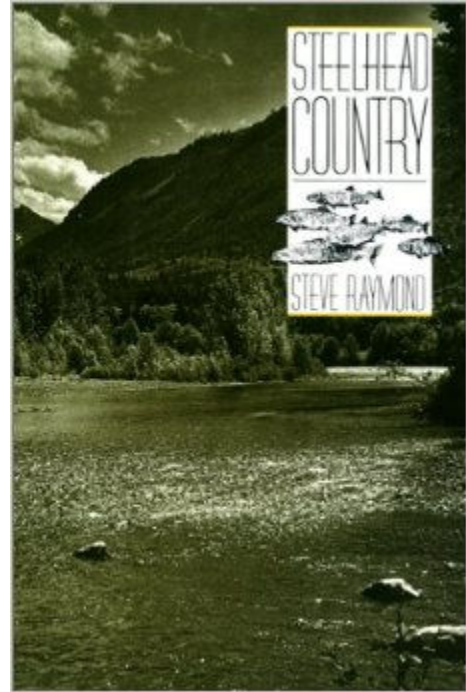
I have been so lucky to have enjoyed many great fishing adventures and am blessed to have had so many wonderful people share my best times with me. I remember one time Ellen asked me why I took so many pictures. I didn't really have an answer then. I think I mumbled something about harvesting porn and went on about our day. I think I do now. Pictures are how I relive my adventures. When I don't have time to fish, I can go look at my pictures and remember the days and people I love so much. When conditions change for the worse, I can go look at what was and realize that things will be better, the waters will rise and the fishes will return. The best part is that the people I miss spending time with are just a phone call away.

"Hey, remember when....., I'll send you a picture, it lasts longer!!!

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies,

Allen

Fly Fishing Book Review: by Ants Uiga (Ants)



Steelhead Country
By Steve Raymond

Illustrations by Gordon Allen
Lyons & Burford, New York City, NY Published 1991
206 pages

Fishing for steelhead is popular with many members of the club and a topic of growing interest to me. Steelhead Country by Steve Raymond continues to add to my reading pleasure about fishing for steelhead. Raymond's book presents twelve essays on various aspects of steelheading as well as a related prologue and epilogue. Gordon Allen provides a series of wonderful pen and ink sketches to accompany the text.

This book has appealed to many readers and was published by Lyons and Burford. The writing and illustration met the standards for publication by Nick Lyons and shows up in the internet lists for Top 5 books on fishing for steelhead. The setting covers Washington and Oregon and some fisheries in British Columbia. It is hard to guess as to the reasons other readers are enchanted by the book, but their opinions may be similar to mine.

The combination of the geographical setting, story line, character development, factual fishing information, and a little magic thrown in, makes for a great read. The chapter entitled *In The Estuaries* is an excellent example. In trying to understand steelhead behavior, Raymond traces steelhead movements from when the fish leave salt water until they reach their spawning grounds. The fish behavior in the estuaries was likely understood by any number of fishermen, but it was not apparently published or common knowledge. In various forums, I have heard references to this book that was published almost 25 years ago. It seems the reference after that many years speaks well to the value of the information presented. Then, the additional story about gaining access to the water through a locked gate on the (unnamed) widow's tidal lands just adds more to enchant the armchair reader. I am confident that many other readers wish they were around to learn from Raymond, but also to meet the friends who were a big influence in his life.

The author fished for steelhead with a one-handed rod even though others have adopted two-handed rods for benefits in casting distance and line handling. Wading becomes of increased importance when fish are spotted in holding locations (wonder how long it took to develop that skill) and heading into deeper water is needed to get close enough to present a fly. *The Art of Wading* chapter describes the delicate balance between skill, strength, and finesse that gets the fisherman as close to the fish as possible but keeps danger to a minimum.

The author waxes poetically about the steelhead migration and the magic that enables the travel and spawning cycles to continue. My guess is that at the time of publication, the mystery of the migration may have been written about much less than currently published. If this was my first read about the migration cycle, I would have been more mesmerized, but it wasn't so I guess my impression was a little more jaded. All the other writings in this book were a pleasure.

Oops, I forgot to mention, the author was a strong fan of catching steelhead with a dry fly. For most steelhead fisherman, using a dry fly is the ultimate test and greatest challenge. The author relates many experiences and insights that will benefit those whose goal is catching a steelhead using dry flies.

The book has been out of print for a while, but copies are reasonably priced from the usual internet book sources. I am glad I have my copy.

AntsYour SSFFC Fishing Book Aficionado

Fly of the Month: by Rob Buhler (clouserfreak)



DECEIVER By Lefty Kreh

Undeniably one of the greatest fly patterns ever conceived, Lefty's Deceiver has reached legendary status worldwide. Following are a couple of excerpts from Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen's *Flies for Saltwater*.

"Lefty Kreh developed the Deceiver in the late 1960's for striped bass fishing in the Chesapeake Bay. Since then there's hardly been a gamefish in salt or freshwater that hasn't fallen prey to a Deceiver. The fly is popular because it meets several critical design imperatives: it casts well, rarely fouls, and can be modified to imitate any type baitfish. The Deceiver may be the best saltwater streamer yet designed."

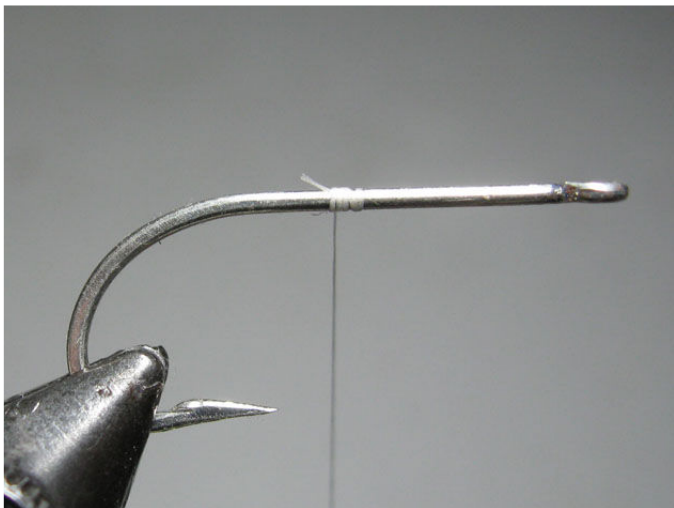
Kreh says, "The Deceiver isn't a precise pattern, it's a style or type of fly- it can be tied in many colors and various lengths...."

Tie some up, throw'em in your box and go fishin'!!!!

Materials:

Hook: 8 to 5/0 Saltwater hook or 3x long freshwater
Thread: White 6/0 or 140 denier
Tail: Rooster Saddle Hackles
Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash or Flashabou
Body: Thread or Flat Diamond Braid
Belly: Bucktail
Wing: Bucktail topped by peacock herl (herl is optional)
Throat: red Krystal Flash
Head: Flashabou
Eyes: Mirage Dome or Prismatic Stick On Eyes
Coating: Epoxy or UV on head only

Tying Instructions:



1. Debarb hook and insert into vise. Attach thread at about the 25% mark on the shank.



2. Select 4-6 rooster saddle hackles and pair them up with the concave side facing each other making a slim baitfish profile or have the curving away from each other for more action on the retrieve. Hackles should be two to three times the hook length. Measure and align hackles then remove some fibers from the stem at the tie in area and trim excess. Attach hackles atop the shank keeping even with the shank.



3. This is what it should look like from the top.



4. Here is a look at the feathers with the convex side facing each other and another tie in approach/option, attaching feathers to the shank without removing excess fibers. Measure and attach hackles atop the shank as in step 2.



5. Trim excess.



6. A view from the top with gravity pulling the feathers down a bit.



7. Select 6-7 strands of flash material and measure so that they taper a bit and the longest ones are just past the end of the hackles. Attach on the near side of the hook and take a few wraps toward the hook eye.



8. Pull the tag ends of the flash to the other side of the hook and repeat, wrapping back to the bend.



9. Add a strip of flat braid by attaching one end at the bend and wrap thread forward to about the 85-90% mark on the shank.



10. Wrap the flat braid forward, one wrap in front of the last and tie off at the 90% mark. Trim excess.



11. Turn over your rotating vise or invert the hook in your vise and remove a small (less is better than more) clump of bucktail from the hide. Clean the bucktail by removing the longest tips extending from the clump first. Then pinch the tips of the clump and remove the shortest fibers from the butt side of the clump. Measure the length two to two and one half times the length of the hook shank and trim butts. You don't want the tips reaching the tips of the saddle feathers. Tie in at the hook eye tilting the clump to a 45% angle to the shank. This allows the tie in area to taper as you apply tightening wraps toward the eye.



12. This is what it should look like after step 11.



13. Repeat with the same or darker color on top.



14. Select 6-8 peacock herls and arrange so that they are in different lengths creating a slight taper. Measure the longest herls to reach about $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{7}{8}$ the full fly length. Trim butts and tie in on the top of the previous step.



15. Select several strands of red Krystal Flash and attach in the throat area. Trim excess.



16. Attach 2-3 strands of pearl Flashabou at rear of head and wrap thread to behind the eye.



17. Wrap flash forward, tie off and trim excess.



18. Select two appropriately sized eyes and attach with ca glue as shown.



19. Coat eyes and head with epoxy or uv coating of choice for added durability. Note the attached "Lefty Loop" or nonslip mono loop.



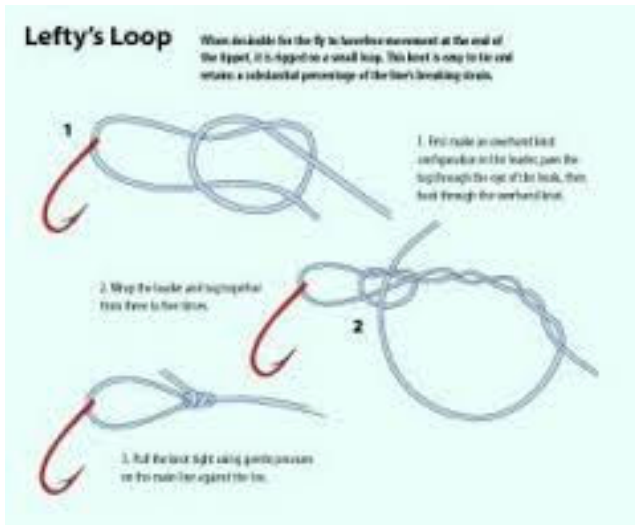
20. Try different feather types to "match the hatch".

Top: Whiting American Olive Grizzly on top of white saddles for subtle barring.

Middle: Metz Grizzly for strong barring.

Bottom: Whiting American Badger for pronounced lateral line.

Rob



Non-slip mono loop knot or the Lefty's Loop knot

The non-slip mono loop knot, or the Lefty Loop Knot, is an excellent choice to fish with streamers, nymphs and even some Stillwater midge rigs. A great web site for this knot and others is animatedknots.com. You click on the knot you want and all the history about the knot is there besides the written and visual directions.

The non-slip mono loop was created by Lefty Kreh. He wanted a loop knot that would let the fly to move more freely yet not lose any of the strength of the mono test lbs. rating. That's why it's also known as the *Lefty's Loop*. The knot is a variation of the Homer Rhodes knot. The original only had one turn of line before going back thru. It didn't have the same strength as the test rating so Lefty started to improve on it. He did different tests on each pound test to find out how many turns is best for that line. He found the right amount for each pound test and found that it often broke at or right above what the line was rated at. For 6 to 8 lbs. 7 turns, 8 to 12 lbs. 5 turns, 15 to 40 lbs. 4 turns, 50 to 60 3 turns and 60 plus 2 turns is enough. He first put the knot out in print in *Practical Fishing Knots with Mark Sosin* an excellent book on knots. It's an easy knot to tie and the tag end faces towards the fly which helps not collect as much debris.

Anytime I fish a streamer in fresh or salt I use this knot. The fly swims more freely and that helps you get more takes. I have also been using it on multiple nymph rigs and midge set up's that I want to have some movement in the fly. Go to the web site above and learn this knot.

Ryan

Well we've officially arrived in June. It's such an amazing month, which to most of us comes with many special memories if we think about it a bit.

When we were growing up, most of us could hardly wait for June to get here because it meant the end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation. It's probably a safe bet that many of us still look forward to this special month for the same reason. Although we are not the one's getting out of school, we are looking forward to those summer vacations with our families. By looking into children's eyes and seeing their excitement as they look toward the freedom from school and all the adventures this time of year brings, we too can take time to reflect on how exciting it was for us.

We probably never thought about how June brings the summer solstice to our neck of the woods, giving us the day with the most daylight hours of the year. All we knew was that the daylight would last well into the evenings, giving us more time to play. And when the directions were to "be home before it gets dark," that meant a lot! Each day there were endless "adventures" to be had right in our own neighborhood. Ah yes, those certainly were the days.

If you were lucky enough to have an outdoorsy family, this magical time often meant camping and fishing trips. I, for one, never thought much about how these activities would have such a profound effect on my life. But they certainly were the cornerstone in creating my passions for the outdoors. There's a better than average chance it worked the same for you.

Also, June brings us Father's Day on the 19th. It's that one day each year we have to specifically remind us of that special man in most of our lives that made such an impact on who we have become. Not for all of us, but for many of us, he's the one that gave us our first experiences as fishermen. It may not have been with a fly rod, and quite likely was a spinning outfit with a salmon egg at the end of the line, however; these are humble beginnings on the path that eventually led us to this amazing sport of fly fishing.

I am blessed to still have my 91 year old father in my life and I think this Father's Day I may just bring up some early recollections of fishing off the rocks along the coast for bull head or drifting Pautzke's "Balls O' Fire" eggs to steelhead trout on Pismo Creek. Yes it sure will be a thankful Father's Day for me!

Tight Lines, *Gary*



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