



# Ring of the Rise

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

We just got back from the SWC Mammoth Fly Fishing Faire, where I taught a rod building class. The weather was crazy Sunday morning. It rained and actually hailed for a short period of time. I had to be carrying my rod building tools and supplies to the car when it started to hail, but it felt very nice knowing we really need the water. We fished Crowley Friday morning with the Buhler Bros and saw how the experts catch those hard, street fighting trout. My orange indicator is etched in the back of my eyeballs and I still see it after I blink.

2FlySue took a fly tying class and I took the Intro CI class. The two Master instructors teaching my class gave casting demos and I was really impressed with their abilities. They could park their fly on a dime at 50 yards. They can cast narrow loops to wide loops on command and cast wide loops on the forward cast and narrow loops on the back cast. Their narrow loops were very narrow and they could throw in a trailing loop on command. Mine are always accidental and too common.

Our next meeting will be held Saturday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm at the Fly Shop. Our speaker will be Guy Jeans talking about the common mistakes fly fishers make and how to correct them. I have no problems with the first half, I know how to make those mistakes, but I need the correction part. I'll be listening very closely. During the day, we'll have Spey casting lessons provided by a SWC Spey Instructor. Randy and I will be assisting the instructor, with Randy providing some additional instructions and I'll be getting water and drinks for everyone. We'll be meeting at the Fly Shop at 9:00 am and there are a few spots still available.

The Inter-Club Tournament tryouts will be held the next day, Sunday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> if there are more than 8 people interested in participating on the teams. We have won this Tournament 3 out of the 4 years and I hope we can put together another 2 great teams. Based upon preliminary buzz, there will be more clubs participating this year. Invites have been extended to other organizations, such as Casting for Recovery, T.U. and a Professional Guide Association. If you're interested in the tryouts, please send me an email and we'll get you on the list. This event is always a fun time.

The Kids Academy will be held Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> with Shane Goslin coordinating this event. If you're interested in helping out or would like to donate to this worthy cause, please email me. This event is the most important event of our Club. Teaching our youth will insure fly fishing will be brought forward in the proper manner.

The Forks Outing is being held at the end of Sept and it will be my first time fishing those waters. This Outing is one of the most popular and you know I'll be tossing my #12 yellow rubber legged stimi to some hungry Kern River Rainbows.

*Chiaki*

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

Hello everybody, this is a fly fishing report for the week of 09-20-14 written on Saturday 9-20-14.

### **20 Mile Section-Kernville up to the Johnsondale Bridge**

The upper river is now running around 125 CFS. Water temps near town are 55-60 in the early am first light session and 60-65 degrees in the middle of the day. Tough fishing near Kernville! Water temps above town near Limestone are 55-60 degrees early in the morning, 60 degrees mid-day. I've been having my client's fish hoppers and ant patterns and it's been very successful on top. There's been great action stripping streamers as well as swinging soft hackles in the riffles. I'm noticing a lot of midges in the water and from recent stomach samples yesterday, I'm finding rainbows are focusing on them as well. If you fish near the town of Kernville or below, make sure to fish early, from first light till 10am or the last 2 hours of daylight for best fishing. Fly Fishing up river near Limestone, the water temps are holding and are a lot cooler. Best fishing is up river 15-25 miles from the shop.

Remember to catch and release those trophy fish so somebody else has a chance to enjoy those big fish too. Somebody else has probably caught and released that fish so you could catch it. Pretty Cool!!!

### **The 4 mile wild trout section - Open Year Round**

Fishing is excellent! **Catch and Release barbless hooks only!!** This area of the river is running at 150 CFS. Water temps are cooler at 55 degrees up here and up river. I've been doing most of my guide trips here with great success. It's nice to see the wild trout section doing so well, even during drought years.

By the way, the last 2 times I've been in the wild trout section, I've seen the Fish and Game Warden. The first day he was hiding and scoping the bait fisherman fishing

illegally in the special regulations section. Then he hiked down the trail and gave them tickets. The next day he was on the 4 mile trail checking licenses. Very happy to see this!

### Lake Isabella

Crappie fishing has slowed but they are still in the shallows. 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 first light and taking midges on the surface with some great top water action near Camp 9, Paradise Cove and the main dam. Bass fly fishing is good in about 15ft of water first hour of light. Carp fly fishing is ok.

### Lower Kern

The lower Kern is fishing well for Largemouth and Smallies! Water temps down on the lower are about 5 degrees warmer than the upper. The water is at a good flow as of today between Borel and Democrat at about 167 CFS.

### Tributaries of the North and South Fork Kern - Open

Water is low and fishing is not recommended.

### South Fork of the Kern from Rockhouse North - Open

Water is low and fishing is not recommended.

*Guy*



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

No report submitted this month.

*Chris*

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

*This is a re-post from last month's newsletter as the proceeds of this Challenge has such a tremendous impact on the Southern California Chapter of Casting for Recovery, and especially, their participants.*

*As a reminder, the rod kits are available through Pete Emmel at \$35.00 + shipping to your door. This is "at cost" for the club. The judging will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Inter-Club Tourney.*

*If you have any questions, follow the forum thread **SWCFFF Rod Building Challenge** in the **Rod Building** section, or contact Pete.*

*Gary*

**Please don't forget this important event.**



### **2014 SWCFFF Inter-Club Rod Building Challenge**

*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)

The next General Meeting of the SSFFC will be Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Kern River Fly Shop, starting at 7:00 pm.

The featured presenter is our very own Guy Jeans. Guy will be presenting a discussion the common mistakes fly fishers make and how to correct them. This should be a very worthwhile and informative presentation I'm sure we could all learn from.

During the day, we'll have Spey casting lessons provided by a SWC Spey Instructor. Randy and I will be assisting the instructor, with Randy providing some additional instructions and I'll be getting water and drinks for everyone. We'll be

meeting at the Fly Shop at 9:00 am and there are a few spots still available.



The SSFFC holds elections for the Board of Directors once a year. Nominations have been completed and the next step is to cast your vote.

The nominations are as follows;

President	Chiaki Harami
Vice President	Allen Bell
Treasurer	Pete Emmel
Secretary	Keith Penguilley
Outings Director	Chris Chamberlain
Conservation Chair	Tim Michaels
Director	Guy Jeans
Director	Gary Silveira

Elections will be held from October 1st to 11th. Please cast your votes by emailing Chiaki (haramic@aol.com) and Keith (kpengilley@earthlink.net) or vote at the October 11th meeting.

Please exercise your right to vote.

*Chiaki*

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

### **Famous Places**

As October rolls around, I'm getting ready for another adventure. During my preparation, I can't help but think of famous places. The famous places I have been fortunate enough to fish and famous places I hope to fish in the future. I have truly been blessed to be able to visit a few very special waters.

I guess the first water I fished that could be considered famous was Hot Creek. That was my first experience with fish that had really seen every fly, or close to it. I was invited to fish the Ranch and jumped at the chance. I must admit, that can be one tough place to fish, well worth the effort though. Even though the fishing is difficult on the Ranch, the serenity and beauty are breath taking.



*Hot Creek Ranch*

I would guess the next famous water I fished would have to be the Frying Pan. The Frying Pan is, a small tailwater in Colorado. It is most famous, I guess, for the Green Drake hatch in July. I have heard stories of people three deep waiting for their turn at some of the more popular pools. Author John Gierach has written many times about the Blue Wing Olive hatches here. I personally can vouch for those. There are truly amazing hatches on this river, along with amazing fish.

A few years ago, I visited the Green River, below Flaming Gorge Dam. This is another beautiful place full of really big fish. We were lucky enough to be able to float for a day with guide Boomer Stout. We had a good day; I was amazed at how high the canyon walls are here.

The most recent famous water I fished is the Beaverhead River in Dillon Montana. It sure seems like I fish a lot of tailwater's. I have good reason too. The flows are consistent, the food plentiful and the fish get really big. In the case of the Beaverhead, many, many, really big fish!! The "Beav" is the first place we have ever gone back to. It is a charming little river, about the size of the Lower Owens, maybe a little bigger. Fishing it isn't too difficult, assuming you don't miss the three days of fall they have in Dillon. If you miss fall, the weather can get rough, fast. The one good thing about fishing the Beaverhead during bad weather is that the Browns like to attack streamers on a cloudy, rainy, sleety, snowy (you get the idea) day. In fact, the worse the weather, the better the fishing was. This year, I'm hoping for bad weather.



*Sometimes the sun does in fact shine on the Beaverhead!!*

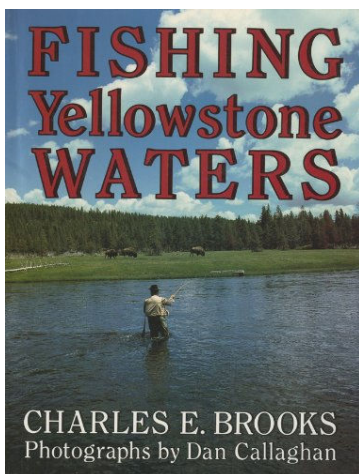


This year, we are adding a new famous water. Perhaps the most famous water, the Madison River. This could possibly be the most well-known fly fishing water in America. We will float most of the day, but I want to make sure I go to Three Dollar bridge put my three dollars into the box before I wade this river and really try to learn its secrets, get to know its personality. I will know about this place by the next story. My guess is, so will you. After all, what use is a famous place if not to make memories and a good story now and then.

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies.... *Allen*

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



Published 1984, Nick Lyons Books, Winchester Press, Inc., Piscataway, NJ

160 pages

The introduction to the book states there are about 2,000 miles of trout streams within two hours of West Yellowstone. From my home in Bodfish, there may be 500 miles of trout streams – but it is far from being comparable. The book was published in 1984 so the sizes of the trout must be compared to earlier times, but fishing results on the Yellowstone River refers to trout of 2, 4, 5, and even up to 10 pounds. The saving in gas money by not driving to Yellowstone area does not make up for the difference in the smaller, local catches. It is certainly more convenient. The area straddles the Continental Divide, so within a short distance, rivers may flow in opposite directions.

The major rivers described by Charles Brooks are Gardner River, Slough Creek, Lamar River, Lewis River, Firehole River, Madison River, Gallatin River, Henry's Fork (of the Snake River), and the Yellowstone River. The author lived and fished in the area with the convenience of spending time on the water during all the seasons. After reading each section, my response was – Sure; I would like to be there also!

If you live in this area, the book could guide your fishing activities throughout the year. One tip from the book is

being prepared for cold weather at any time. Not just Southern CA cold weather, but snow and hail.

What would be a reasonable way to use the information in this book? There is much information to be considered. My approach would be to figure out where I would be staying in the region. My preference is to minimize lodging costs by dragging along one of those (oh-so-cute) vintage travel trailers. Then the plan would be to spend 3-7 days at each location and see what the local fishing options offer in terms of type of fishing, variety of fishing, likelihood of spawning movements, and weather aspects. Beforehand, fly tying could commence to load the fly boxes so fishing time is not lost to tying (or chasing down fly shop) time. Then, at each location, the 4-8 options for the day could be reviewed based on weather conditions or local reports. Alternatively, I could give my wallet a big squeeze and look at the option of guide services.

The raving reports from fisherman in the Yellowstone area have been dismissed due to time and money considerations. Well, reading a number of books on the Yellowstone area has softened me a lot. Trip planning for 2015 is a reasonable exercise. Can I wait?

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

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



**Anchovy Clouser**  
**By Vaughn Podmore**

Since the 1980's and the development of the Clouser Minnow, there have been countless variations and manipulations to that classic fly. Local saltwater guide Vaughn Podmore has added yet another excellent variation with his Anchovy Fly.

The anchovy is one of the top two baitfish species found along the Southern California coastline and travel in schools by the millions. When these small fish are in the close to the shore it is very important to have a fly that closely mimics the natural to increase your odds of catching more and larger fish. It is especially important when targeting species that key in on such bait like the yellowtail and tuna. The average size of the local anchovy is about 3-4 inches so a standard size Clouser tie is perfect on a size 2 saltwater hook.

Vaughn's version sticks very closely to Bob Clouser's original pattern substituting some flash material for the

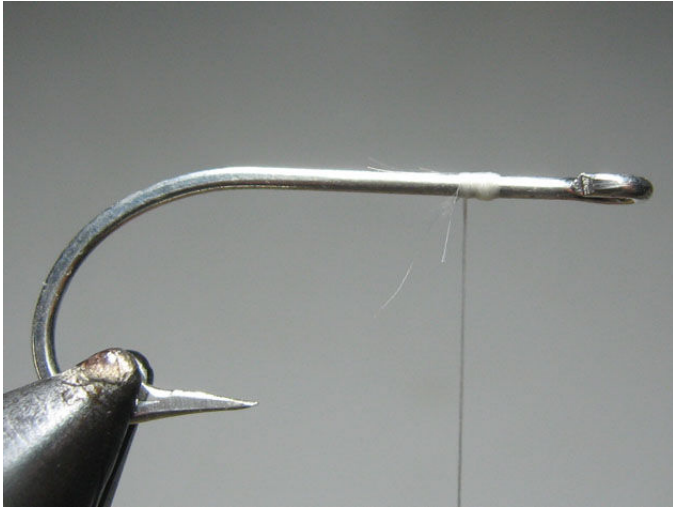
standard bucktail on the back of the fly. Vaughn likes to use Angel Hair flash for the backs on many of his flies and chooses the black color for the anchovy. This creates a very dark silhouette on the top of the fly, but also has the iridescent flash common to most baitfish. Vaughn also uses UV Krystal Flash for the lateral line feeling the UV mimics the natural better, especially when fishing deep. This is a very simple fly to tie and extremely effective off shore, in shore, plus in bays, harbors and beaches.

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

### **Materials:**

Hook: #2 Saltwater Circle Hook or Mustad 34007  
Thread: White 6/0 or 140 denier  
Eyes: Real Eyes Plus 5/32(size and style optional)  
Belly: White bucktail  
Gills: Holo Red Flashabou or red marker  
Flash: UV Krystal Flash  
Back: Black Angel Hair

### **Tying Instructions:**



1. Debarb hook, insert into vise and attach thread at the 70-75% area on the shank.

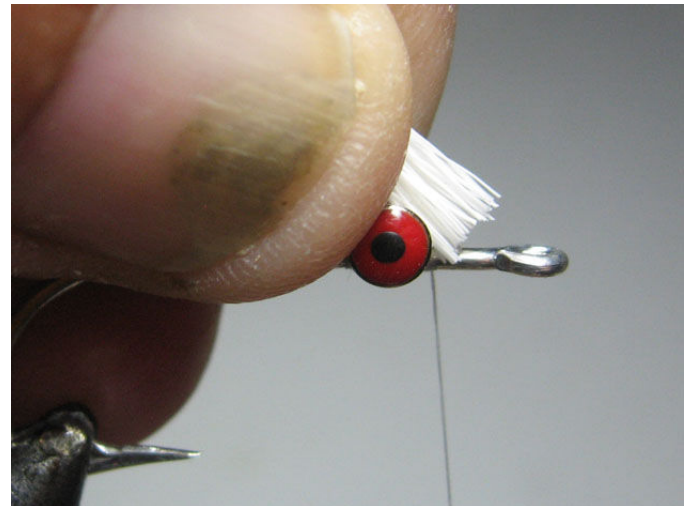


2. Attach eyes behind the thread bump using crisscross wraps over the eyes and shank making certain to use steady pressure on your first several

wraps. If you wrap a loose base the eyes will spin and further tightening wraps will not help. Remove from vise and rest on desk upside down to confirm proper alignment of eyes. Add CA Glue or Hard as Hull to secure.



3. Prepare a small clump of bucktail by removing the longest fibers to even tips somewhat and remove the shortest fibers by grasping the clump from the tips and softly stroking out the shortest hairs. Measure to about 3 and 1/2 inches on the shank.



4. Trim butts cleanly and prepare to tie in by grasping near the butts for control and angling at 45 degrees directly in front of the eyes. This will help taper the tie in area by spreading the bucktail tips instead of having an abrupt drop off if all were aligned vertically.





5. Make your first wrap closest to the eyes and continue wrapping forward to the hook eye.



6. Now pull thread to the rear of the hook, loop under the eyes and over the shank to secure the bucktail behind the eyes. Make this first wrap relatively loose and tighten as you wrap back keeping the bucktail held above the shank to align on the top of the shank. I like to wrap back a bit on the shank to help prevent the belly from fouling or wrapping around the hook.



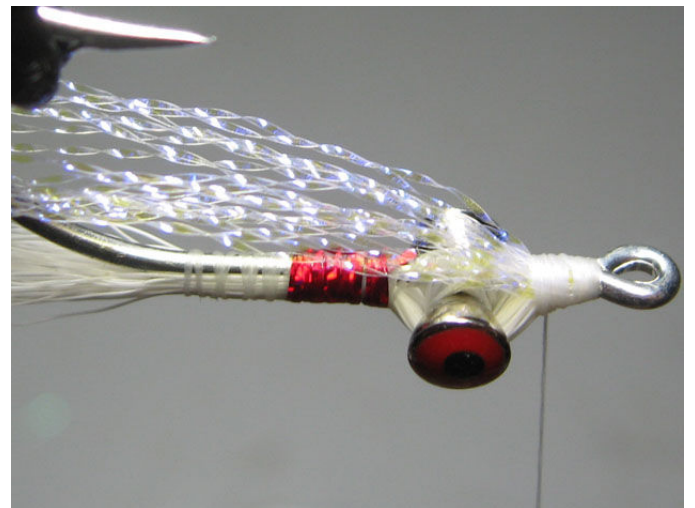
7. Select a few pieces of red flash to attach a bit behind the eyes to create the illusion of flaring gills. Coat with Hard as Hull or CA Glue. Vaughn uses a red waterproof marker here, but I've always liked the flash.



8. Wrap flash forward and tie off behind the eyes. Trim excess.



9. Invert hook in vise or rotate if you have a rotary.



10. Select about 15-20 strands of UV Pearl Krystal Flash and attach in front of the Real Eyes. Separate the bunch so half is on one side of the hook and half on the other. Taper you trim at the tail.



11. Select a small amount of Black Angel Hair and trim butts flat for tie in. Tie in on top of the Krystal Flash, smooth out head with a few wraps then whip finish or half hitch. Finish off with Hard as Hull or CA Glue for durability. You may epoxy or UV glue if wanted but Vaughn just uses the Hard as Hull finish.



12. Trim angel hair at the tail or to taper along body as you like.

Rob

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

### Kids Academy Support

The best thing that the Southern Sierra Fly Fishing club supports, in my opinion, is the annual Kids Academy. My daughter Savannah was in the first one back in 2008. Since then it has grown each year thanks to Shane and countless other volunteers.

Each year the academy needs donations, not only money but fishing supplies. One of the things they need each year are flies for the kid's boxes. For those tiers out there that want to help, you can tie up a dozen of your favorite flies to donate. If you're not a tier, you can still donate by calling the

shop at (760) 376-2040, buy a dozen flies and say they are for the Kids Academy. They will make sure Shane gets them before the academy.

If you can donate a dozen flies, please contact me at [slumpbuster@live.com](mailto:slumpbuster@live.com) for an address of where to send them. The academy is on Oct. 18th this year so they need them soon. The SSFFC provides a tremendous amount of events and outings for its members and this might be the best of them all, so please help support the Kids Academy if you can.

Ryan

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

It's always exciting to see how busy the club gets during the first part of fall. Just a quick review of this issue of the Ring of the Rise says it all. Kids Academy, Inter-Club Tournament Team Tryouts and the Inter-Club Tournament, this year to include a Rod Building Challenge to benefit Casting for Recovery.

Yep, as the temperatures start to cool down a bit, and excitement builds for this next cycle of the seasons, the SSFFC goes into high speed mode to provide these amazing programs. Programs meant not only to benefit our membership, but even more so, to give of ourselves to others. The SSFFC has never been a club waiting for others to provide for us. We have always been a club that stands up, taking the lead in offering what we have to benefit those in our local community as well as our extended fly fishing family. This is a group I feel privileged to say I am a part of. I sincerely hope that many, if not all of you reading these words, feel the same.

Long live the SSFFC!

Tight Lines, Gary



### **Quotable Quotes**

"But of course the first decent fish of any species a kid catches is the Big One and you don't forget it any more than you forget the first girl in your life."

~ Robert F. Jones, *The Ultimate Fishing Book*, 1981 ~

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