



# Ring of the Rise

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Gary Silveira, Newsletter Editor

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

First of all, I need to thank Bill for his service as President over the last 5 years. He's been a steady rock in the Club, someone I could always depend upon for his wisdom and humor. I often wondered how does Bill write these great President Messages month after month? I recently found out he had a little help from his wonderful wife, Patty. I'm not much of a writer, so I figured I could use Patty's help. I called the Darbee home, but they were out of town. I'm sunk.

I got to thinking, you know how the Japanese are very good at copying things; cars, TVs, stereos, even their plastic food in the front displays cases in Little Tokyo restaurants look good. So I read Bill's last message about his fly fishing life. Hmmm, I could do the same and copy him. Yes, that what I'll do, after all I am Japanese.

Growing up in Long Beach, my dad took me fishing off the Belmont pier in the early 60's. We moved to Pasadena in 1965 and freshwater fishing came into my world. I fished local streams and made trips to the Eastern Sierras. My cousin, Zino took me fishing on a half day boat out of Long Beach and I continued fishing the salt water, eventually going on multiday long range trips. I was shocked to find out the cost of nice ocean rods were over \$200, so I started building my own rods.

Zino started fly fishing and I was intrigued. In 2005, I read a newspaper article about a person from Ventura named Guy Jeans, guiding fly fishers in the Southern Sierras. I immediately called Zino and told him about the article and wanted to fly fish. Zino said he just had Guy as his speaker for the Downey Fly Club. So, we booked Guy for the following weekend. Guy set me up at a great pool with an indicator and showed me how it's done. My indicator disappeared, I set the hook and my trout shot downstream towards some rapids. Guy ran down stream, looking like he was running on water. I turned the trout and Guy netted my first Kern River trout, a feisty and wild 14 incher.

That's how this wonderful fly fishing life started. I've made great friends through this Club, who will stay my lifetime friends. This Club is filled with a wide range of great, fun personalities. We have fun Club officers in every position that do an outstanding job. Please become active in the Club. Attend the monthly meetings, go on the outings, attend a fly tying class, learn how to build a fly rod, learn how to properly cast and volunteer at the Kids Academy. If there's anything else you wish from this Club, please let me know. That's why I'm here.

The Rendezvous is right around the corner, September 22nd. You shouldn't miss our biggest annual event. C&R Tourney, casting contest, raffle, BBQ dinner, great reggae band, fun and games. This event raises funds for the Club to help its members and our sport. It's always a blast. Go to the new Club website [ssffclub.org](http://ssffclub.org), sign up, renew your membership and get ready for a fun filled year. See you at the Vous!!!!

*Chiaki*

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

**Hello everybody, this is a fly fishing report for the week of 9-6-12 written on Thursday 9-6-12.**

**The 20 mile roadside section of the upper Kern** Best fishing is early in the morning around 5:30am till 10am. There's a major hatch of Caddis around 6am and 8pm and rainbows are looking up. Water temps are 55-60 early and pushing 65 degrees midday above KR3 and the flows are around 195 cfs below KR3 (water temps below KR3 65 degrees) and flows are about the same from Fairview Dam to KR3. The river is a little off color and you can wade, but be very careful and use a wading staff if you have it.

I have been seeing some top water action on various dry flies like Stimulators, H@L Variants and Fuzzy Wuzzy's. Some fish are taking Yellow Sallies and Caddis dry flies as well. Some great nymphing action with smaller nymphs in sizes 18-20 like PT's, Redemption Nymphs and various golden stonefly nymphs in sizes 10-14. Most fish have been taken on the swing. Some folks are doing really well on soft hackles on the swing, buggers and various streamers.

Other go to flies are Hares Ear nymphs of various colors. Great attractors right now are BH Pink Kern Emergers, Chartreuse Copper Johns, BH Prince size 16 and Tungsten Teddy's size 10.

**The 4 mile wild trout section** Open year round The fishing above the bridge is good as water temps are cooler and running at 200 cfs. This is the best place right now for fly fishers. **Catch and Release barbless hooks only!!**

**Lake Isabella** trout fishing is fair and the lake is very low near Camp Nine and Paradise Cove. 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. Crappie are fishing ok, Bass fly fishing is ok and Carp fly fishing is good near the dam.

**Lower Kern** The lower river is fishing excellent. This is the place to be. The lower river is running at 379+cfs. Great flies to use down on the lower are Guides choice Hares Ear size 12, Tungsten Yellow Sallie Nymphs size 14, Tungsten Teddy Pink size 10, Psycho Princes pink sizes 12-16, Copper Johns size 18 and WD40 sizes 18-20.

Early morning hatches have been reported. Be very careful wading/fishing the lower. Getting reports that the lower river is fishing good for smallmouth out of the canyon.

**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)

### **Hatchery Wells and Kern River Signage**

Two projects are coming to fruition!

As everyone reads this the wells at the Kernville hatchery for the Kern River Rainbow Project will have been drilled. They we're needed to protect KRR brood stock from lethal summertime water temps. No use getting the fish if they're going to die, this happened once before and stalled the project.

Now, the next phase, wellheads, electrical, water distribution, and testing. The SSFF applied for a Grant to help fund this phase in April but it was shelved until October's Edison committee meeting due to the drilling delays. We resubmitted for approval even though the Trust Fund is slightly below the approved funding levels and we're optimistic that the \$17,000 will be approved due to the necessity. This will allow the hatchery to test the systems and water, secure funding for backup power source, and

finish the Hatchery Genetic Management Plan, before getting the brood stock next fall. Nice to see progress!

Second item, the SSFF board voted to approve \$3,000 in funding towards replacing the three JDB signs, the old FOTK signs, adding a new location and sign for the FOTK parking lot, and signage at Jerkey, Clicks, and Lewis trailheads. Total project cost is around \$5500 with the Forest Service kicking in over \$2000. The signs are nice and promote Catch & Release, have the current regulations covering the GTW wilderness and the North Fork, plus bring awareness about the Kern River Watershed's Native Trout. Signs are ordered and we'll plan an installation outing in early October!

Stayed tuned and Cast it Forward,

*Shane*

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

No report this month.

*Chris*

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

### **2011 Rendezvous to the 2012 Rendezvous**

A lot has happened in the world of the "SSFFC Rod Building" between the 2011 Rendezvous and this year's Rendezvous. Some outfits have a calendar year, others a fiscal year, I happen to have the Rendezvous year as in September to September. I felt like it might be a good time to recap all the good times we have had with this addiction we call custom rod building between Rendezvous. First off let me say what an honor and privilege it is to teach these SSFFC Rod Building Classes with Chiaki. The man is a pillar of patience both in the classroom and his dealings with me.

We had a good year in the rod building arena with enough interest to have two different classes for the SSFFC members. Plus, Chiaki also taught a "Basic Rod Building" class for the Kern club. And as I write this, I believe Chiaki is also teaching a Basic Rod Building" class in Mammoth for the Fly Fishing Faire. Hopefully it went off without a hitch.

One SSFFC class was a "Basic Rod Building" class. The students in that class pushed the envelope on a basic building class and were eager to go beyond just building a "Plain Jane" rod. It seems like every class pushes a bit more than the last.

Next we held a "Beyond the Basics" rod building class. This class was more like a seminar as it discussed several different ways to create custom touches that we just don't

have time to cover in the basics class. It was more of an information exchange than a class.

The 2011 Rendezvous Rod Swap seemed to be a hit. The participants all built off a Batson RX6 blank of their choice. We had rods from 6'6", 2 weights up to a 9', 8 weight. All the rods were top shelf quality and it sure looked like everybody went away happy. The 2012 Rod Swap has us building off the Pac Bay Czech Nymphing blank. They are 10' (I think) black blanks in either 4 or 5 weight. I can't wait to see what the participants come up with this year. Every year it's fun to see the looks on club members faces as they check out the builder's talent.

Several of the builders are putting their rod building addiction to good use and are building rods for the newly formed "Casting for Recovery" chapter in Southern Calif. That donation will be complete before the end of the year. **All you builders get the hint? Before the end of the year!!! Get em done!!!** Chris C. has stepped up to judge them as we have a trinket or two for the best build. Thank you Chris!

For the upcoming year, I would like to feature some of the club builder's rods in the newsletter or on the newly re-vamped club web site. Please let me know if you are interested in being a featured rod builder. Otherwise I will approach you and there will be strong arm tactics involved ☺.

Hopefully the upcoming year will be more of the same..... good classes with good folks!!!!

Thanks,

*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:** by Chiaki Harami (haramic)

Since September is Rendezvous time, there is no General Meeting this month.

The next General Meeting of the SSFFC will be Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Kernville Chamber of Commerce building. There will be a board meeting at 6:00

PM prior to the general meeting and all directors and chairpersons are encouraged to attend.

Our speaker for October is Rick Setina who will be discussing Tenkara rods.

## ***2012 Rendezvous***

The 2012 Rendezvous will be this weekend at our usual place:

**Mountain and River Adventures Campgrounds**  
**15775 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA 93238**

<http://www.mtnriver.com/campground.htm>

Please mention you are with Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club when you make your reservations. We've been able to get a special discounted rate of \$36/night, two night minimum.

The Rendezvous schedule is as follows:

**Friday, September 21st:** Informal gathering, pot luck, catch up with old friends and meet new friends, talk fly fishing. Afternoon to evening.

**Saturday, September 22nd:** C&R Tourney, river clean up, casting contest, Vous rod swap, introductions to new Club officers, raffle, auction, head or tails, BBQ dinner, band and kegs. All day and all of the night (reminds me of a song).

**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Recover and go fly fishing.

The Rendezvous Registration Forms are available for filling out online at the SSFFC Website (<http://ssffclub.org>) by selecting the Rendezvous tab along the top of the home page then filling out the form. Payment is then made via PayPal. It doesn't get much easier than that folks!

*Just to "prime the pumps" I thought I would add a few pictures from last year's Rendezvous.*






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## Inter-Club Tournament

The Inter-Club Tourney will be held on November 3rd, the first Saturday in November. The first try-out date to represent the SSFFC was held September 8<sup>th</sup>. The last try-out will be held October 13<sup>th</sup>. SSFFC will field two 5 person teams.

Try-outs will use the same rules as the Inter-Club Tourney. The top scorer (Top Dog) from last year's teams will automatically make the team. The top 4 scores from each of try-out dates will earn spots on the teams. The last (10<sup>th</sup>) spot will be the next highest score from the 2 try-out dates, to be known as the Wild Card. The next two highest scores are the alternates. The teams will be made up from the scores, the Top Dog and 4 highest scores will be Team A. Members can try-out both days.

We will need controllers again for both try-out dates and the Inter-Club Tourney. Anyone that can help will be very much appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

For up to the minute details on the Tournament and team try-outs check the Forum post "Southern Sierra Fly Fishing Club – Inter-Club Tourney Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>" at;

<http://www.kernriverflyfishing.com/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.pl?num=1343507196>

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## SSFFC IS AT A COMPUTER NEAR YOU!

As noted in the August Newsletter, the new SSFFC website (<http://ssffclub.org>) is up and running. Shane just keeps refining the site and has been burning the midnight oil getting the membership details entered. Members that are current will receive a Member Login/Password to access the "Member's Only" section. Non-Active members will have limited access to the site.

The Member's Only section will house the Newsletter (4 years already archived), Member Roster and the "Shady Waters" Fishing Report Forum. In the future, Ring of the Rise Newsletters will not be emailed to individuals, but will instead be posted in this section of the site. This will alleviate the issues with constant updating of the current active roster, inaccurate email addresses or system rejection of the large file size documents.

Since the club is now using PayPal, paying your dues on the site couldn't be easier. Just be sure to fill out the form completely and **make sure to enter your email address,**

as this is required for access to the Member's Only section of the website.

If you prefer to send in your dues the old fashioned way, that can be accomplished by downloading the Membership Forms and printing them out. The forms can then be filled out and sent in along with your check via the mail.

Shane is also seeking input for website content. So far the following activities are in the works;

- Rod building video's from Pete
- Cris Miller will be offering periodic essays
- Photos from outings and events
- "Shady Waters" reports (Randy already posted)
- Club Calendar of events

Any ideas, photos, essays, blog materials or videos are welcome and can be sent to [ssffclub@gmail.com](mailto:ssffclub@gmail.com).

If you haven't already had a look at the website, you owe it to yourself to do so as soon as you can. I am sure you will agree that the potential that this new website offers is amazing and it will be exciting to see just where the adventure will take us!

*Chiaki*

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**SSFFC Member Profile:** by Gary Silveira (CopperDropper)

*This isn't really a Member Profile, but it seemed like a great place to tout the recent extraordinary accomplishment of one of our own.....*

### **GUY JEANS – KERN RIVER FLY SHOP Receives FFF Lee Wulff Award**



According to the International Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) website [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org), the following criteria are used to nominate and determine the recipient of the Lee Wulff Award;

### **LEE WULFF AWARD**

An award presented to recognize the business side of fly-fishing. The criteria are as follows:

- A business that has shown outstanding innovation in the fly-fishing industry through their products.
- A business that has shown outstanding stewardship for water and fisheries resources.
- Or a combination of both of the above criteria.

It is a tremendous accomplishment that Guy was selected to receive this very prestigious award. He is truly in very lofty company when you consider some of the past recipients of this award;

1990 Orvis Company, Scientific Anglers, Cortland Line Co., Fenwick  
1992 Sage Manufacturing  
1993 The Patagonia Co.  
1995 Wapsi Fly Co.  
1996 Fly Fisherman Magazine  
1997 Loon Outdoors  
1998 Hareline Dubbin  
2000 Abel Fly Reels  
2001 Whiting Farms Inc.  
2002 Bob Marriotts Fly Fishing Store  
2007 Temple Fork Outfitters

Make sure to acknowledge Guy for his recognized contributions to our sport and protection of the resources as well as his proprietorship of this award winning fly shop.

Congratulations Guy!

*Gary*

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

Its August..... hot and humid August. Of all the months, I think August is my least favorite. It is usually difficult for me to get into fishing, especially when the waters are this low and warm. Perfect time for a fish story!!

I was on Lake Isabella fishing for bass in my boat. I knew I had a nice fish on when I set the hook. When she jumped over my boat, I KNEW I had a big fish on. My net wasn't going to do me any good with this one, beaching her was my only hope. I quickly lowered my bow anchor, knowing the bass would wrap herself around it, which she did the first time I guided her near it. With a little trial and error, I soon figured out how to guide her by tapping the water with my rod tip. Tap on the left, the fish went right. This was a fast powerful fish, so soon we were beached. I quickly unhooked and revived the tired fish. After a few pictures, off she went, happily swimming home. I would now display the photos but they were lost trying to force my iMac to speak PC.

Typically, I never lie about fishing. Honestly, most people don't believe the truth anyway. The best thing I have done in my fishing is to quit counting fish. When asked, I usually will just say that I've had a nice day. Sometimes, I will have a REALLY nice day.

This story is absolutely true and about a very nice day. I was just starting to become confident that I could catch fish consistently on a fly rod. I think I was a couple years into my fishing education. It was a miracle year on the Kern River. High flows and warm weather had moved big fish from the lake into the river. At the time, no one really was fishing this area. I knew there had to be fish here, so to beat the crowds, I decided to check it out. The day started out slowly in the 'good' pools. As I moved upriver, I noticed a really nondescript deep run under some trees. The second drift through, I hooked up. The fish immediately jumped and my heart was in my throat. I had caught planters close to this size, but never a wild fish like this. With much care and a lot of luck, I landed this beautiful Rainbow.



*23 ½" of wild beauty*

I couldn't believe my good fortune. Who was I to have landed such a magnificent fish? I don't know the answer to that, but a few casts later, I landed this Eagle Lake 'Bow.



*20 ½" Eagle Laker. Named "Leopard Fish"*

I ended up landing a bunch of these nice fish. The numbers don't matter, but the experience will never be forgotten. I wasn't done yet though. The best was yet to come.

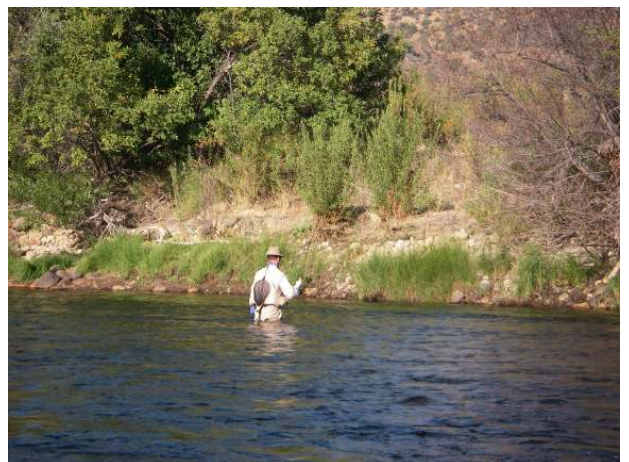
I had just returned from a vacation in Florida. I was going to hire a guide and catch a Tarpon. Alas, it was too hot and I realized I didn't have the skills to do the Tarpon thing anyway. When I got home, the revered Sage XP rods were being phased out and I bought one at a greatly reduced price. This day was the first with my new rod. After a while, the fish in my little run had stopped biting. I was happy and all was well in the world, my world at least.

I decided to cast my new rod with a dry fly, just to see how it worked. I tied on one of my new flies, a white overwing Stimulator. On the first drift through the pool I thought was fishless, a huge silver streak cleared the water by over a foot and engulfed my fly on the way down. This fish was a leaper. Jump after jump, I held on for dear life. Soon, I had this wonderful fish in my hand, my stim in the corner of its mouth. Bright silver, brighter than any metal I have ever seen, glowing pinkness in the depths of the gleam, I named this fish, Mr. Chromey.



*Mr. Chromey, 23" a memory I hope I never lose.*

I went back to this run often. I caught many large fish from this place. There were so many big fish here; I had to take help from time to time.



*Lew will always be glad to show a new fisher just how to land a big fish!!!*

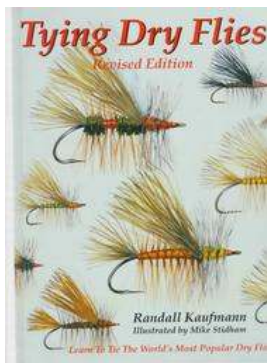
This was the beginning of a passion for me. Many times I have thought of how this day and the weeks after changed my life. The places I have been and the people I have met cannot be replaced for any fortune. They have changed me into the person I had always hoped I could be. Just because of a fish story.....

Blue Skies and Fish Flies,

*Allen*

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**Library Report:** by Ants Uiga (Ants)



## **Tying Dry Flies**

### **The Complete Dry Fly Instruction and Pattern Manual**

By Randall Kaufmann

Illustrations by Mike Stidham

Western Fisherman's Press, Portland, OR

Second edition 1992 ISBN 0-9617059-2-2

A big 'Thank You' is given to Rob and Ryan Buhler for getting this book into my hands. Well, not to mention that I also had the pleasure to learn more tying techniques in one of their classes. It is always a pleasure to be around them since the opportunity to learn new things happens on a regular basis.

The introduction to the book (by professional editors) does a much better job of introducing this book than I ever could.

"Of the many fly fishing methods, dry fly fishing is the easiest. One does not need to be an expert to hook fish on the dry fly, especially if a good hatch is in progress and the fish are not too discriminating. This is true, in part, because the surface currents are visible and relatively easy to read, and anglers see fish attack their flies. This is not to say dry fly fishing is always easy; quite the contrary. If one is to hook fish feeding at the water's surface, both imitation and presentation must be precise. Tying dry flies is much like fishing them. By their very nature of balancing and floating on the water's surface, dry flies must be exact.

*Tying Dry Flies* will show you, step by step, how to tie perfect dry flies with ease, speed, and efficiency. It has 450 concise instructional photos, 200 beautiful illustrations and is exceptionally well organized. The 200 dry fly patterns presented are both contemporary and time-proven favorites that catch fish. The 27 demonstration patterns represent most adult insect food sources including mayflies, historical and angling information. It is easy to understand and fun to read."

As a beginner fly tier, this book offered a lot of useful information for me.

The description of the dry fly evolution was useful to me. Books I have read about flies have been written as recent as 10 years ago or as late as 50 years ago. The evolution is not comprehensive but describes trend in the way flies are tied. The evolution in fly tying comes from changes in materials in addition to increased knowledge of insect behavior. Flies are shown as they evolve. I have a slight clue as to whether I want to tie a fly for historic / nostalgic purposes, or one of the current versions. The evolution is far from complete, but a framework for the changes is now available to me.

The description about tools and materials helps to give directions on what tool to use, how to use them, and how to identify materials. A table gives a description of which hairs are most useful - moose and elk and deer seem to have the most desirable traits with calf and caribou trailing. A comprehensive material list is included that will cover the option to tie every fly in the book. While that is neither economical nor desirable for beginners, it gives a checklist to increase your material inventory as your fly tying expands.

Descriptions are given for parts of a fly, how to tie them, and the proportions that make a fly look right and work in catching fish. Again, for learners, it was nice to see comparisons between well-made and poorly-made fly parts.

As the book progresses, the fly tying skills build on prior skills. The flies are shown in comparison to the insects they are imitating. Again, evolutions of fly pattern are presented. I found this aspect to be especially helpful since the prospect of being able to identify tens, or hundreds of flies seemed impossible. Progress is being made, while I am still a long way from having an excess of knowledge.

My appreciation for this book is shown when I reach for the book to provide instruction, help with a new technique or a read to just learn more.

Finally, the pattern directory gives the usual recipe, but also includes notes on how (or where) the fly was developed and occasional tips on how to present the fly.

*Ants*

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



### **ZEBRA MIDGE**

Midges are found in almost all fresh waters around the world and can be of great importance to the diet of trout and other freshwater game fish. The benefit of this to the tyer is that midges are some of the easiest patterns to replicate. With a hook, thread and wire you can head to most waters and catch fish on your own flies.

The Zebra Midge is reported to have come from the Colorado River and the vise of Ted Welling, a guide in the Lees' Ferry area. It is extremely common in the Sierra's and has several offspring including Tom Loe's Crystal Tiger's and Crystal Zebra's.

Tie some up and go stick a few!!

#### **Materials:**

Hook: 2x short emerger (small sizes 16-22) 3x long natural bend (larger sizes 12-16)

Bead: Black, Gold, or Silver

Thread: Black

Wire: Small Silver

Body: Black Thread

Attractor: Pearl Krystal Flash

#### **Tying Instructions:**



1. Remove barb, slide bead onto hook and insert into vise.



2. Attach thread behind bead.



3. Attach wire at this point with a couple of thread wraps.



4. Wrap thread to rear of hook while holding the wire rib up and away from hook to keep alignment along the top of the shank. Take care not to wrap over the previous thread wrap and try to keep tight.



7. Fold in a single piece of Krystal Flash behind the bead and build up a thorax with thread wraps to create a transition from the bead to the body.



5. Wrap thread back up to the bead in the same manner, making sure to cover any gaps left from the first wrap down the shank.



8. Crystal Tiger Midge w/ Diamond Midge Braid for the thorax.

*Rob*

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

### **Five (General) Useful Tips**

- After tying a fly, run a hackle through the eye of the hook to remove any errant glue.
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- Bring scissors with you when fishing so you can customize your flies on the water. An Adams can be made into a spinner or flush floating dry or emerger with a few snips.
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6. Wrap the wire rib forward to just behind the bead with 6-7 evenly spaced wraps.

- Practice your casting when you are not fishing. Like all sports the more you practice good fundamentals the better you will be.

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- Use a Duncan or non-slip mono loop for your streamers, nymphs and even dries.

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- If you have a choice of which side of the river to fish from, choose the side with the most shade and wear dark cloths to blend in.

*Ryan*

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

While wrapping up this month's newsletter I was once again struck by the scope of knowledge, talent, resourcefulness and dedication to our sport, the environment and fellow club members that has been consistently presented in this monthly mailing. I continue to marvel about how a relatively small group of diversified, yet dedicated fly fishermen and fisherwomen, who in reality only come together on a monthly basis at best, can have such a positive impact on our sport and the environment we practice that sport in.

I have often thought about what makes us such a special club, and what I have come up with is the fact that we are what I refer to as a, "Travel Club." While there are a good number of wonderful fly fishing clubs across the state, most are located in medium to larger towns and cities where members can simply put on their favorite fly fishing shirt and drive to the meeting spot to talk about all things fly fishing and then have a presenter come in and regale them with even more fly fishing lore. While there is nothing wrong with the above mentioned format, I believe it lacks the meat and potatoes of what we have, and it's simply not how we do things in the SSFFC.

In contrast to the above described "generic" fly fishing club, *"not that there's anything wrong with that"* as Seinfeld would say, here at the SSFFC the meetings are timed to allow the members to get a meal and an adult beverage after a day on the water, then show up in their "dirty" fishing shirts, engaging in conversation about the fish caught or missed, what flies were or were not working and the plans for the next morning's outing. I have heard of more than one presenter remarking about how amazing it is to make a presentation to a fly fishing club where the members showing up for the meeting have actually been fishing!

And since most members live a bit further than is comfortable for a one day, two-way trip, there's also the commitment of spending some extra cash in the local economy to enjoy a soft place to relax that fished out body.

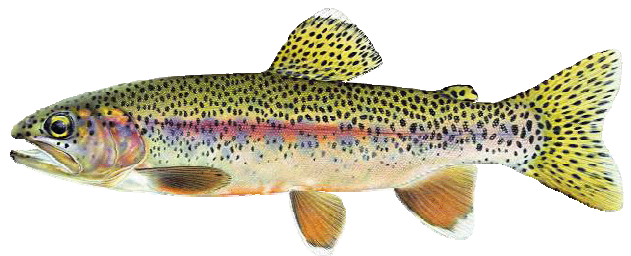
I haven't taken the time to review each and every club member's home address to see how far they must travel to be at an SSFFC meeting or event, but if the makeup of the board is any general indication, the average distance of asphalt our tires roll over to reach Kernville is 107 miles – one way! And that's taking into consideration that one of the board members lives in Kernville. Taking Guy out of the equation, the rest of us average almost 125 miles. Yes indeed, to be part of a Travel Club you must be dedicated to the sport, the river, and the other members of the group you choose to associate with and support.

The typical SSFFC club member, in my opinion, is an over achiever when it comes to the commitment and effort that will be undertaken to participate in this group. You simply *must* be more dedicated when you belong to a Travel Club!

As I was placing the article in the newsletter about Guy receiving his well-deserved FFF Lee Wulff Award, I was struck by the thought of this fly shop owner and guide, who conducts his business in a town with a population of about 1,400 people, receiving an award that in the past has been presented to the likes of: Orvis, Scientific Anglers, Cortland, Fenwick, Sage, and the Patagonia Company, to name just a few. For anyone who has not spent time with Guy, or at "the shop" where the talk ranges from what's fishing well and where, to the latest equipment to what the SSFFC is currently doing for the members or our beloved Kern River, the idea of this lofty award making its way to the wall of the Kern River Fly Shop may be a surprise. For those of us that have spent time with Guy and within the walls of his great little shop, we aren't surprised at all. After all, Guy and the shop are at the heart of this amazing club we call SSFFC.

YES, we truly are a very special club. Long live the SSFFC!

Tight Lines, *Gary*



# SOUTHERN SIERRA FLY FISHER CLUB

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2011-2012

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