

# SOUTHERN SIERRA FLY FISHER CLUB

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Remember these trips are for having fun, introducing the kids to the beauty of nature and building bonds that will last a lifetime. One of the best ways to introduce the family to fishing is camping. The family camping trips are memories that will be cherished forever. It's an adventure that the whole family can enjoy and some of the easiest fishing is in campgrounds. How many of us caught our first fish with eggs or worms in a creek running through a campground?

For the little kids it's time to get the Barbie and Spiderman spinning rods. Put on some bait and let them come stand by dad and cast away for as long as they want, which usually isn't very long. Once they get bored with that it's time to have fun doing something else. I like hiking, rock hopping or climbing, looking for birds, animals and flowers or just skipping rocks. It's great when weeks later you are driving around and your kid says remember that rock you skipped seven times that was awesome. Or that Golden Eagle we saw up on the Kern was cool. They don't seem to care if they catch fish or not but they care about having fun. One thing we like to do is stop somewhere for a special treat on our adventures. When we go to the eastern sierras Savannah looks forward to going to Schaat's Bakery for turkey club sandwiches. My older brother and his kids love stopping at the Mono Cone for a soft serve ice cream on their way home from our family camping trips.

Once the kids get a little older and it's time to start them flyfishing there is no better place start than the Southern Sierra Fly Fishing Kids Academy that Shane (*fishinXJ*) hosts every year. It introduces all aspects of flyfishing to them in a great camping environment. There is no need to outfit your kid with high end gear when you don't know if they will keep it up or not. These days a lot of companies make good quality starter rods that come with rod, reel line and case. Redington makes some for under two hundred dollars that fish very nicely. Once they are rigged up and ready to go try to find a place that is easy for beginners. If you don't know where to go, P.M. someone in the club for some places recommendations. Please feel free to P.M. me and I will try to help find some good water.

When you start going out on the water remember that you are the guide so bring just one rod. It's all about them fishing and you trying to show them what you know. Some of it will stick, some not. Remember to be patient and fun and they will want to come back again. It's all about you spending quality time together and having fun. There is a big learning curve in flyfishing it takes along time to be a good flyfisher. It takes even more time to teach someone to be a good flyfisher but when it's with people you love the more time together the better. So get the family and make some memories that will last a lifetime.

KEEP CASTING,

*Ryan*

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

My message this month is simple and short..... It's darn hot in our neck of the woods and that means the runoff is in full swing. As with many of you I find myself regularly checking the flows and anxiously waiting for the numbers to fall off substantially. And falling off they are. As a matter of fact it appears that the peak runoff occurred on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8,660 CFS. In the Forums "Pick the Peak Contest" our Fly Tying Contributor, Rob Buhler (*clouserfreak*) had the closest estimate of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For those of you that are fishing the current conditions... my hat is off to you. For those of us that figure we should wait just a bit longer..... we're not too far off.

This time of the year always brings anticipation for what's to come. Time to reflect on the first trips to the river after last year's runoff, time spent at the tying vise to get the boxes restocked and time to go over my equipment making sure everything is in tip top condition for the fights that are sure to come. All of these activities bring smiles and enjoyment.

Guy's report about the big fish moving up out of the river and Rob's amazing tutorial on the Stimulator only adds to the anticipation.

Yea it's hot..... but it's a great time of the year too!

Tight Lines, *Gary*



### Quotable Quotes

"Nothing grows faster than a fish from when it bites until it gets away."

~ Author Unknown ~



"Fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air. It brings meekness and inspiration, reduces our egoism, soothes our troubles and shames our wickedness. It is discipline in the equality of men--for all men are equal before fish."

~ Herbert Hoover



Select a Grizzly dry fly hackle for the thorax and tie in with the shiny side facing forward.



Dub the thorax and spiral wrap hackle through the thorax with 4-6 evenly spaced wraps. Now take a few turns of thread in front of the legs to complete head. Whip finish or add three half hitches.



Trim rear legs just beyond the tail of the hook and trim the front legs at about half of that.



Finished fly, top view.



Finished fly, side view.

*Rob*

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

### Introducing the Kids & Family to Flyfishing

Most of us would love to have a fishing buddy in the family. I'm lucky enough to have two, my bother Rob and my daughter Savannah. I fish differently when I'm just with Rob than I do when I'm with Savannah. With Rob I know we are there fish and have fun, we fish hard for as long as we can. When I'm with Savannah I know that we are there to have fun and fish and not just fish all day. When you're with the kids and family the key is to have fun and they will want to come back for more.

When you get out with the family one of the most important things you can do is turn OFF the cell phones, iPods and DVD players. Bring the phone for emergencies but leave it turned off. Nothing will happen that you cant deal with later and the personal interaction with the kids and family is priceless.





Palmer the hackle back starting with one full turn at the tie in area and continuing with 5-7 wraps. Tie off hackle with the wire rib at the rear of the hook with two securing wraps.



Wrap the rib forward through the body hackle and tie off at 60% mark.



Select 6-8 strands of Krystal Flash, tie in on top of hook shank and trim butts. Cut, clean and stack another bunch of elk hair for the overwing. Measure the tips to extend just past the tail so they will be even after flaring (I tie mine a bit longer than the original).



Tie in the overwing of elk hair, flaring it and trim flash material just beyond the elk hair. Trim the elk hair butts at an angle towards the eye.



Tie down the butts wrapping through them as shown to better secure wing material, then smooth with thread wraps.



Select a rubber leg and tie in at the front of the wing on the side of the hook. Wrap thread forward to just behind the eye capturing the leg as you go. Repeat process on the other side starting just behind the head and stopping at the wing.

## **Materials:**

Hook: Tiemco 200R, 2312, or 2x dry fly

Thread: Fluorescent Fire Orange

Tail: Elk Hair, Flared

Rib: Fine Gold Wire

Abdomen: Peacock and Red Ice Dub palmered with Brown Hackle

Underwing: UV Pearl Krystal Flash

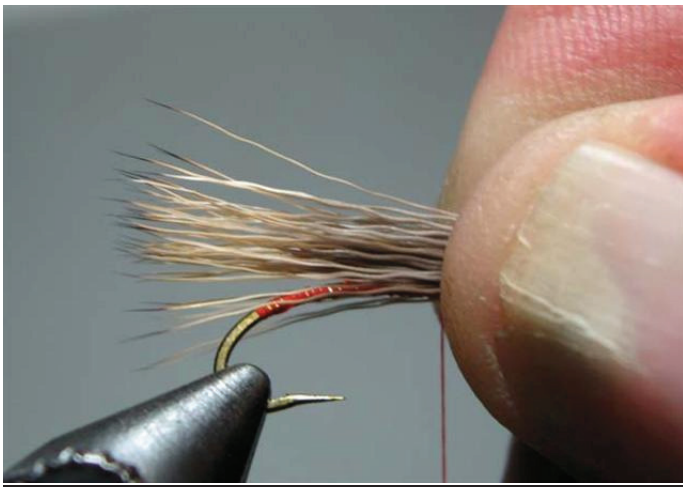
Overwing: Elk Hair, Flared

Legs: Med. Pumpkin Tarantulegs

Thorax: Fluorescent Orange Antron with Orange Ice Dub palmered with Grizzly Hackle

Don't forget to de-barb hook prior to inserting in the vise.

## **Tying Instructions:**



Attach the thread at the 60% mark on the hook shank and wrap towards the rear to above the barb point and back to the 60% mark. Select a small amount of elk hair, clean under fur, stack to even tips and measure the tail to about the same length as the hook gape.



Tie in wrapping the tail material back with medium tension spiral wraps to leave some air in the elk hair for added buoyancy. Make two tightening wraps above the hook point area to flare tail and tie in rib.



The traditional "Royal" body consists of 1/3 peacock herl, 1/3 red floss, and 1/3 peacock herl. Don't forget that it is ok to substitute. We are going to use Ice Dub for this fly. Dub abdomen and leave thread at 60% mark.



Randall likes to use a size or two smaller hackle for the abdomen. I like to have mine even with the hook point or slightly smaller. Attach the hackle with the shiny side facing forward.



Lunch and soft drinks will be provided.

Class Fee: \$100 Call (818) 785-7306 with any questions.

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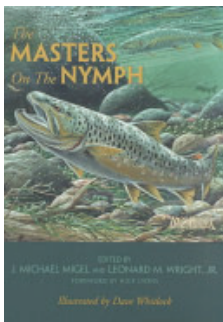
### **SSFFC Member Profile:** by Gary Silveira (CopperDropper)

After last month's wonderful family profile by the Buhlers I was hoping that it would inspire others to offer their own story. Unfortunately that didn't appear to be the case. However, being the eternal optimist that I am, just know that there are many of you out there that are waiting in the wings to step up and share. So.....



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### **Library Report:** by Ryan Spanel (Flynn Ryan)



## **The Masters On The Nymph**

Edited by: J. Michael Migel and Leonard M Wright, Jr.

Nymphs are the most versatile imitations in anyone's fly box. Here is a treasury of nymphing lore and tying advice from many renowned fishermen, including: Al McClane, Frank Sawyer, V. S. Hidy, Al Caucci, Bob Nastasi, Poul Jorgensen, Lefty Kreh, Carl Richards, Dave Whitlock and Ed Zern. The contributors address such topics as: The naturals' life cycles, the best imitations, reading water, special casts, nymphs for bass, bluegill, and other fish. No other book combines such a variety of techniques from so many accomplished fishermen. J. Michael Migel also edited The Masters on the Dry Fly and The Stream Conservation Handbook. Leonard M. Wright Jr. was the author of Fishing the Dry Fly as a Living Insect and Fly-Fishing Heresies.

Years of experience have led each writer to consider his aspect of nymph-fishing as the most critical. For one, it is a recognition of the differences in shape, life style, and behavior of the insects being imitated. For another, it is

presentation. Others say it's the ability to read water or manipulation of the artificial, or the depth at which the nymph is fished, or when it is fished. Never before has a book on this most complex of fly fishing methods combined such a variety of successful techniques from so many accomplished fishermen. THE MASTERS ON THE NYMPH provides the basics for beginners, and, for those with years of experience, a wealth of information and authoritative tips.

*Ryan*

*Remember to contact Ryan (Flynn Ryan) if you are interested in checking out this book or any of the other publications or video's in our libraries archives.*



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



## **STIMULATOR**

It's early July, the rivers and creeks are running high throughout the state and it's time for Attractor flies. Easily one of the greatest attractor flies ever invented and the one that is tied onto my leader most often is Randall Kaufmann's Stimulator. The Stimulator is heavily hackled and has an elk hair wing making it a great floater for high, rough water situations. Smaller sizes pass well for caddis, medium to large for stoneflies and can even cover for a hopper if necessary. It is a truly superb fly for prospecting when there is no surface activity, especially when using to trail a second dry fly or nymph dropper. The Royal Stimulator is also my favorite dry for teaching kids and new fly fishers to dry fly fish due to its extraordinary attractive features and ability to take fish on the swing. This month we will tie the Rubber Legged Royal Stimulator.



teenage years, so did his passion for fishing and he started to become a regular on the local open party boats, and eventually, the multi-day boats down to Mexican waters.

Zino landed his first trout on an Adams with a combination spin/fly rod while backpacking on the John Muir Trail during a summer vacation from college, and still remembers that first golden hybrid trout like it happened yesterday. It wasn't until 1992, on a vacation to Colorado with his wife, that he got revaccinated with the fly fishing bug. He hooked and lost a large Frying Pan River brown on a rented fly rod after getting some advice from the Frying Pan Anglers Fly Shop in Basalt. He still fishes with conventional tackle, but will always go with the long rod if the targeted fish will take a fly.

Ever since his friend, Peter Koga, showed him pictures of some stout Oahu bonefish (o'io) in 2004, he has fly fished for them every time he and his wife visit Hawaii. Peter steered him to Oahu guide, Oliver Owens on that first foray into Oahu bone fishing. Guiding with Oliver has been a great learning experience that has eventually led Zino to fish Oahu on his own. He still fishes with Oliver and welcomes his expertise and extraordinary fish stalking abilities. Other locations Zino has fished for bonefish are Andros Island, Belize, Yucatan Mexico, and just recently Christmas Island.

### **Fly Fishing for Oahu Bonefish**

Zino will cover the most important aspects of fly fishing for large Oahu bonefish that are very wary due to the urban environment of Honolulu. Unlike other bonefish destinations, Oahu bones are a prized food source for the local community. Conventional, fly and net angling have pressured the fish to become highly sensitive to their surroundings while up on the inshore flats.

The average Oahu bonefish runs from 4 to 7 pounds. Zino usually doesn't fish more than 4 hours each day and will usually have shots at fish in the 8 to 10 plus range on each trip (4 days of fishing). You don't have 20 fish days on Oahu like other locations, but you have the chance at a bonefish of a lifetime and the satisfaction of landing some of the most difficult bonefish on the planet.

Blind casting (the most productive method), and sight fishing will be covered with an emphasis on sight fishing. How to determine the best tidal movement for blind and sight casting and how to determine optimum locations for each method will be discussed. Particular tackle and flies geared to Oahu will be covered. Fundamentals of spotting bones will be covered. No program description can substitute for on the water sight fishing experience, but he will try to convey what was taught to him by Oliver Owens. You're not really in the sight fishing game if you can't spot fish with or without a guide.



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## **RENDEZVOUS**

**Date: September 17, 2011**

**Place: Mountain and River Adventure**

**15775 Sierra Way**

**Kernville, Ca 93238**

**(800) 861-6553**

This is the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club major fund raiser and membership drive for the year and not to be missed. The morning starts with a partner C&R fly fishing tournament and river clean up. There will be El Jacalitos breakfast burritos and coffee for purchase at \$5. Upon your early afternoon return, try your skills at our casting contest. Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes galore and silent auctions for fantastic fly fishing items. Join in with our BBQ dinner and listen to great entertainment. The new 2011/12 SSFFC Board of Directors and Officers will be presented. This will be another fun filled day and always a blast.

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE:** \$25 (dinner is included) plus new Sept. 2011 to Aug. 2012 membership is also required. One year membership fee is \$25 for an individual membership; \$35 for family membership. Rendezvous and Membership applications will be emailed directly to current Club members (2010/11). Non-members may request applications via PM or email to Treasurer/Membership Chair Steve Dobbins (*TechGuy*) at skdsrpd@charter.net or Chiaki Harami (*haramic*) at haramic@aol.com. The maximum number of participants is 79 and we expect to fill all 79 spots, so please return application as soon as possible.

Check in: 7:30 to 8:30 AM

Announcements: 8:30 AM

Start fishing at 8:40 AM until 2:00 PM Sharp



## Spiral Wraps

Ok, since nobody has stepped up with any special things they do to rods.....yet, I thought I would cover how I do "Spiral Wraps". As with anything in fly fishing, there are several ways to skin the proverbial cat. This is just how I do it.

I will lay down my main wrap first. You can either tie in your trim wrap thread before you finish the main wrap or tie it in separately. *Personal opinion here:* I prefer to tie in my trim thread separately. Something about seeing the tag end under the main wraps bugs me, especially if color preserver is not used. I prefer to leave the thread on the spool. You need tension to get a good tight wrap. Loose wraps tend to move around too much. Again, this is just my warped personal opinion.

So, you have your trim thread all tied in and ready to go. *Big secret to Spiral Wraps: "JUST DO IT!!!!"* Fancy formulas or exact measurements are not necessary. Don't make them harder than they are. Eyeball them. When you are wrapping allow the blank to move forward (or backwards) as you turn the blank. Yea.. yea.. I know, this goes against everything you ever learned in rod building. You know, keep those wraps nice and packed.

*Now, here is a little tip that may help you keep what's left of your sanity:* The wraps will probably not be completely uniform or they might have some waves in them. Don't worry, you may not have to redo it them. Using the edge of a bodkin or your burnishing tool, rest it against the side of the thread and turn the blank. Slight pressure on the thread will straighten it without the necessity of re-wrapping the whole thing. If you try to straighten one little section, you will get waves. Just trust me on this.

To get good symmetrical wraps, try to get the spiral started on the same spot on the blank. In other words, if the wrap on one side of the guide, or signature wrap, starts at 12 o'clock start the other one at 12 o'clock. Then have the wraps both finish at the same point.

Spiral Wraps can be in spiral where they are going the same direction or in opposite directions. I have not found where it really matters. Most Bamboo rods spiral in opposite directions, while Fiberglass seems to flow in the same direction. Again it isn't set in stone. That's why they call it "Custom Rod Building."

### Tip of the month:

#17: To verify your guides are properly aligned sight down them. Then rotate the blank 180° and sight down the blank with the guides pointing down. If they are misaligned, you will see more of the guide peeking around the blank.

### 2011 Rod Swappers:

Get those components ordered. Don't put it off too long. Colleen and Julie need the time to ensure they have the

components in stock. Don't wait too long and then blame them when you can't get your goodies in time.

*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/>



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### **Club Meeting:** by Bill Darbee (Bill)

The July general meeting of the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers will be Saturday, July 9<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.

This meetings presenter will be our very own Cris Miller (*Dances with Bears*). This past SSFFC Fly Fishermen of the Year will be speaking about fishing the West Fork of the San Gabriel.

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The presenter for the August general meeting will be Zino Nakasuji, Chiaki's cousin, who will be sharing his adventures of **Fly Fishing for Oahu Bonefish**.



Zino Nakasuji started angling in the early '60's with his family on the local piers and jetties for an assortment of salt water fish, from white croaker to bonito. As he grew into his



The SSFFC is truly one of the best fly fishing clubs around!

THANKS AGAIN EVERYONE!

*Shane R. Goslin*



**Outings Report:** by *Cris Miller (Dances with Bears)*

There are no currently planned Outings, but don't forget that the Rendezvous is fast approaching and will be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>! Applications for the Rendezvous and Membership will go out in August.

*Cris*



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





**The 4 mile wild trout section** Open year round. Fishing is a little tough up here. **Catch and Release barbless hooks only!!**

**Lake Isabella** This is the place to be fly fishing right now. Fish are stacking up in the in the mouths of both rivers and the few creeks coming in. Big fish too!!! Bass are moving into the shallows in 4ft-6ft of water. Carp are making their way into the flats. Fishing should be good this week if there is no wind.

**Lower Kern** The lower river is fishing well according to some fly anglers coming into the shop. The lower river is 4000+cfs (above average cubic feet per second for fishing) and the fishing is ok. Be very careful wading/fishing the lower. The small mouth fishing is poor above Erskine creek.

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

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

Remember to release those wild fish or just try catch and release. Releasing a fish lets somebody else have a chance to enjoy that fish too! Please review the tips below if you want to release fish properly.

Remember,

- Wet your hands first
- Handle the fish gently
- Protect the slime coat using a net with a soft seamless or new rubberized bag for netting a fish.
- Don't squeeze a fish or grab by the gills or gill covering.
- Grasp just in front of the tail and under the belly just behind the gill coverings.
- NEVER insert your fingers into the gill coverings unless you plan on killing the fish. Removing the hook as gently as possible will improve the fish's chances of surviving being caught.

*Guy*



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

### **Kid's Academy Thank You!**

Wow, it's already been a month since the fourth annual SSFFC Kid's Academy. We ended up with 17 new students and 22 kids total when counting returning grads. With the adults we had around 45 people, a mini Rendezvous! A wonderful time was had by all. The weather held off, barely, and the creek fished well. Every year the Academy sports a different personality. This year's was different due to opening up the age limit to younger kids and they had no problems learning the sport. We also had one Boy Scout who finished his Fly Fishing Merit Badge.

The event gets better each year and it all becomes possible due to the dedication of SSFF Club Members. We had thirteen volunteers with most teachers not having their own kids enrolled. Club members drove from Nevada, Santa Barbara, LA area, San Diego, Bakersfield, Ridgecrest, and the Central Coast. Now that's dedication! We even had a camp chef, Mark Sweat with Ron Hayashi and Mary Beth assisting. Mark organized the potluck contest which Joe Martin won with his Sierra Gumbo. Garrett Goslin came in second with his smoked ribs. He brought his own smoker and gave it a good shot! Also, who can forget the elk chili made by Ron Hayashi for lunch?

The donations this year were amazing starting with people who thru the year mailed in donations specifically for the Kid's academy. Then the epic fly swap organized by Drew and kick started by Jim Wilkins, who donated a fly box with two hundred flies! The club took the challenge and people donated over 510 flies. Scott Kopp talked to Irdeus who sold him sixteen fly boxes, at cost, so every student received a nice box with thirty donated flies. PocketGuides.net sold us Gary LaFontaine's fly-fishing pocket books, at cost. The DFG donated the very nice Wild Trout of California books. Troutnut.com allowed us use of their PowerPoint slide show for teaching entomology. The Kern River Fly Shop sold us seventeen Redington rods at cost. Cortland donated Jack Dennis beginning fly fishing DVDs. Last but not least, Brian Tennant donated custom made fly vests which his business designed.







# Ring of the Rise

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Gary Silveira, Newsletter Editor

## President's Message: by Bill Darbee (Bill)

Hi folks, here we go again, a new month and summer is upon us. I hope all of you enjoyed the Fourth of July weekend. I've always stayed close to home on long holiday weekends. It just gets crazy on the highways and too crowded at our usual get away places. The temperature also kept me close to the pool and air conditioned house. Bakersfield and Kernville both had triple digit temps. As they say though, it's a dry heat. Try telling that to my wife!

I want to throw a big thank you and an "atta boy" to Gary, our editor, for the fantastic job he has been doing with the newsletter. It just gets better with each issue. I'm looking forward to the "Fly of the Month" by Rob Buhler, (*clouserfreak*) and the "Tips and Techniques" by his brother, Ryan (*ryan*). It is nice to see the "Member Profile" section again and hope members will send a little info on how they got started fly fishing to Gary.

The Buhlers' profile last month was an enjoyable read with some very nice photos. Rob and Ryan are fish catching machines and a lot of fun to be around and fish with, although they will soon be out fished by Ryan's daughter Savannah. There was a post on the Forum by Rob on their father's day outing to the Bishop area and, it too, was a terrific read. Great family times in God's country. Their parents recently retired to Bishop so they are frequent house guests and are getting the East side waters dialed in. Hmmm, I wonder if they helped mom and dad pick out a retirement location.

The fourth annual Kid's Academy was a great success from everything I have heard. The volunteers went above and beyond to make it a wonderful weekend for our new fly fishing youngsters. Shane told me the majority of the volunteers didn't have kids participating but just wanted to lend a hand. There were too many to mention, but Bill (*Cyberfish*) drove all the way from Carson City to help instruct tying. It's folks like them that make this the club that it is. Thanks everyone.

From reading the Forum and looking at Facebook, I see several of our members are either on, or planning fishing trips. Bill Brady (*beachbum*) went to Wyoming to visit and fish with his daughter and posted some big fish pictures he caught in several different lakes and on the Frying Pan River. I already mentioned the Buhlers' trip to Bishop. Chris Miller (*Dances with Bears*), our Outings Chair, spearheaded a trip into the Golden Trout Wilderness with several members. The fishing was difficult but the company and

food more than made up for it. Chris packed in some huge steaks, (check out the photos on the Forum) and prepared them for everyone, how great is that? Dave (*Westlake Dave*) and his son Brandt (*Sasquatch*) posted some creek trips they went on with pictures and a narrative. Cris Chamberlain (*CrisC*) and Bill Yearsley (*xbill\_y*) are planning a trip to the McCloud River in the near future and I'm sure they will have some fish photos for us to enjoy too. Pat Gallagher (*nav63*) said his son Rory landed a summer job in Yosemite and will be checking out all the waters there. Rory is a fishing machine too and no doubt will have a summer to remember.

The Rendezvous is fast approaching and is the highlight of the year for the club. We had our largest turn out last year but I think this year will surpass it. We should have several youngsters participating in the youth division this year and some may out fish the adults. It's also the time we install Board Members and we are in the process of forming a nominating committee to submit names for the elected positions. It will be a fun weekend.

Take care everyone and go fish!!

*Bill*



## River Report: by Guy Jeans (Flyguy)

This is a fly fishing report for the week of 6-30-11.

**The 20 mile roadside section of the upper Kern** The 20 mile section of the upper river looks like it is starting to come down. The river is clearing and getting very fishable even in the 4000 cfs flows. Fish the edges and you will be successful. Use mayfly nymphs around a size 18 and also use flashy attractor patterns to get those rainbows attention. Big 18 inch rainbows are being caught in the eddies, seams and slower water. Successful techniques include stripping nymphs and streamers as well as dead drifting the nymphs near or on the bottom. The last few days on my guide trips, I've seen some fish rising but nothing to make me switch to dries yet. Rainbows are moving into the river and these fish are big. Stripping streamer patterns with a floating line near both mouths is producing.