



THE NEXT MEETING

January 2008

January 17th 2008

Fresh year, fresh start, fresh skills

The theme for the meetings between now and opening day will get you tuned up and ready to fish.

January will offer mini sessions in a round robin with something for everyone. Stations will be set up covering these important topics

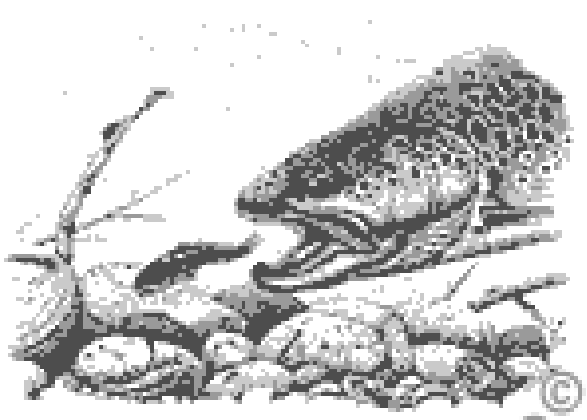
Entomology—essential bug types & identification

Rod Wrapping—replacing guides and tip eyes, basic windings.

Fly lines—What you need, what you don't need, and how to tell the difference

Fly Tying—Introduction for the non tier, Materials, Hooks, books & tools to get you started.

The meeting starts at 7:00 in Bldg C at the County Complex, 2858 Fairlane Ct. After a short general session, each station will have a session that will last about 15 minutes with a short break in between. There should be enough time to attend all 5 stations.



JACK DENNIS



Renowned Fly Fisherman **JACK DENNIS** will be at Off the Hook on Tuesday, January 15th, from 2:00-5:00 P.M.

Since he opened his first fly shop in Jackson Wyoming at age 19, Jack Dennis has been at the forefront of western fly fishing. His Western Trout Fly Tying manual, vols I & II have sold more than 300,000 copies. He has produced more than 22 videos and is a regular at the ISE Sportsman Expos. His latest book is "Tying with Jack Dennis & Friends". He currently is a co-host of FLY FISH on the Outdoor Life Network Channel.

This is a rare opportunity to hear spend time with one of the greats.

In the future.....

Following the theme of skill sharpening, future meetings will include these topics

Casting for the camera—Get video taped and watch your casting improve

Stream Reading— A whole session devoted to locating fish, where they hold, and how to understand moving water.

Matching the Hatch—Back to the basics, riseforms, emergers, no rises and all that stuff

Gear Stuff—Let's talk about what works and what doesn't, leaders & waders, boots and sandals, vests and..... Well the list goes on and on and you'll hear all about it.

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) about that website:

Q—Do you have one?

A- Yes, located at <http://www.hangtownflyfishers.org/>

Q- How do I look at the members site?

A— On the left side of the home page, click on the member forum and when that page comes up, click on the register button at the top. To prevent spy bots from spamming the site, we use the embedded code on the home page to foil infiltrations, enter that code in the space provided. Probably a good idea to write down your user ID and password.

Q- OK, so now I'm a member, what now?

A- There's not much being posted at the moment, but that will change. Questions are good, you can post an introduction and tell us about yourself. You can ask questions and offer opinions. This is a moderated discussion group, which means that someone is kind of keeping an eye on postings, but it's still your responsibility to post along the guidelines in the registration agreement.

Q- What else is on the website

A- See for yourself. Browse, read, and be sure to add your two cents. Looking for places to fish, news about the club, links and other flyfishingkindsofstuff? Know a cool website we should have? Let us know and Tony the Tech guy webmaster will get it on the site.

Q- So does this sign me up for the newsletter?

A- No, but we are working on it. The newsletter is mailed to everyone in the club. Become a member of the club and you get the newsletter. All you have to do to become a member is hit the "Contact Us" button on the home page and the click on membership at the bottom. Just let us know you want to join and we'll do the rest. (ED—I understand that this is being sent to members already on the mailing list, but if we post the newsletter to the web site, it will work)

Q- Don't I have to pay?

A- No, at least not yet. Dues will be due at the end of March. Last year the dues for a family were \$30 and individuals were \$20. Most likely the same this year.

IT'S SHOWTIME

Sportsmans Expo—January 17th-20th. CAL EXPO. Besides fishings, there's a ton of other outdoor stuff to oggle, fondle and take home. Follow the link:

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

The Fly Fishing Show—February 22nd-24th. Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. This is all fly fishing, with some of the top experts in the sport. Follow this link

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

At the January Meeting, there will be an opportunity to work out details on ridesharing and carpooling. This is a great chance to spend the day with club members and soak up enough fly fishing to get you through till opening day.