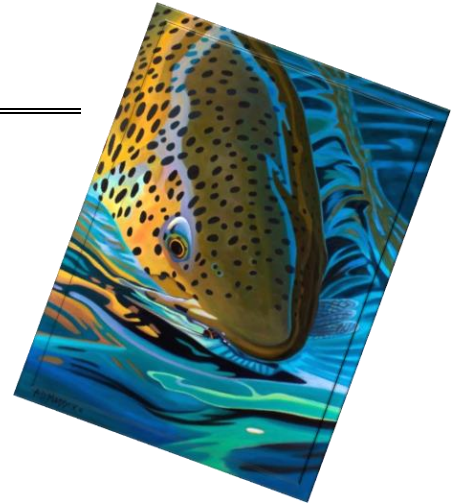


# CONEJO VALLEY FLY FISHERS

## JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



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### MEETING PROGRAM FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

#### **NEW LOCATION:**

**Church of Christ**  
2525 E Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
For more information, please call 805-498-2944.

### WINTER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EASTERN SIERRA

Pat Jaeger Eastern Sierra Guide service



This show primarily answers the questions about why a drift boat is the perfect off road vessel for exploring the trout infested water of the Lower Owens River.

I will literally describe the in's and outs of the river we fish and impart on the simple tactics we use to trick trout. I shed light on the facts of weather, water flows and hatches that we might expect that creates this fishery to be world class.

I will describe other year-round waters that the Eastern Sierra has to offer and help you plan your next fishing adventure this winter or spring.

This show is not a big fish holding commercial but an educational, factual, maybe humorous, visual tour of the waters that we know and love. This power-point will remind and confirm that winters in the Eastern Sierras we don't sit around a wood burning stove tying flies dreaming about the warm days of summer.

#### **PRESENTATION INCLUDES: INDICATOR WORKSHOP**

I will be offering a Drift Indicator workshop; I will simplify the on's and off's of the most popular indicators. And discuss some of the newer concepts that we've been working with in the last few years. This Q and A will help the newer anglers and excite the advanced. This will define the reasons why guides are like a good mechanic, we have more than one wrenches in our toolbox.

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### More about Pat Jaeger:

- Licensed fly fishing guide specializing in the waters of the
- Mammoth Lakes & Northern California. License # CA2002
- <http://jaeger-flyfishing.com/>
- (760) 872-7770

I moved to Mammoth Lakes in 1978, we fished and explored the Eastern Sierra extensively. In 1995 my passion turned into my profession, my internship was served under the wings of my partners from The Troutfly in Mammoth Lakes and The Clearwater House on Hat Creek.

My objectives as a guide, are to find out your visions, expectations and goals, also to find water that will give you the best opportunity to hook fish.

I try to simplify the essence of fly-fishing to the newest of fishermen and to challenge the most advanced of anglers and promise to provide trust, safety, good food and great memories to all my guests.

# 2017 yearly dues are due!

Please print out the form on the last page, fill it out (update any contact info).

**Make checks payable to:** Conejo Valley Fly Fishers

**Send payment/correspondence to:**

Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320-3115

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## Special thanks to Mike & Patti Weigand ...

for hosting the club's holiday party at their beautiful homestead this past month on a beautiful, crispy cold December evening. We enjoyed the sunset and noshed on amazing dishes provided by the party goers and the Weigands. Everyone was dressed for the season in their festive attire and cozy, holiday sweaters and coats. It was a great time to connect over dinner and wine. Photos on page 3

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## January 28, 2017 Fly Buy

Benefit the Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB 4901 East 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804

### Great Buys on New and Used Tackle

*Bring usable and sellable items originally priced over \$40.00, donate to the Garage Sale and get free admission.*

**\$10.00 for IFFF members, lunch included in admission price, \$15.00 others.**  
**Membership available at door**

#### **FLY TYING 9-4**

Learn and watch award winning fly tiers. Bill Blackstone, John Rose, Glenn Hiroyasu, John Van Derhoof, Mark Kirchner, Maria Rivas, Steven Fernandez, Dave Boyer, Mel Light, Dean Endress, Lee Baerman, Carl Ronk, Naomi Okamoto, Steve Posner, Vaughn Podmore, Mike Forest, Kevin Green and others. They will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques! Come and see 4 renowned Buzsek Award winners and at least 22 tiers!

#### **GARAGE SALE 9-4**

Please donate items for the fly fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters or as needed by the SWC member clubs. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10.00. A great opportunity to dispose of extras and unwanted items of all matters fly fishing. Please give items to your SWC/IFFF representative or contact us directly. This is the perfect way to do spring cleaning and to help the SWC/IFFF!

#### **CASTING 9-4**

20/20 Casting lessons: Federation Certified and Master Casting Instructors will be available for personal casting lessons at \$20 for 20 minutes. Tune up your techniques for the upcoming fishing season. Participants will be analyzed by instructors and receives tips to improve their single-hand or Spey casting. See how you do in the Danish Casting Games! Come join in on the fun of casting!

#### **RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTIONS 9-4**

Take a chance at winning some fantastic raffle items. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event. For your bidding pleasure both select and special silent auction items will be on the tables all day. Come and place your bids!

**Call 818. 757. 3474 or email: [secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org)**

## CVFF MEMBER'S PHOTOS

1. Gary Scott, Jim & Marjorie Kottra

2. Peter Sumner & Chuck Hiatt

3. Charley Beals & Gary Scott

4. Our wonderful hostess Patti Weigand

5. Bob Kieling & Judy Bollinger

6. Rich Bollinger & Matt Rubin

7. Kit & Betty Korf

8. Steve Anderson & Vanessa Renna

9. Betty Korf & "El Pres" Scott Olson

10. Michael Bereny & Leesa McBurnie

10. Fabulous host Mike Weigand, Betty Korf, and Bob Kieling chatting it up.

11. Serving up a smile with his wine Kerry Murphree.

12. Michael Bereny, he's no grinch!



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# California Waterfowl Association Owens River Annual Cleanup Bishop, California

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves and be prepared to help clean up as much of the Owens River as we can.

Wear waders if you own them.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked good provided for all volunteers at 8AM

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM @ Pleasant Valley Campground.

## 2017 Sponsors include:

- California Waterfowl Association - Bishop
- Caltrout - Sierra Headwaters Region
- Eastern Sierra Fishing Guides Association
- Preferred Septic and Disposal - Bishop
- Inyo Recycling and Waste Management - Bishop
- Silver Lake Resort - June Lake
- Trout Unlimited - Eastern Sierra Field Office
- International Federation of Fly Fishers - Southwest Council

Talk it up. Bring family and friends. This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information on sponsoring or general information call: Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271

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## “Morning Moose” – by Mike Weigand / Island Park, Idaho

As Christopher and Amber were packing up to leave I looked out the window and commented to Patti, "There are moose in the yard". Of course, she did not believe me. Then she looked out and saw them ... a big mommy and yearling hunkered down in the snow with the temp of minus 4!



My next thought was: "Where are the dogs?".....moose do not like dogs. Fortunately, they were in the house.  
So, the moose rest as Chris and Amber continue to pack.

What a great "Happy New Year" greeting, and a fun way to end the week!



## DECEMBER'S MEETING FLY TYING DEMONSTRATION “Gary Scott”



# The Conejo Valley Fly Fishers

*Meet on the Wednesday after the first Thursday of every month*

## NEW LOCATION:

Church of Christ, 2525 E Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
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- ✦ 5:00 – 6:30 Dinner at “**Bandits**” 589 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
- ✦ 6:30 – 7:00 Fly Tying / “Fly of the Month” – Gary Scott
- ✦ 7:00 – 7:30 Club business
- ✦ 7:30 - 9:30 Program

## 2017 MEETING DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 22 - Cameron Cipponeri (4<sup>TH</sup> Weds.)  
March 8 – Fundraiser

April 12 – Slideshow/Presentation  
May - TBD



## GROUP OUTING CAMP & FISH ANNOUNCEMENT – CHARLEY BEALS

**CONSIDERING:** Monache Meadows. Also, the San Joaquin River at first-come, first-served campgrounds scattered throughout the Reds Meadow Valley, including Upper Soda Springs, Pumice Flat, Minaret Falls, Devils Postpile, and Reds Meadow. // **Reds Meadow Lodge** offers the only lodging in the Devils Postpile/ Reds Meadow area. They have housekeeping cabins and motel rooms. More to come!



## CLUB MANAGEMENT DAY

Club members Kit Korf, Rich & Judy Bollinger, Matt and Cece Rubin will be attending this year's “Club Management Day/Workshops”. They will be learning and developing skills to keep the cogs in the club a well-oiled machine. To quote Rich, “To see what other clubs are doing from all over SoCal is interesting”. It's free and open to all CVFF members. Contact Kit Korf if you would like to attend the clinics/meetings.

## CALIFORNIA TROUT



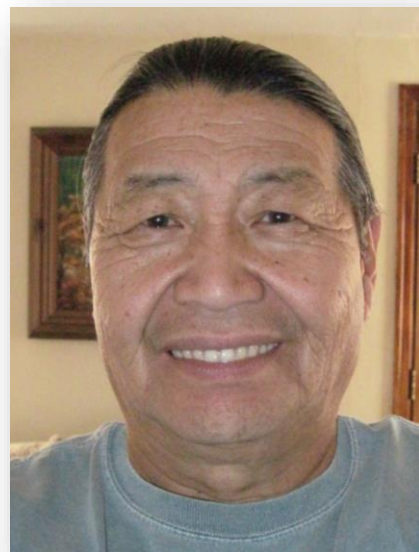
## What the new water bill means for California

Last week we voiced our concern about a last minute addition of Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Kevin McCarthy's nearly 90-page “rider” into the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA). While the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act took positive steps towards improving water infrastructure projects across the United States, a 90-page “rider” submitted last minute introduced a separate controversial California water bill to the fast moving and popularly supported WIIN Act. The rider went on to pass in the Senate, despite a filibuster attempt by Sen. Barbara Boxer, and was signed into law last week by President Obama.

# Member Spotlight:

## CVFF's founding member

### Rod Tochiara / Part 1



After completing Dan Millis' interview for the November issue, I remember Dan mentioning Rod Tochiara as being the founding member for Conejo Valley Fly Fishers Club. I search the world-wideweb hoping to connect and interview him for one of our newsletters.

Tracking Rod down through Facebook's messaging/text feature and we started sparse communications back and forth. I asked him if I could interview him for the newsletter and he was more than happy to oblige. In fact, Rod reached out to me by phone and emails before I did. Right off the bat I knew that he was a mover and shaker and was a "get it done" kind of guy. I knew he would be a great candidate for the interview section. This interview will be in two parts covered in January and February's Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's Newsletters for 2017. Enjoy!

#### **ROD'S EMAIL TO ME/CVFF:**

*"It was nice to receive an inquiry from my old stomping grounds the CVFF. I was the founding member I believe in 1985-86. We had our first meeting at Newbury Park High School and eventually settled to meet regularly at the Oaks Mall. I currently reside in Big Timber Montana which is located half way between Billings and Bozeman. I am literally 15 minutes from the Yellowstone River and can be on the Madison River in 2 hours."*

#### **PRE-INTERVIEW CHAT...**

There should always be a "warm-up" before an interview to gain the trust or find connections with the person you're about to interview and found out that Rod and I had a lot in common. He is also a musician and plays guitar. He grew up playing in bands covering many eclectic styles, pop, jazz & rock just as I did. Also, found commonalities with our Japanese parents being effected by the war. And lastly growing up in Southern California. – Cece Worrall Rubin

#### **ROD'S BACKGROUND**

Born and raised in Colorado for 16 years. Born in Brighton, Colorado north of Denver. His family were farmers until the economic shift and markets changing to be "big box" stores. In 1964 his parents move to Thousand Oaks and he graduated in 1966 from TOHS. Lived there until 1998. Raised his family there. In 1998 he moved to Oregon for a job offer from a landscaping company. Lived there around 10 years and then an opportunity came up to move to Montana, a place he always wanted to live. Now he is semi-retired working mostly in the summer due to weather. In the winter, he works at a local grade school in maintenance. Seasonal occupations.

#### **THE INTERVIEW**

**CVFF:** How cold is it in Montana?

**Rod:** Now it's -10 degree with 3 feet of snow (laughs). Unseasonably cold spell, very unusual.

**CVFF:** Everyone needs it, right?

**Rod:** Makes for good fishing later!

**CVFF:** At what age, did you first pick up a fishing rod (bait?) and learn to fish?

**Rod:** Bait rod – 10 years old went with my father, he introduced it to me. Favorite Uncle George being an avid fisherman taught me a lot. He took me fishing in Colorado more often than my father. Once I moved to California I didn't fish much. We weren't familiar with areas to fish. Mostly saltwater fishing off the docks/wharfs for perch and stuff like that. I didn't do much trout fishing. There was one trout stream we visited and fished as a teen. The Sespe Creek (Ojai).

**ROD TOCHIHARA INTERVIEW (continued)**

**CVFF:** Sespe creek has trout?

**Rod:** Well I don't know about now, but that's where I learned to fly-fish. I think Dan Millis and I went up there one time too, you can ask him. I used to teach fly fishing in Thousand Oaks out of a backpacking store in the 80's called "Little Stones Wilderness Shop" and at club member Wayne Caywood's "Malibu Fish and Tackle". I'm thankful to Wayne who was instrumental in encouraging and allowing me to conduct classes through his store. Later on, I started teaching classes in some of the local junior/community colleges. When I had classes, we would go to Sespe Creek to teach. My cousin and I would go and catch up to twenty fish a day.

**CVFF:** Going back to the original question of when you started fly fishing...

**Rod:** Didn't really fly fish until 1979. My brother married and settled in Butte, Montana. I visited my brother for the first time and he took us camping and bait fishing...bait fishing obviously. I was watching this guy "fly casting" and that looked really neat. I decided I was going to give it a whirl. I came home and signed up for a fly fishing course at "Fisherman's Spot" in Van Nuys. There was an instructor/guide that gave private lessons, Jan Sadlow, who later moved to Idaho. I signed up for some private lessons from him and that's how it all got started. I became very passionate about it so I signed up for fly tying too (laughs) I jumped in feet first you know. I tried everything I could do. I switched from bait to fly because bait fishing was so boring. I wasn't trying to prove anything.

**CVFF:** What gave you the confidence to start teaching fly fishing lessons classes? I fly fish now, but I would be extremely hesitant say that I'm going to teach a class anytime soon.

**Rod:** I teach guitar lessons too, but I've always been a proponent of teaching under the right conditions can make you a better performer or fly fisher. You have to push yourself really to learn more and improve, right(?).... that's my theory anyway. And I just like to share the knowledge. I wanted to share my enthusiasm with other people. That was part of my reason for starting the club. I thought, well, I'd like to get to know some people in town that maybe have the same interests and maybe form a club... do some outings. So, I put an ad in the paper and low and behold we got 12 people to show up for the first meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was at Newbury Park HS. Twelve people showed up. I didn't think anyone would. The club evolved from that meeting. Then it became a lot more work...(laughs).

**CVFF:** In regards to starting a fly-fishing club, what were the "bumps in the road"?

**Rod:** One of them was trying to decide where & when to meet. One of the members was a science teacher at NPHS. He was able to get us a classroom to meet in. After that it was a little unorganized. We needed to find a regular place to meet, get liability insurance, business license and it got complicated. Later met at the General Telephone which is no longer there. Later in the Oaks Mall in a community room. They would charge \$50 a night for 75 persons. We were there for several years. Some of the difficult challenges was picking a date where everyone can meet. So, we came up with a steady date near the beginning of the month.

**CVFF:** We now meet the Wednesday after the first Thursday. Did you come up with that?

**Rod:** I don't think so. I think it was early in the month.

**CVFF:** How many persons were in the club before you moved?

**Rod:** When I finally left, I think there were about 30-40 members – maybe more. The club grew to a nice size. When I left the club (CVFF) was very gracious and gave me a plaque and I believe a lifetime membership.

**CVFF:** What do you think keeps a club going and/or growing?

**Rod:** Enthusiasm for the club and the memory of why we got together for the first time. The club has to include the very inclusive. Do you have any children/kid in the club?

**CVFF:** We've had kids show up now and then. And we have women in the club.

**Rod:** It's great to hear that there are women in the club. We couldn't get women to join. With children, it's difficult to get children involved with all the distractions. But sometimes we need to look into how to go about getting those kids involved.

**CVFF:** If you had a mission statement for the club or a statement/short phrase that was your goal for the club, what would that be?

**Rod:** "We all agree to promote the sport and encourage anyone who wishes to join. And, we agree to help support conservation in our local waters and well as in the Sierras."

 (Interview to be continued in the next issue – February 2017) 

# ARTICLES OF INTEREST & ENDORSEMENTS:



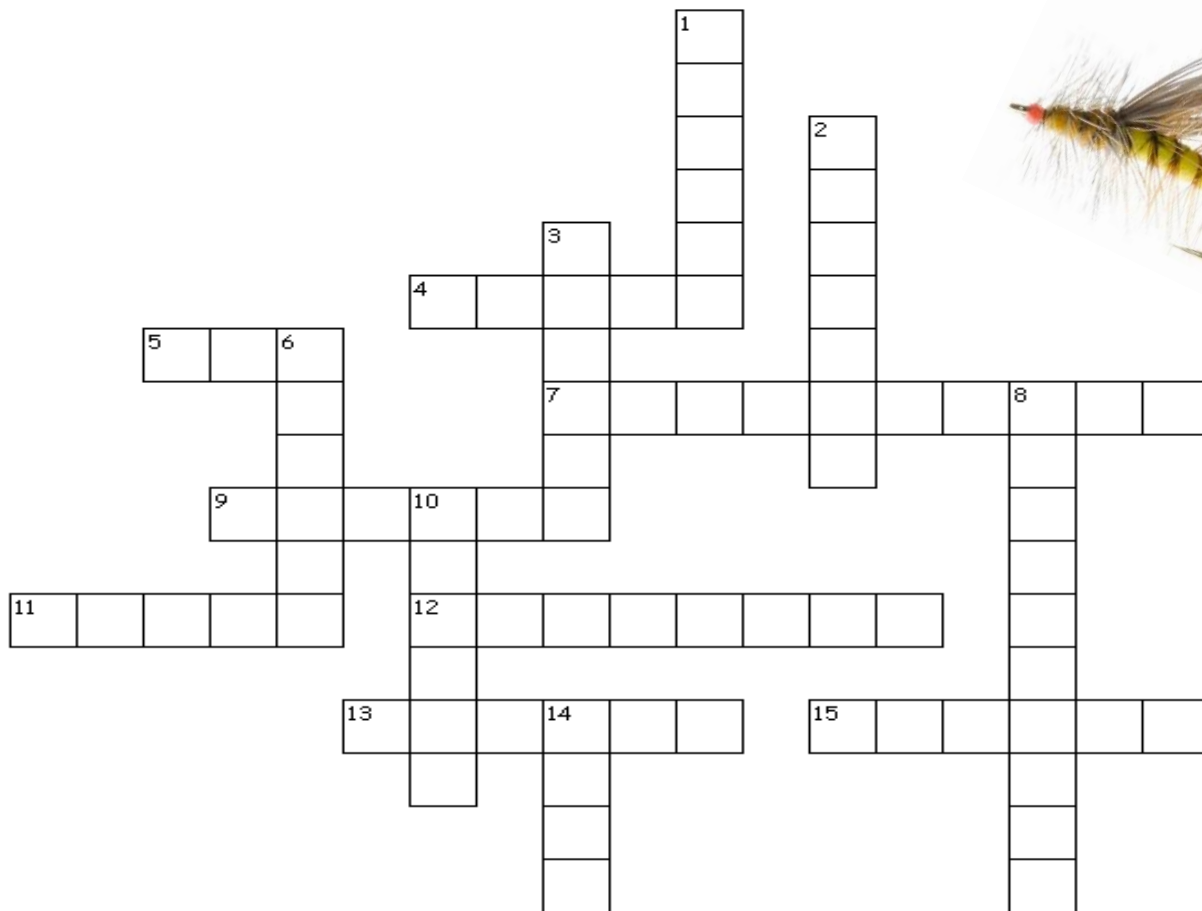
[www.sierraclassicflyrod.com](http://www.sierraclassicflyrod.com)

An advertisement for Malibu Fish'n Tackle. It features a large, detailed image of a fish, possibly a bass, with a fishing lure in its mouth. The text "Malibu FISH'N TACKLE" is prominently displayed, along with "FLYFISHING SPECIALISTS" and "Pro Bass Center".

**Malibu Fish'n Tackle**  
3130 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd UNIT 101  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
Phone: 805.496.7332  
Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**NEW FEATURE:  
EQUIPMENT FOR SALE BY MEMBERS.....  
SEE PAGE 9**

# January's Puzzle



## Across

4. Serving up a smile with his wine \_\_\_\_\_ Murphree.
5. Our speaker and a famous test pilot whose first name is Chuck pilot share the same last name, just switch the "e" and the "a".
7. Local destination where Rod first taught fly fishing.
9. This event in February has a play on words.
11. A pair of these were spotted in -4 degree in Idaho.
12. Everyone dressed festively in their coats and Christmas \_\_\_\_\_.
13. CVFF's January 2017 meeting falls on this day of the week.
15. Rod switched to fly fishing because bait fishing was \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

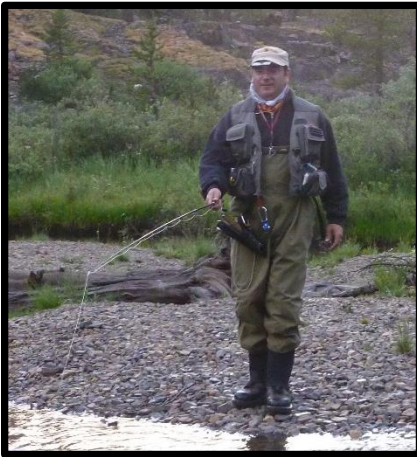
1. Rod Tochiara and his cousin used to catch up to \_\_\_\_\_ a day.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ "B". He's no Grinch!
3. This year's party was held on a \_\_\_\_\_ cold December evening.
6. The first meeting for the club had this many members.
8. What keeps a club going and/or growing?
10. Owens River Annual Cleanup location. Also, a chess piece.
14. Our \_\_\_\_\_ are due in January of every year.

**Answers / Crossword puzzle**  
 1. Twenty 2. Michael 3. Crispy 4. Kerry 5. Pat 6. Twelve 7. Sespe Creek  
 8. Enthusiasm 9. Flybuy 10. Bishop 11. Moose 12. Sweaters 13. Monday  
 14. Dues 15. Boring!

## **EQUIPMENT FOR SALE BY MEMBERS:**

**MATT RUBIN – 805-402-6599:**

1. Men's Waders / SIMMS / Men's small / "Entry Level Type" / \$90 or best offer
2. Men's Waders / Brand: "Dan Bailey" / XL / "Barebones" / New: \$149 ... asking \$75 obo



< Photo: DAN BAILEY  
 "Barebones" model waders



**SIERRA Classic fly rod by ROK**  
 New 8 ft., 3 wt., 2 piece, 42 million modulus, slide band special burled wood, tube. **\$100**



**BOB KIELING**  
 805-509-5555



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## Membership Application and Renewal Form

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one): New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other family members' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual dues are \$50 per family living at the same address.
- Membership is per calendar year.
- New members joining in the last quarter have their membership extended through the following year.
- There is a one-time additional \$10 fee for each name badge.
- Please indicate if you would like additional name badges for family members and include \$10 for each.
- Student (under 18) dues are \$10.

Make checks payable to: **Conejo Valley Fly Fishers**

Send payment/correspondence to: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320-3115

### FEE(S) ENCLOSED:

Family Membership \$50      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New Member badge \$10      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Membership \$10      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to CalTrout      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Membership \$500      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### I wish to help with the following programs:

- ☐ Trout in the classroom
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Fundraiser
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Trips/Outings
- ☐ Other