

HIGH DESERT ANGLER NEWSLETTER



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The run-off for Northern New Mexico continues for another week or two but there are some bright spots in our fishing reports. We have had great reports from the East Fork and the San Antonio, as well as the main stem of the Jemez. The Guadalupe is still high and muddy and is always the last to clear. The Cimarron below Eagle's Nest Dam is fishing great without the crowds of summer. The Sangre de Cristo streams will still be high and muddy for another two weeks. The elevation is much higher for one, and the basins are much larger even though the streams are not all that much larger. This is especially true for the Pecos, which appears to be waning but, still not fishable currently. Some of the area lakes are still fishing well. You can find big

trout at Eagle's Nest from the bank as well as Enbom Lake on the Jicarilla Nation, and the bass bite is picking up at Abiquiu. From what I know about our hatches of stoneflies and the times they hatch, I would be really on the look out on the Guadalupe around May 20th -the 25th this year, and on the Pecos, after Memorial Day. Ask me if we've been fishing and I'll tell you I have been fishing hard since the ice came off and don't plan on stopping until I see ice in my guides! By then I'll be ready for pike anyway. Call or check the stream report for conditions, but get out there and fish, trust me you will like it high water or not!!!

Tai Chi & Fly Fishing, this will be a very informative introduction into the world of Tai Chi principals and the art of fly casting. Jeff English and Jarrett Sasser bring their teaching techniques together to help improve balance, awareness, and casting more accurate with less effort. Jeff is a Tai Chi and tennis instructor who has developed the concept and is the founder of Tai Chi Tennis. Jeff and Jarrett want to help develop Tai Chi Casting that can help you become a more efficient fly caster help in your over all fly fishing as well. You can still take a

class, just call and reserve a spot NOW, but I have another tool for you and it is in the way of the new and improved micro casting rod by Echo and Tim Rajeff. You remember the old FLY-O's from Joan Wulff right? Well this is a graphite rod in a condensed package and a great two part yarn line and leader combination that is a kick in the pants to cast. We have been using them in our Tai-chi fishing classes. The next class will be outdoors in the park. We will meet at High Desert Angler at 9:30 on Sat May 23rd and carpool from there for our 2 hour class. The cost is \$35 and space is limited, please call or e-mail the shop to sign up or for more information.

All spring we've been gearing up for the summer season. We've been getting new stuff in daily with some really cool offerings. We've got vest and hip and chest packs from William Joseph and Fishpond. The new flies are also here with a great selection of boxes to put them in. Simms new Streamtread soled boots and the Kling-on soles from Korkers are out and getting some interesting reviews, and so far they both have been received well. On a personal note, I still like the ease of changing soles with the Korkers. I have all of them, including a boat sole, and I LOVE THEM!!! I will be testing the Streamtread in the Rivershed boot this summer and I look forward to it!! Cloudveil has the best line of fishing AND no-fishing clothing anywhere! They look AND feel great, but they also lowered the price of one of our

staples, the cool shirt by \$10. We've also seen some lower prices on a lot of fly tying stuff as well and are passing the savings on to you!

The Bureau of Reclamation has revised their high water release schedule planned for the third week of May. A 14-day peak release of 5,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) is now scheduled. For now, the current spring peak release schedule is as follows: Reclamation will begin ramping up the release at 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. The release will be increased gradually over the next several days until the maximum release rate of 5,000 cfs is reached on Thursday, May 28th. The release will remain at 5,000 cfs through Tuesday, June 9th. On Wednesday, June 10th, the release will begin to be gradually decreased until it reaches 500 cfs on Thursday, June 18th. Fishing can be great on the San Juan during the peak release, especially from a drift boat. If your planning on wading, be careful and don't exceed your abilities!

The Upper Pecos Watershed Association is having their annual Spring River Cleanup on Saturday May 30th. We will meet at the UPWA office, 78 Main St. in Pecos, at 8:30 a.m. for coffee & pastries. The cleanup will be from 9:00 to 12:00, with the barbeque picnic following from 12:00 to 2:00 (Jamie Koch pavilion). We do have need for 4 or 5 more volunteers to be group leaders for the event. Please email Lexy at Upper Pecos Watershed Association

[\[upwa@cybermesa.com\]](mailto:upwa@cybermesa.com)if you interested in being a group leader. Or call the Upper Pecos Watershed Association, at 505-757-3600.

Thanks again to all our friends who came out to enjoy in the education and fun!



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