

## HIGH DESERT ANGLER NEWSLETTER



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The Big Move is done!! The new address is 460 Cerrillos Road and the shop is really coming together now! It has taken a lot of work, and some more time will be well spent getting ready for 2010 and a great fishing season to boot. Another huge thank you to all of our clients and friends who lent a helping hand to get over here: THANK YOU!!!!!! Please park at the new location, or at a meter on Sandoval. It is important that we make every effort not to park in the old lot behind the old location, thanks!

Meet Michael White from Simms and Ross Reels Friday Dec. 11th! "Whitey" will be here all day to answer any



questions about Simms and Ross. He can help you with anything from the perfect fit, to choosing the right boots and waders for your style of fishing. Give him a chance to get his technical jargon flowing and you will be astounded by this guy's knowledge of materials and the manufacturing of his biggest line. Whitey is completely consumed with the Ross USA and Ross Worldwide lines as well. HDA has stepped up in with the Ross family yet again for 2010. We have been a Ross dealer from the very beginning and have supported this brand from the start. Find out what's new with Ross, and Simms. We hope you make the time to come in!!

I go fishing when I get too, not when I want too, so let me tell you this: fly fishing is my life, second only to my wife and kids, and when mama says I

get to go fishing, I go fishing no matter what the conditions. If you have even half the passion we have here at High Desert Angler then I know you feel the same way, so dress right and stay warm!! First start off with the feet, wear some good socks!!! Consider a thin liner sock when it's really cold, and here is the clincher. No matter what kind of sock or socks you wear, if your feet don't have room in your boots to get circulation



then your boots don't fit right. A bigger boot is better than a tight boot I always say, and when I am fitting some one in a new boot I always lean on the big side for this very reason. You might even consider a winter boot and a summer boot. Now let's think about the legs. If you wear Gore-Tex you need to have a layer that has some insulation and a barrier from the cold water and cold air. A fleece pant, or a thicker pair of quick drying pants than you use in the warmer seasons with a great pair of long underwear underneath is usually enough. For my torso I like a couple layers. I wear a silk weight long or

short sleeve shirt, and a Simms river teck shirt no matter what. The lower arms will dry fast if they get wet, and this shirt is a great layering piece. Then if it is really cold I wear a Run-Don't Walk hoodie from Cloudveil over the river-teck and my wind stopper soft shell over that. If I warm up, the hoodie gets thrown in the pack, but if it gets colder, the wind picks up, or it starts to sleet and snow my shell goes on and in truth I rarely need any more than this. A good fingerless glove should be in the line up and windstopper is best if you intend to use your fingers while fishing. I always carry some good full finger gloves for the hike in or out just in case I have to stick a hand in the snow. Full finger gloves come in handy if you need to warm up after sticking your hands in the frigid river as well. Finally you have got to have a good stocking cap that can fit over or work with your hat. You still need a brim to cut the glare, and the sun can still fry your skin in the winter. If you don't believe me then see how many of the products I have mentioned that I am actually wearing in the recent photo below. This isn't a gimmick, this is my winter get up, and that day was COLD AS SH---!! Always have something extra in the gear bag in case you get wet, don't neglect the food and water intake even if you don't feel like drinking or eating. Trust me, you need it, so hydrate and

eat small snacks often!! Have fun out there!!!

Dr. Scott Sparrow from the Kingfisher Inn will be in town on Friday December 18th to put on a slide show and video about the Laguna Madre of south Texas. Scott is an excellent



photographer, an awesome captain and one heck of an author as well. Along with his photos and video he will be available for a book signing both before and after the show. Ed and I took a great group of anglers down to fish with Scott around the first of November and had a great time. All the Captains are superb on the fly and I would recommend Randy, Rick, Roel, and Scott to anyone headed to the Laguna Madre. I must admit, I love fishing for Redfish, especially in my home state of Texas, but fishing with Ed and all the guys who went down with us was really the highlight. We all caught fish and there were at least six Red Fish caught that pushed the 30" mark. Come on down around 5:00-5:30

mingle, eat, drink, buy a book from Scott and have him sign it. Healing the Fisher King is a really good book and will make a great gift for the angler in the family.

Norm's tying class for December is on Saturday the 12th from 9:30-12:30. You must sign up for this class and space is limited to eight tiers. There are only 3 spaces left so come by and reserve your spot. Remember if you take a class at High Desert Angler you always get 15% off all your fly tying materials the day of the class!! So learn something new and get a great price on materials to boot!!

2010 Big Horn Dates: June 5-13!!!! I have been going to FT. Smith MT to fish the Big Horn River below the Yellow Tail Reservoir since June of 2000. I really like this time of year on the 'Horn, first off the crowds are minimal, and our local rivers are still in run-off. This makes this trip the perfect primer for the up coming Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado season. Not to mention The Big Horn is quite possibly one of the top 5 tail waters on the planet. Out of 24 spots over the 8 days I will be there I know I only have 8 to 10 spots available. This is the kind of trip you want to do again and again and most of the returning anglers have been going with me since my second or third trip. So give a call for details and to sign up. The price stays the same,

\$1600 per person for four nights and three days of guided fishing. All meals, lodging and flies are included, you must get a MT fishing license and you have to get yourself there and back.



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