

## HIGH DESERT ANGLER NEWSLETTER



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**The new fishing license year starts April 1st!** The new licenses are available now at the fly shop. Anglers in New Mexico spent an estimated \$295,874,000 in 2006. More than \$125 million was spent on trip-related expenses, and more than \$50 million was spent on food and lodging. As you can see, fishing is an important part of New Mexico's economy. Consider that fishing is still an affordable form of recreation. Just about wherever you live, there is some fishing to be had within an hour's drive. And please take a kid fishing. It's free if they are 11 and under and \$18 for ages 12 to 17.



**The Rio Grande Caddis hatch is eminent**, and just like most other years there is the looming threat that it will blow out from high murky water. Here is a little side bar from my notes over the last 15 years of watching this hatch.

**#1.** The hatch will come off no matter the water level or color. One of my favorite memories for dries during this hatch was when the river was near 3000 cfs and muddy, but the fish were keyed in to the seams and looking up!

**#2.** If you want to fish dry. Just pick out individuals, catch one or put him down, move to the next rising fish.

**#3.** Play the wind. In other words, try and let it work for you, and speaking of wind, just because there are caddis flying around in or above the box, it doesn't mean the fish will eat the adult caddis,

maybe a pupa, but if they haven't seen the changing events, they don't even know the hatch is on.

**#4.** Be prepared to have adult caddis all over you.... Every where!!

**#5.** BE CAREFUL!!!! THE RIO IS BIG AND WILL MOST LIKELY BE AT LEAST A LITTLE OFF COLOR. WEAR YOUR WADING BELT!! PROCEED WITH CAUTION, HAVE FUN OR GO BACK HOME!!!!!!



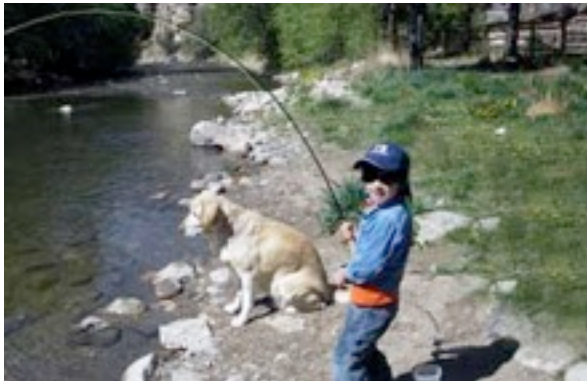
**Thinking about a new reel??** This is the start of the new 09 reel review, and to start things off: The Waterworks Lamson Guru is a nice choice with sizes for lines from 4wt through 10wt. This reel comes with a type 2 anodize, true larger arbor ratios, and has an identical drag design to the more expensive Waterworks reels. This reel has an enlightening appeal, it features a nice sized drag knob, and super smooth feel both outgoing and on the retrieve. The Guru is 100% made in the USA and has a lifetime warranty. The new Ross Vexis is a modern example of the technological capabilities to come. This new super light reel is offered in 5 sizes and works with line weights 2-9. The new drag system utilizes a carbon

fiber/rulon/ceramic/aluminum stack-up to maximize the benefits of these materials used together creating an incredible braking system. The Vexis has a unique magnetic spool release that uses 4 nickel-copper-nickle plated N40 magnets to secure the spool to the frame. Cool right? Come check one out today!!!

**Youth Fly Fishing Photo Contest!!** We would like to see the future of fly fishing grow and what better way than to get our kids involved. So we would like you to email pictures of your child with their fish. Here are the rules: fish must be caught and landed by child, fish must be caught with fly rod and artificial fly, and child must be 12yrs or younger. Send you're photo to the email address at the bottom of the newsletter and please limit your e-mail to one photo, but enter as many times as you want! So start shooting at every opportunity! By entering your photo you are allowing us to possibly use it on our web site. The HDA staff will be judging these photos. That being said, it's not all about size, although it won't hurt. Any species of fish counts. We want to see good times being had by the kids, good backdrops of where they were fishing, and massive fish catching grins!!! The prize will be a Ross Worldwide "Journey Series Youth Fly Rod," either a blue rod for boys or a pink rod for girls. The contest starts now and the judging and results will be announced August 1st!! Get the kids out this summer and have a great time.

The very popular **System X fly boxes** have been slashed down to 30% off the suggested retail due to a design change,

so get in here and pick up your favorite one, try a new one, or build your own with some of the insert options we have left. They won't last long at this price so don't wait. This has been a really popular box for any fly, and any species of fish you are chasing. This has been a fast mover, so get one, get two, heck get them before their gone!!



**A big thank you to all the Spring Flingers from all the guides!!!** It was a bit of a gamble looking at 6"-8" inches of fresh snow fall Friday, but when Saturday morning came along we all knew we were in for a terrific day!! The morning started out cold and a little ice flowing down the river but as soon as we split into groups for our morning of clinics we could feel the heat from the sun and the snow slowly but surely disappearing in front of our eyes. Everett and Isaac started off with some casting instruction while Jarrett and Norm headed up the rigging class. Tad and Tom helped out both groups while Doug ran around with camera in hand!! Then as Jarrett disappeared to pick up the lunch surprise the rest of the crew got into the water and found some great bug samples during our streamside

entomology session. Every one hit the water for a few minutes until lunch showed up and there were some great fish caught before lunch. One in particular fish was Christy Monger's huge hen right at the lunch bell!!! Way to go Christy!! LUNCH!!! Thanks to Mike and Bucky Bradford at Pecos Valley BBQ for an awesome treat of briquette and chicken with all the fixin's!!! After lunch we broke into groups again for an afternoon of fishing and working on all the things taught before lunch. Everybody caught fish and everybody had giant smile on their faces!! There was so much fun going on, that we will most definitely pull of a Fall Crawl of some sort, so if you missed this one, and you don't want to be left out again, keep a look out for the next HDA endeavor!!!!

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



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