

HIGH DESERT ANGLER NEWSLETTER



High Desert Angler - Santa Fe

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We are the oldest established fly fishing business in Santa Fe, Serving Northern New Mexicans and anglers world wide since 1985.

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Ties and Lies, Friday Feb. 26th!!! Come join Norman Maktima for our third evening at the High Desert Angler on Friday February 26th at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It's a fun time, come and tie with others who are willing to learn something new from you or share their innovations with you. This evening is free and so are the fishing stories that you will hear, no sign up required just show up. Bring your own gear and materials. So come on by and unwind after a hard weeks work and get some flies tied for that spring fishing trip we are all waiting for!! We hope to see you here!!

Who would win.Mothra or Sculpzilla?

Well come find out at the Giant Fly Sale at the High Desert Angler!! The boss is out of town and Ed and Norman are slashing prices! Too many patterns to mention. Most trout flies at 25 cents and tungsten beadheads at \$1.00. We just received huge shipments of new flies from Solitude, Umpqua, and our newest vendor; Idylwilde. We had to bump some of the old stand-by's to make room for these hot new killer patterns. We increased our stock of tungsten beaded flies and brought in some hot new

streamers like Sculpzillas. Come in and check out the new stuff and pick up some of your old faves at a great price. Remember, when you bring in your own High Desert Angler fly box or fly cup, you get a 20 percent discount on flies when you buy 20 or more regularly priced flies!

Yes it's back and only in Santa Fe! We are offering **Tai Chi Fly Fishing classes** this spring. Each class lasts an hour and the first one is on March 6th at 2:00 pm. There will be a class each Saturday in March. A repeat of the first four sessions will be held in April. Each class stands alone, but will build on skills learned in the earlier classes. You will be able to apply the techniques learned in these indoor classes on the water in a half-day class in May or June. Dates will be determined according to spring run-off. Each indoor session costs \$20.00 and the on the water cost has yet to be determined. It will cost more to include private water use fees, lunch, and a half-day's guide fee. For more information or any questions, please contact Doug Brown at 505-660-9906.



HDA's second annual SPRING FLING!!!

Learn almost every aspect of fly fishing there is on March 20th, we will have several clinics that will be held on our private waters. Last year's event was a great success and a whole lot of fun!! This is an all day event and space is limited! The cost is \$200 per person and covers the private use fees. Clinics will include; casting, nymphing (European and Indicator), pocket water, fly fisher's entomology, photography, and gear!!! Jarrett, Norm, Tad, Tom, Isaac, Doug, and Everett will be instructing these various clinics. Bring your rod, reel, boots, waders, and an open mind to new techniques. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so call now if you have any questions or to reserve your spot.

Whiting Hackle Pro Staffer and expert tube fly tyer Deb Duran will be holding a demo day here at the High Desert Angler on tube flies on Sunday March 7th. For those of you who haven't heard of a tube fly, it's any pattern, but typically saltwater and steelhead flies, tied on a plastic tube rather than on the shank of a steel hook. Your leader is threaded through the tube and you tie on a bare hook to keep the tube on your line. If you'd like to learn of the advantages of using and tying tube flies, come on by and visit with Deb from



noon on. If there is some interest, we will schedule a class with Deb TBA.

Norman Maktima, head guide at the High Desert Angler, and Team USA member will be teaching some classes on European style nymph fishing and loch style stillwater flyfishing techniques. The European nymphing class is a two day event starting on Saturday April 10th, with a three hour classroom day and a full day on the water Sunday April 11th. The cost is \$150 and includes a book on Czech Nymphing. The loch style stillwater class is on Saturday May 15th. The first day will be another three hour classroom day with the on the water follow up the next day Sunday May 16th. The cost of this class is \$200 (a slight increase for this one to cover the extra costs of the boats). The time and places for both on the water class days will be TBA. The Saturday classroom day for both classes runs from 9:00 am till noon. Please contact Norman Maktima in the shop at 500-988-7688 to sign up or for more info

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