

FINNY FACTS

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San Diego Fly Fishers

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Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing **Volume 39 No. 6**

The Annual Fundraiser is HERE ! (see below and page 3 and 4)
Annual Fly Casting and Picnic in July (see page 6)
Epic Steelhead Trip (story and pictures start on page 7)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Saturday morning May 28th some of your fellow fly fishers are going to meet at Tidelands Park in the city of Coronado for early morning fishing for Spotted Bay Bass, Halibut, and other salt water fishes.

After 9am, several members including **Paul Woolery and Larry Sorensen** will be cooking breakfast and have hot coffee available. Those members who have enjoyed their food in the past can testify how incredible their breakfast can be.

If this is your first time fishing on the San Diego Bay, you can reap the benefits of having so many experienced fly fishers who are eager to share their knowledge.

See you there !



June

- 15th- Fishing outing at Santee Lakes at 9:30 am

July

- 6th- San Carlos Recreation Center at 6:30pm
- 7th- Introduction Fly Fishing, Essential Knots 9:30 AM in the VA Multipurpose Room
- 21st- Introduction to Fly Tying 9:30 AM in the VA Multipurpose Room

Annual Fundraiser

Mark your calendar and set aside **Monday, June 6th** at **Southwestern Yacht Club**. The **Annual Fundraiser** is set begin around **7pm** but arrive early to see all the prizes that are available plus enjoy a dinner plus an adult beverage (or several).

The **Annual Fundraiser** is an opportunity to fill your tackle box, your fly fishing rod rack, your tying box with quality equipment and supplies. The **San Diego Fly Fishers** encourage you to participate fully by buying Raffle tickets (8 for \$30.00), place bids on the Silent Auction, and raise your voice during the Live Auction. Its all in good fun and enjoy.

But Remember.....

Your money has helped your club fund the following:

- **San Diego River Park Foundation**

Recent purchase of Temescal Creek and support of Boulder Creek

- **Hubbs-Sea World Research**

-help fund their White Sea Bass Breeding

- **Chollas Lake Youth Fishing**

-Operate Lend-a-rod and STAR/PAL

- **Casting for Recovery**

- **Golden Trout Wilderness**

-Fence equipment and supplies

- **Project Healing Waters**

- Helping those who sacrificed for our country.

- **Weekly Casting at Lake Murray and Fly Tying Congress** (Just to name a few things we do)

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Next Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2016
7:00 pm
Southwestern Yacht Club



Charles Keating IV

We have had a lot of practice saying goodbye to those who have passed away. **Bill & Eileen Stroud, Ned Sewell, John Kasten, Bernie Fink** and others. Those goodbyes are bittersweet, buoyed by long memories. There is a difference though saying goodbye to those who have lived a long life, to those in their seventies, eighties, even nineties.

This one is a little tougher.

Charles Keating IV was not a member of San Diego Fly Fishers. Yet his death in combat on May 3, 2016 has touched our club deeply. Charlie was engaged to **Brooke Clark**, who along with her father, **Robert Louis “Bob” Clark**, are members. Not just members, they volunteer in our Golden Trout Wilderness Project. Bob describes Charlie as being a complex young man. He was a surfer-dude who lived on a boat and lived to share travel adventures with Brooke. He was a Navy SEAL who read Harry Potter novels...there is a picture of him in full combat gear, taking a short rest, reading one of those wonderful books. And by all accounts, he was a fearless warrior; a leader who inspired his men and who led from the front. Charlie was awarded a Silver Star and promotion to Chief Petty Officer, posthumous honors.

Bob, who was honored to deliver Charlie’s eulogy, spoke about the tremendous outpouring of support he and his family received from the SEAL community and the people of Coronado. “That’s the America we want to believe exists,” Bob said. That’s the America Charlie gave his life for.

-Submitted by Jim Tenuto

SAN DIEGO  FLY FISHERS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

June 6th, 2016 at 6 PM
Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough St,
San Diego, CA 92106

This event insures Sdff
continued outreach and
education to our community



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Annual Fundraiser

Prizes and The Rules

2016 PARTIAL PRIZE LIST:

The following represents only a partial list of the prizes that will be available in the Raffle, the Silent Auction and the Live Auction:

3 Wt. Jon Holland Custom Bamboo Rod
Jon Holland Custom Bamboo Rod originally designed and built for Bill Stroud
10' – 3 Wt. H.L. Leonard Collectable Bamboo Rod. Circa 1900-1924. Mounted
Simms Headwaters Stockingfoot Waders
Rainbow Tarns B&B, Mammoth Lakes
Baily Creek Lodge Guide Service
10 Wt. Orvis Rod With Orvis Odyssey Reel
2 Wt. Bamboo Rod, Restored
9' – 5 Wt. Orvis Hydros Rod, 4 Piece
9' -8 Wt. Sage RPL Rod
7' – 3 Wt. Lamiglas Rod, 2 Piece
Multiple Assorted Fly Boxes (Loaded)
Custom Fly Rod To Be Built (Or Restored) for Winner By Preston Parrett
We have a total of four rod & reel combos. And the list goes on and on - -

THE RULES:

Raffle

Winning tickets will be drawn, one at a time. You will be able to purchase additional tickets throughout the evening. Winners will be identified by name, address, etc. on their ticket. With one exception noted below, winners need not be members of the Club or be present to claim their prizes, but all prizes must be claimed no later than the general membership meeting on September 12th. Any prizes remaining unclaimed at the end of the September meeting will be utilized by the Club at a later date for a raffle or auction. Unclaimed prizes may be picked up at the July or September meeting or by making alternate arrangements with **Lee McElravy** or **Jack Duncan**.

Important: To be eligible to win the Grand Prize at the close of the Raffle, a Jon Holland custom bamboo rod, you must be a member of the Club and you must be present at the fundraiser. Participants will have the opportunity to join the Club the night of the Fundraiser.

SILENT AUCTION:

Portions of the silent auction bidding will close at various times to be announced that

evening, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Once it is announced that bidding has ended on a certain item, please do not attempt to place another bid. At the close of bidding for an item, the high bidder will win the prize. If a Silent Auction item receives no bids, only then will the item be placed in the live auction. **“Two for one”** trips mean that one person pays full price and the second person goes free. The value indicated on the trip represents the full amount the full-paying person must pay to the lodge, store, or guide service. Transportation and gratuities are not included. You are bidding on the value of the “free portion” of the trip. When bidding on a trip, always check the availability dates for the offer. The Club requests the winners of donated trips write a short article describing their fishing experience and/or provide photos for the Finny Facts. This will make it much easier to obtain donations of quality fishing trips in the future. Please send your articles and pictures to Alan Thompson.

Payment for silent auction items must be received by the end of the meeting. Bring cash, credit card or your checkbook. A winning bid is finalized only with payment to the Club Treasurer, Bruce Harris. If you

are unable to pay for your bid, the next highest bid will be declared the winning bid.

BIDDING: If you intend to bid on an item in the Silent Auction or the Live Auction, please obtain a bid number at the front desk **before the event begins**. This will be your number for both activities; winners will be tracked via these numbers. At the end of the evening, please return your bid number to the front desk

PRIZES: We are extremely fortunate that a number of merchants and vendors have graciously contributed to this event. We urge you to support these donors throughout the year. With that in mind, please understand that all sales are final. No substitutions, exchanges or redemptions will be permitted. All of the prizes, including collectable items, are being sold “as is.” We have attempted to obtain as much information as possible on the items offered. SDF makes no representations regarding the condition of any item or its suitability for any particular use. We are not responsible for any property loss, damage or injury arising out of the use of any item sold or won at the fundraiser.

Conservation

Rush Creek Clean-up



The Tenth annual Rush Creek clean-up will take place on Saturday June 11 2016 and will focus efforts on an eight mile stretch of Rush Creek from the Southern California Edison power plant upstream of Silver Lake down the canyon to US 395.

Volunteers should meet at the Silver lake boat ramp at 8:00am and bring gloves, a hat, sunscreen, repellent, boots and waders if you have them. Trash bags will be provided by Silver Lake resort.

This section of Rush Creek is especially popular with anglers and each year up to 50 bags of material are collected. Particular importance is collecting stray fishing line caught in the bushes and trees as this is a huge threat to birds and other wildlife. After the clean-up, Silver lake Resort will treat the volunteers to a free barbeque lunch.

If you are interested in keeping this pristine stretch of water clean come up and meet members of the Streamborn Fly Fishing Club who are the primary organizers of the event. Any questions on the clean-up you can contact Joe Lemire to confirm your attendance (jflx8@dslexreme.com) at (909)609-1101

Thank you Streamborn!

SDFF is Returning to Golden Trout Wilderness

Mark your calendar as the San Diego Fly Fishers under the direction of **Gary Strawn** will hike into Casa Viejas Meadows to repair the cattle exclusion fence. This event is scheduled for **June 17-20** (weather permitting). There is the possibility that the meadow may be inaccessible due to the El Nino winter snows. If there is a change in this date, you will read it here or in **Steve Vissers The Indicator**.

For those who have not made the trek, the following information will help you plan your trip. You will have to hike on a wilderness trail less than 2 miles from the trailhead to the meadow with a downhill loss of 500 feet in elevation. Your starting elevation is near 9000 feet from the trailhead parking lot. Your trip from the meadow to the trailhead is all uphill. Since this trek occurs in the higher elevations, the weather can turn quickly and you need to be prepared. (Ask Gary about last years sudden thunderstorms).

The work that you volunteer for may be strenuous as there may need to be repairs to the fence posts and the rigging of the barb wire. Luckily these events have had many volunteers which spreads the workload over several people.

Why do we do this? Take a look at the bottom of this page and see a picture of one of the Golden Trout that came out of this stream. The viability of this meadow has dramatically improved with the intervention of our club. By excluding the cattle from this delicate meadow, the fish have recovered and are flourishing.

Twice a year SDFF volunteers visit the meadows. I have been twice in the fall to take down the barb wire in preparation for the onset of winter. You will be overwhelmed at the sheer beauty and the darkest blue sky you have ever seen.

This worthy endeavor is supported by your donations and funds generated by the **Annual Fundraiser**.

-submitted by Alan Thompson



The most beautiful trout in the world. Reason enough to protect them.

July Casting Instruction and Picnic

Learn to Fly Fish at the San Diego Fly Fishers Club Annual Fly Casting Clinic and BBQ

- **Who:** open to all. Max 80, sign up NOW!
- **What:** fly fishing and casting instruction by certified instructors
- **Where:** Tidelands Coronado Park
- **When:** Monday, July 11, 2016, 4-9 PM
- **What to bring:** favorite fly rod/reel. We'll also have some you can try
- **Registration/payment required:** at the SDFFF Club monthly meeting or no later than June 30
- **Interested in joining our club?**
www.sandiegoflyfishers.com
- **Questions:** Contact John Adametz at
swciff_rep@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Cost: \$20/person for SDFFF/GSF members and family (\$60/person for non-members which includes a SDFFF Annual Membership) includes:

- Fly casting instruction
- Casting games. Prizes awarded
- Introduction to local subject matter experts in fly fishing, casting, tying, and rod building
- BBQ dinner plate (hamburgers/grilled sausage and sides
- A great time!



Cleaner Water. Brighter Streams. Better Fishing

FREE CASTING LESSONS
EVERY SUNDAY starting at 9 AM

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at Lake Murray to cast or improve your skills. Free instruction is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors. DIRECTIONS--Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Boulevard. Go north on Lake Murray Boulevard to Kiowa Drive. Make a left and continue to the parking lot next to the boat dock. We are to the immediate right of docks under the large cabana. See you there!

Steelhead Fishing in Washington State

Aaron O'Leary spoke at the club a year or so ago about fishing for steelhead in the Olympic Peninsula. It was a great presentation, with some pictures of 20# steelhead to get my attention. Well I put the trip on my bucket list and in March, 2016 I was off to Forks Washington with a few friends to try my luck with these big fish. I was joined by Jon Hee, George Gates and John Dullea. We flew into Seattle and rented cars to drive the 175 miles to Forks. On the way out we elected to take the Ferry from Seattle to Bainbridge Island (home of Sage rods) to cut down on the driving. While the ferry ride didn't save any time, it did allow you to get out of the car, have a glass of wine in the cafe, and enjoy the wonderful views out the window.

After stopping along the way, at a local Costco to stock up on wine and other adult beverages we arrived at the Boggy House in time for dinner. The Boggy House is run by Jeff Brazda, who has guided the area for many years. All his guides were very knowledgeable, worked hard each day to put you on fish, and truly got excited when you hooked a big one. The food and accommodations at the Boggy house were top notch and they really took good care of us.

The typical day started out with a full breakfast at 7:30 and meeting with your guide to decide which river to fish that day. Depending on the river flows, clarity of the water, fish reports, etc. we would head out to the river that had the best prospects for that day. The choices we had included the Hoh, Sol duc, and the Bogachiel. They had a lot of rain this year so most of the rivers were running much higher than normal. This spread the fish out in the river more and made it harder to find them. It rained some every day, so this also made the fishing tough, but we all have good rain gear to keep us dry. Here we are on the Hoh with our rain gear.

Most of the fishing was done with egg patterns fished under an indicator, but when we reached a good run, we got out of the boat and fished with Spey rods with skagit heads and sink tips. The winter steelhead are not as active as the summer run fish, so catching them on the swing was much more difficult. I think all the fish we caught we on the egg patterns. Most of the fish landed were in the 10 to 15 # range. Since the rivers we fished were only a few miles from the ocean, the fish were bright silver and red hot. Once hooked up they typically took your 8 wt. line to your backing. The guides did a great job of taking the boat down the river with the fish on and find a soft spot along the bank to stop and land the fish. The guide remarked it was just as important to know where to land the fish as to know where the fish were holding.

The fishing was hard work and you typi

cally lost one fish for every one you landed. A three fish day was great and some days you got skunked. The typical day ended around 5:30 and we headed back to the Boggy House where they had appetizers, hot soup and cocktails waiting for us. This was followed by dinner and of course much wine, followed by bragging and whining.

This was a great time and if you are interested in a chance to catch a really big steelhead. This is the place to go. Bring your rain gear and be ready to fish hard and you will have success.

Keep Fishing..... Bruce Bechard

More pictures on the next page



Here we are on the Hoh River with our rain gear (and our teeth are not chattering)

Steelhead Fishing in Washington State



Jon Hee with a bright steelhead fresh from the ocean. Good Job !



Bruce Bechard caught his steelhead on the only sunny day of the trip



George Gates with the fish of the week measured at 40" and over 20#.

Advanced Casting Instruction

Advanced Casting Instruction

with

John J. Adametz, IFFF Casting Instructor

8 to 9AM, first and third Sundays

Ski Beach Park

Mission Bay Park

I am offering Advanced Casting Instruction to any San Diego Fly Fishers or Golden State Flycasters club member on the first and third Sunday of each month from 8 – 9 AM starting January 3, 2016. If you are looking to improve your casting or are interested in preparing for and obtaining your International Federation of Fishers Certified Casting Instructor credential, I can help. Let's work together, have some fun, and learn some casting! Please contact me at john.adametz@gmail.com should you have any questions.

John Adametz is a freelance outdoors writer, fly fishing enthusiast and International Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor. He is affiliated with San Diego Fly Fishers, Golden State Flycasters, Mississippi Coast Fly Fishing Club, and Brotherhood of the Junglecock (Maryland Chapter). Any day fishing is a good day!

Special Trips from Sierra Drifters

Eagle Lake, California

I have some great news for those of you who have always wanted to fish with us at **Eagle Lake**; or those that have been wanting to return. The lake received a good shot of water from this winters storms. Doug Rodricks and I are planning a trip this June. Cost will be \$525.00 per day for 1-2 ppl, add \$100 for a third rod. We will supply all your fishing gear, you need licenses, & to arrange your lodging and meals.

We have detailed info we can pass on if you decide to fish with us here regarding where to stay, etc. From local reports, & what I know of Eagle after a decade of guiding here; Eagle should be epic due to a lack of pressure the last couple seasons. June is a great month to fish here before the heat of summer sets in and drives the fish deep. We will be guiding you in our sister 24 foot Ranger bay boats. We can accommodate a group of three per boat.

Dates One day currently open for a single boat (6/14/16) If you have never caught a “native” Eagle Lake strain of rainbow trout, you’ve missed perhaps the hardest pulling still water fish in the state. The beauty of Eagle in itself is stunning, & I hope you can make it up this June



Central Oregon

I am heading back to Bend, Oregon this September to guide you on **Crane Prairie Reservoir**, and **East Lake**. I fell in love with the Cascade Lakes and their trout the last few years and relish going back. There are opportunities in both fisheries to cast callibaetis dries while sight fishing. We can also fish dry/droppers, & below an Under-cator. Sight fishing is the game at Crane, as we prowl the river channels that feed this gorgeous reservoir.

Beautiful volcanic East Lake is known for its browns, and I pound the shorelines, & drop-offs dry fly casting, & indicator fishing. I have rigged a very special aluminum Jon boat to fish Oregon lakes, & you will totally

enjoy casting, and fighting up to 28 inch Oregon red band rainbows from its decks. I have teamed up with a great fly shop in Bend, Fly & Field. It's owner Scott Cook has bought my first boat I set up to fish here, and we can team up; or he can expertly guide you on dates I may have already booked. Trip costs here are simple. \$625.00/day for up to three sticks. I have high NFS permit costs so 1-3 ppl matters not. You will need to provide lodging, Oregon licenses, & meals. Sun River Resort is close by, and I suggest you stay here. It is twenty minutes from Bend. You can fly into Redmond, which is just north of Bend, or Portland, and take a 4 hour scenic drive to Sun River. If you want to drive from So-Cal, it is about 14 hours from LA to Bend. Dates I am here are 9/3 through 9/29. Dates open for me are **9/3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21**. Scott can help you out with dates I am booked, or if we need two boats.

Editor's Note: East Lake was the place that motivated me to take up fly fishing. Up to this point, I was content to use my lures in catching trout. Late one afternoon, the sky was hazy and then an adult mayfly landed on my float tube. I knew my lure fishing day was over and was confirmed by fly casters catching fish. The next day I bought my first outfit and became a changed (or ruined) man.



Examples of what you can catch at Eagle Lake

Pyramid Lake in Pictures

Photos submitted by Bob Pharoah

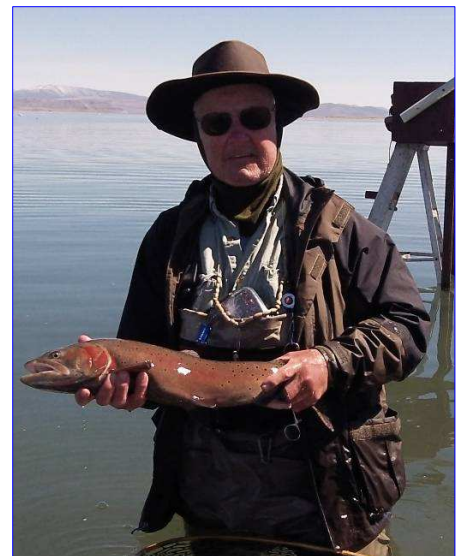


Left three Photos– Sequence
 Top– Fish On
 Middle– The battle is ON!
 Bottom– Nice looking catch
Bill Stock.

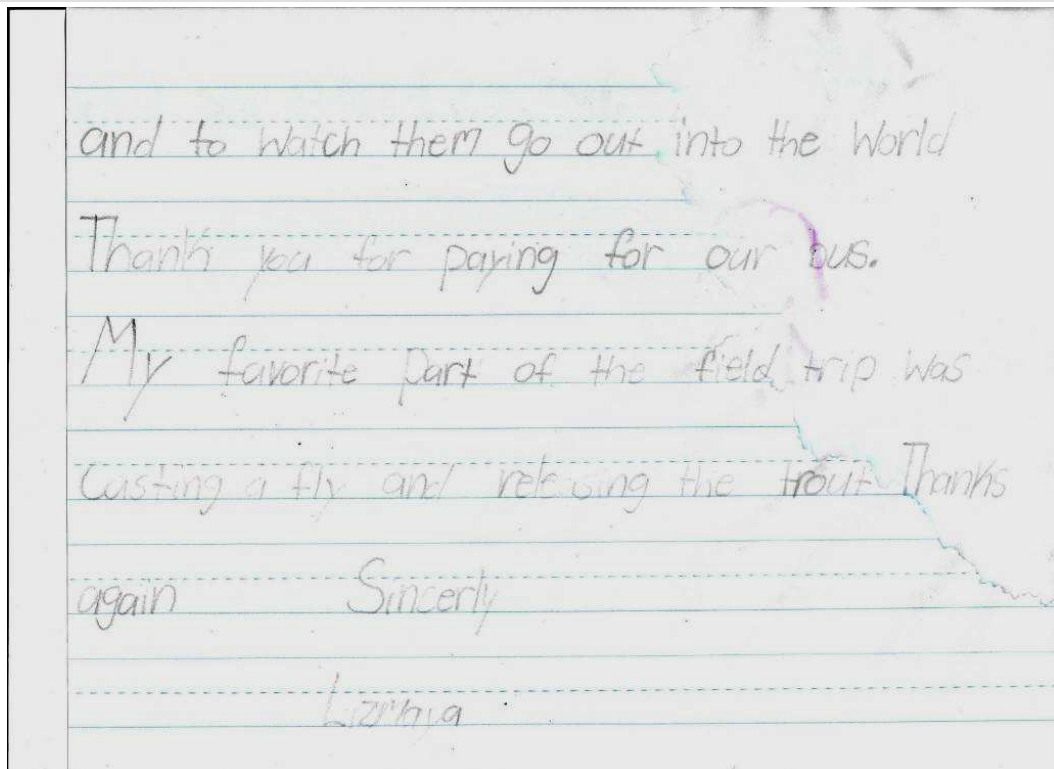
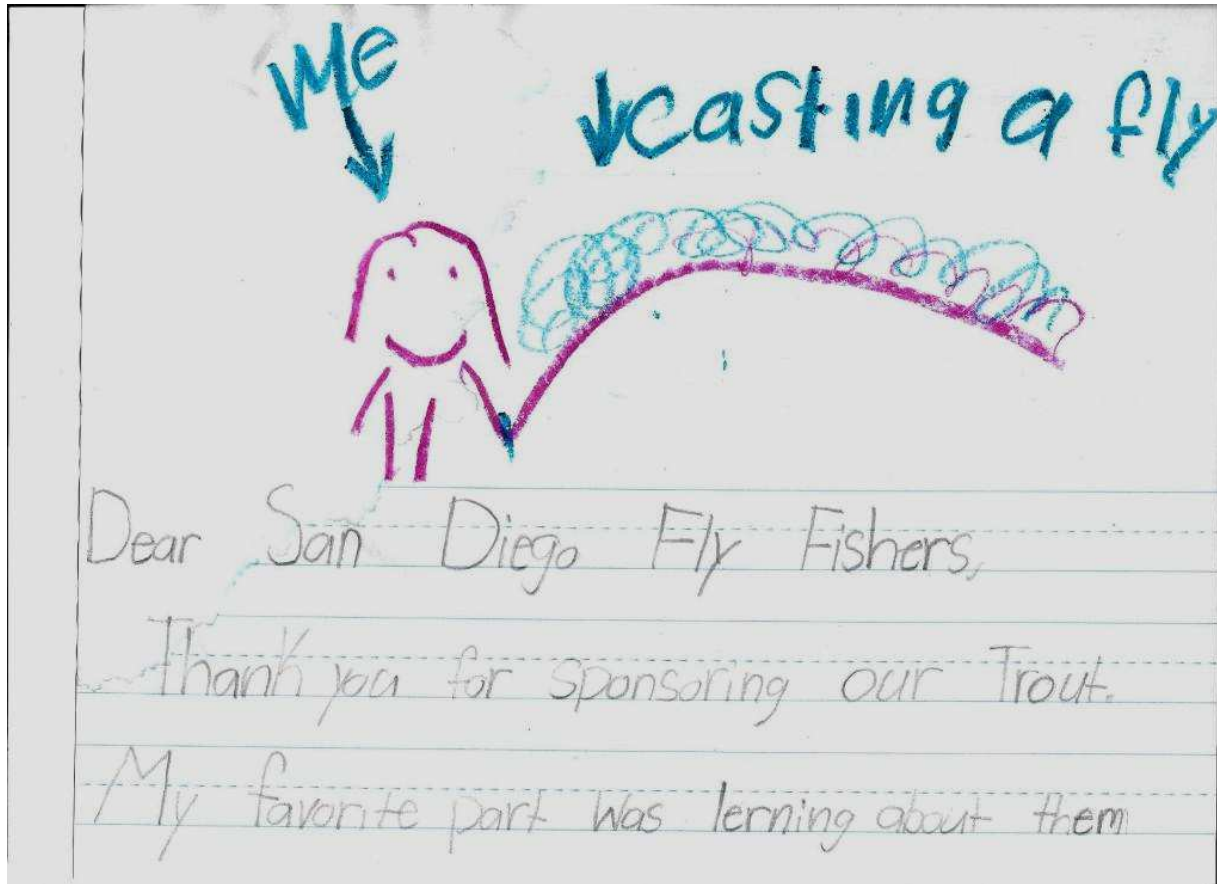
Remaining pictures clock-
 wise from top.
 Top: The boys standing on
 their ladders.
 Top Right: **Roger Yoshioka**
 Holding a beautiful Cutthroat
 Right: **Bob “Eskimo”**
Pharoah displays his large
 cutt while perched on his
 ladder.

Bottom Right: **Norb Spitzer**
 is show off his cutthroat.

The group experienced a full
 range of weather arriving
 during a snow storm and also
 having several sunny warm
 days. All in all, it was a great
 trip.



Trout in the Classroom Letters from 1st Graders



Future Events



September 3rd

**Kernville, CA
Last year starring
our own: David
Collins.**

International Federation of Fly Fishers

- International Fly Fishing Fair
- August 2-6
- Livingston, Montana

For more information go to: WWW.FEDFLYFISHERS.ORG Or call: 406.222.9369

Southwestern Council of the IFFF

- Fly Fishing Faire
- October 14-16
- Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop, California

For more information go to: www.swciff.org/faire

2016 Fly Tying Competition

Go To:

2016SWCFlyContest@charter.net

Fly Tying Congress Every Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at San Carlos Recreation Center at 6445 Lake Badin Ave. in San Diego. Instruction to create your own fly is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors.

DIRECTIONS--From Interstate 8 take the Lake Murray off-ramp and drive toward Lake Murphy. Travel on Lake Murray Blvd. for 1.6 miles and turn left at Lake Adlon Drive (1st corner past Jackson Drive). Go three blocks and the Recreation Center will be on you right.

Membership Renewal by Mail

Date _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____ MI _____

- Individual Membership - \$40.00 Family Membership - \$50.00
 Military Membership - \$25.00 (Active Military only) Military Family Membership - \$35.00 (Active Military only)

Change of Address or Email Address : New Address _____
City _____ State/Zip _____

Email _____@_____ (Please Print Clearly)

**PRINT THIS PAGE then
MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO:**

**SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd #327
San Diego, CA 92124**

By using this form you save your club the expense of mailing a renewal form, can save you money if you renew in person at a club meeting, and this is the green alternative.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

On-Line Renewal Here's how you do it:

1st: on your computer (or other device) go to www.sandiegoflyfishes.com

2nd: click on [Join Our Club](#)

3rd: in the orange colored box click on [Renew Online](#)

4th: Read the entire page and complete the form in the aquamarine colored box

5th: After you have completely filled out the form, make sure you click the box that states **I have read and I agree to the terms of the San Diego Fly Fishers General Release*. Not sure what is in General release, Click Button on bottom right that says [Read SDFP General Release](#)

6th: For safety, copy the number in a picture above Submit Button and copy that number in a box below the number.

7th: Hit [Submit Membership Info](#)

8th: Select membership type and follow instruction to make payment.

Final Note: If you have made an online purchase, you can work this system.

Ordering Clothing from Cabelas With our Club LOGO

CABELA'S EMBROIDERED CLOTHING

Our Club logo is available to be applied to items purchased at Cabela's. Here is the information you will need.

Step 1: Decide what article of clothing you want the club logo to be placed on and write down the number and color you want to purchase. There are good deals on the Corporate Sales book found online. Then choose the logo you will use. Blue lettering LOGO is for light-colored item (**LOGO number 30016093**) or gold lettering LOGO for dark colored items (**LOGO number 30015627**).

Step 2: Contact Cabelas Embroidery at (877) 892-4424 (Telephone), or facsimile at (800) 237-4401. or on-line at embroidery~cabelas.com

Step 3. When connected to the Embroidery Department, Give them the SDFE Customer Club Number when placing an order. This number is **40479874**. You may receive a 0-10% discount by using the Club Number. However, for almost all items there is an embroidery charge of **\$5.00**.

Step 4: Finalize the order and use a credit card to secure your purchase by phone. **If you are ordering by FAX or e-mail, do not include a credit card number.** For security reasons, Cabelas will call you for that information.

Step 5: Check your product when it arrives.

The Unofficial San Diego Fly Fishers Shirt. You can own one also by ordering from Cabelas (see above)

**Item #1K-904591
Color-Vivid Blue**

Get Yours Today !



Thank you for your support.

Bratwursts are available for purchase at COSTCO Ware-

Embroidery is available locally at **TCB Embroidery** located at 8924 Carlton Hills Blvd. Santee, CA 92071 Phone- (619)-562-2320 Fax (619)-562-3510
tcbembroidery.com

Eastern Sierra Report from Tom Loe of Sierra Drifters

Crowley Lake 5/19/16

Fishing remains very good unless the wind kicks up the white caps. Unfortunately more of the “W” is in store for the weekend. Concentrations of fish can be found in several areas of the lake. Sandy Pt., McGee Bay, Hilton Bays, & Alligator Pt. have all been hot spots depending on weather conditions. Set your broken back midges, crystal tiger or zebra midges, & copper tiger midges suspended beneath your Under-cator a foot or less off the bottom in 15-19 feet. The aquatic bottom weeds are not yet a factor in water deeper than 12 feet, & the fish are prowling on the mud looking for the larva. Use Gillies, crystal emergers, or chironomid pupa patterns as your upper flies. The lake level is currently dropping slowly; but has more water than last year at this time.

McGee Creek 5/19/16

Epic bite going on currently. The longer days have got the snow melt swelling McGee & Convict Creeks, which in turn is bringing up cutthroat and smaller rainbows in good numbers all the way to the gauging station by Hwy. 395. Dead drift attractor patterns like crystal eggs, crystal leeches, SJ worms, Assassins, & Agent Orange along the cut banks; or in the larger riffles where you see the spawning fish staging up.

Upper Owens River 5/19/16

Bite is red hot currently. The migratory cutthroat have finally moved up out of the lake. This warm snap, combined with a high barometer moved some solid numbers up to the fertile gravel beds above the Benton Bridge. Do some scouting before you walk up to a riffle, or deep slot along the bank. The fish are staged up in these areas, & you want to avoid spooking them off their redds. The section DOWNSTREAM from the fishing monument is open with the same regulations as Crowley. It remains closed from this point UPSTREAM to the Benton Bridge until 5/28/16. There are surprisingly low fish counts down from the

monument to the lake. It is a waste of time fishing here. Overall water temps are much warmer the last few years below Hot Creeks inlets. This accelerates aquatic weed growth, and makes it tough to keep your flies clean in the sections down from big HC. Seeing some first generation BWO's after 2pm with increased feeding from the smaller resident trout. First generation BWO's, small dark spring caddis, & micro midges are triggering feeding activity from the resident trout on the warmer days. Attractor patterns will get you looks from what is left of the bigs. SJ worms, crystal Vanderleeches, crystal soft eggs, Assassins, and Agent Orange patterns have got us into them while nymphing below an Under-cator. Size 16/18 adult Blue Winged Olive patterns, & small parachute midges will replicate the hatches. Flashback pheasant tails, & Assassins are spot on replicas for the nymph stage of this cold water mayfly. Use #18-22 gillies, crystal chironomid pupa, broken back midges, crystal tiger, & zebra midges for nymphs that imitate midge larva or emergers. Caddis larva are present on the stream bed pumice rocks now. Olive crystal caddis imitations can be a good call for the resident fish grubbing the bottom during warmer periods. Parachute adult midges will get you looks when the fish are feeding on the “clusters” late afternoons. Look for oval depressions that appear brighter, or scraped clean on the riffles below pools. These are active spawning nests; or “redds” and you must avoid stepping on them.

Middle Owens River (Bishop area) 5/19/16

The “catching” has been fair as the flows have continued to fall (255cfs). As the snow melts at a more rapid rate in the southern Sierra, the LADWP finds it necessary to reduce flows in the upper sections until run-off in the lower creeks subsides. The stable conditions have got a few bigs to come out and play. We have been having good success using streamers with sinking tip lines, & the “dip & strip” method. Ephemerella, commonly called Pale morning/evening duns the new mayfly kid on

the block. You may also see some super sized mayflies called brown drakes. The nymphs are huge, & large Assassins, or FP PT's will suffice for their profiles. The spring caddis are now emerging during warmer cycles. The early caddis adults are larger than the summer profiles. Have some #14/16 high-vis, or natural elk caddis imitations handy when it gets warm. The wild trout really focus on this cycle, and fly fishers who consistently get into double digit numbers in the wild trout section have BWO/PMD adult profiles in the #16/18 range, with nymphs like Assassins, flashback pheasant tails, & birds nest patterns for the periods before, & after the hatch. Small crystal olive caddis larva patterns, #20/22 gillies or crystal midge pupa/emergers imitations, & #18 broken back tiger or zebra midges are good calls for bottom bouncing. Have some parachute midge adult profiles if the fish get uppity, the fish will look for midge clusters if the caddis or May's don't come off. Streamer fishing is a good call for higher water levels found in the spring. Predatory fish take advantage of small baitfish that get washed into the stronger currents as they seek refuge in slower pools. Streamers are also a higher visibility pattern, & stand out amongst the debris that is associated with rising water levels. Drift boat trips have been fair/good with numbers of planted rainbows, and a few wild browns in the counts. Guided drift boat trips are a great way to get into secluded sections of the river, & fish the higher water levels. We fish streamers, casting sinking tip lines with a unique, user friendly method called the “dip & strip”. I strongly suggest this program for novices, and those wishing to learn how to fish streamers. Hot flies this week are smaller Punk Perch & Loebergs

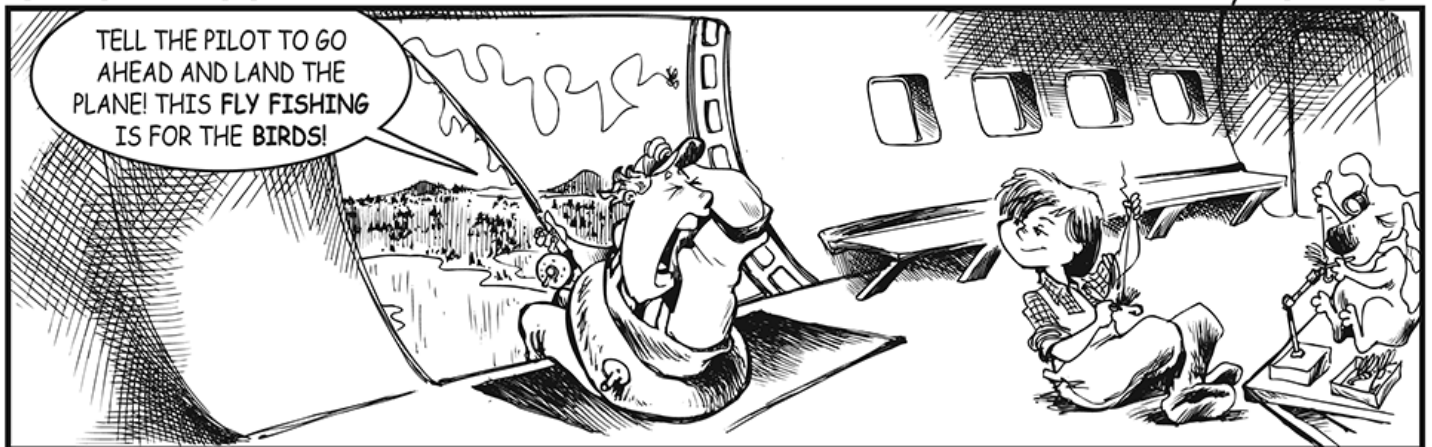


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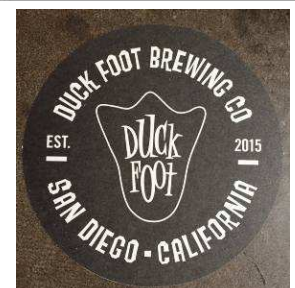
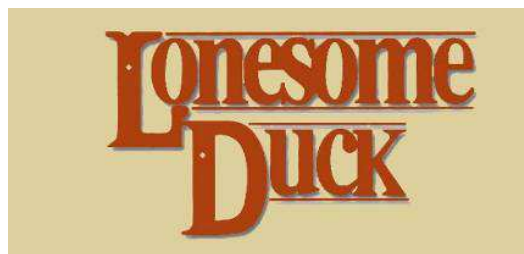
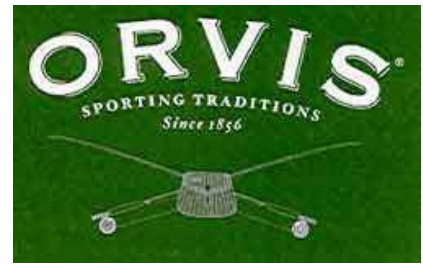
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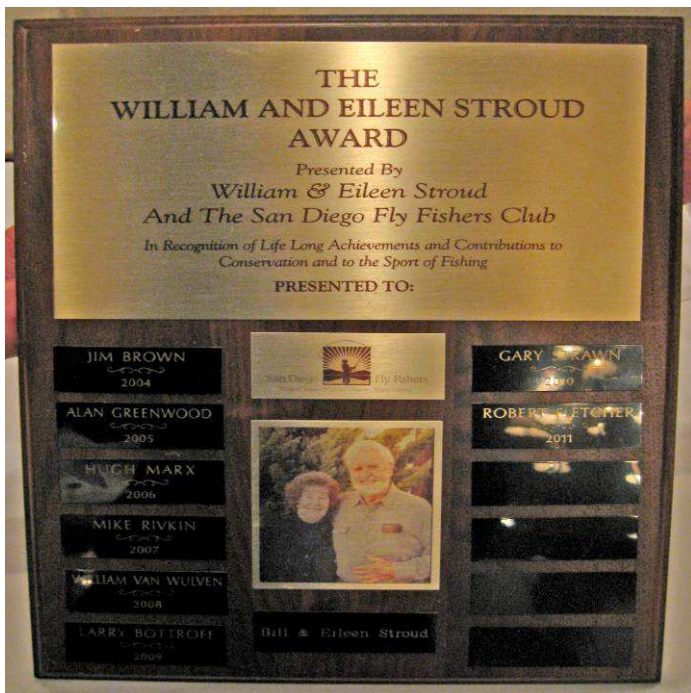
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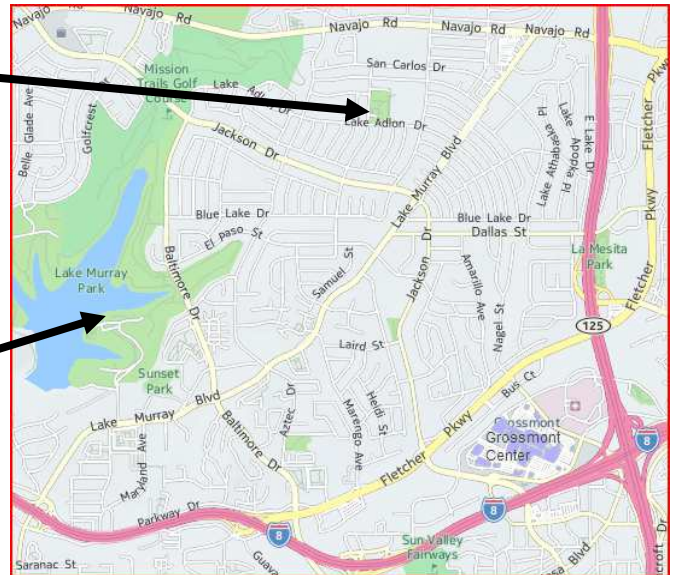
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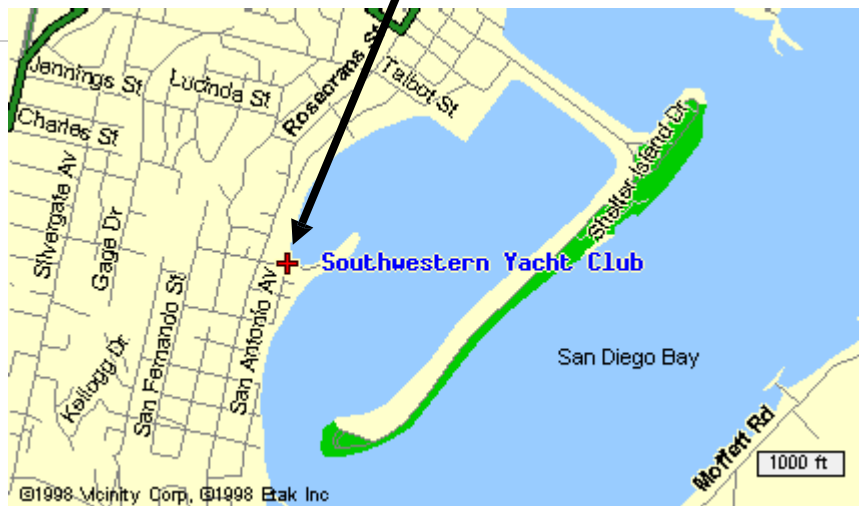


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