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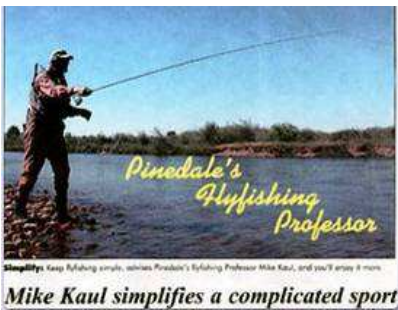
San Diego Fly Fishers

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March Speaker



ming, 27 active glaciers, and over 600 miles of trails. The Wind River Mountains, the largest continuous mountain chain in the lower 48 states, produces the headwaters of a multitude of outstanding fishing streams which include great trout producing rivers such as the Green and New Fork. These venues offer anglers the chance to get away from crowds and pursue a wide variety of fresh water fish to include rainbow, brown, brook cutthroat, golden, lake (mackinaw) trout and the feisty grayling.

Mike will provide commentary and a visual experience on the lightly traveled Bridger Wilderness and focus on the trout streams flowing from the Wind River Mountains and the Wyoming Mountain Range. In addition to fishing, he will also discuss other recreational activities featured in the area, talk about the rich history of the region and provide information on accommodations and services. Also view our web site www.2rivers.net

Mike Kaul-WESTERN WYOMING FISHING ADVENTURES *Bio on Page 12*

The Bridger Wilderness located in western Wyoming encompasses nearly 400,000 acres of pristine forest, lakes, streams, and mountains, including the Wind River Mountain Range. This vast area of unparalleled beauty, sometimes referred to as the “forgotten wilderness” because of its lack of notoriety, contains 1300 lakes, several hundred miles of connecting streams, 15 of 16 highest peaks in Wyo-

Mike Kaul is from Pinedale, Wyoming a small town nestled at the foot of the Wind River Mountains, which serves as a gateway to the Bridger Wilderness. Mike who is the managing partner of Two Rivers Emporium has taken every opportunity in the past 50 years to chase the wily trout in this area with a fly rod. He also takes pleasure in helping others enjoy the sport and is a FFF Certified Flycasting Instructor.

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Evening Tying Program 6:30 pm
 San Carlos Recreation Center
 April 5th 2017
Outings– Los Willows
 April 19th, at 9:30am

New
PHW-ASPIRE Program
 Santee Lakes Fishing
 April 8th at 9:30 am

New
Naval Medical Center San Diego
 (Navy Hospital near Balboa Park)
Tuesday Nights: 6-7:30 pm
 April 4th
 April 11th
 April 18th
Outing– Santee Lakes
 April 22nd at 9:30am
Volunteers: See Larry Sorensen for more details.

Greetings to all “San Diego Fly Fishers.”

Spring has sprung, the streams and lakes are full and the flows are high. It is time to break out the fly rods, waders and fly boxes to prepare for this year’s fly fishing trips.

Close to home the saltwater is having some great days of fishing in Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay and the surf. The lakes are calling and with record flows there might be good fishing this year. Remember the safety concerns with high flows. (Fish with a buddy, wader belts, wading staffs, sunglasses and wide brimmed hats).

Travel fly fishing trips are calling to the Eastern Sierras, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon and Washington. I am personally preparing for the September Mammoth/High Sierra week and another week in Kodiak Ak.

Our SDFF 6 week Beginning Fly Tying with experts Fly Tiers **Lucky Ketchum, Larz Sorenson, Paul Woolery and Barry Peckersky** at the San Carlos Rec. Center on Thursday evening is in it’s third week. It started on March 2nd. and the participants are giving the class and instructors rave reviews. Stay tuned for the fall intermediate Fly Tying Class. See Lucky to sign up for this class. Thanks to all of our volunteers

SDFF also started off the year with a 4 week Fly Rod Building class taught by our Past President and expert rod builder **Jack Duncan** at the San Carlos Rec. Center. This class started March 9th.

SDFF’s annual Eastern Sierra Bishop trip with 18 members started Feb. 24. There was lots of snow, cold weather, prime rib, Mexican food, adult beverages and tall tales of long distance releases. The trip went off with out any mishaps and the Snowbows were cooperative. LAW& P started to increase it’s flows in the Owens so it caused some issues but the trip overall

was a huge success. Check out the pictures of smiling fishermen and large fish.

On March 10th SDFF, CF&W, San Diego River Park Foundation, San Diego teachers and hundreds of excited school children concluded this spring’s **“Trout in the Classroom”** with a release of baby trout. Huge lessons were learned by the students, teachers and volunteers. This huge success took the efforts of many volunteers and the financial support of all of our SDFF members. Thank you

You all have received your June 5th SDFF annual Fund Raising auction tickets in the mail. This is your opportunity to score some terrific fly fishing equipment, trips and art work. All proceeds help our conservation and water quality efforts here in Southern California Let’s all come out to support San Diego Fly Fisheries.

Coming up soon will be our Surf Casting Clinic, our Casting Class/Contest and BBQ, our Fish the Bay and pizza and the Golden Trout wilderness work party trip etc.

Project Healing Waters with Art, Larz, Lee, Paul, Barry, Ray and numerous others is expanding to the Balboa Naval Hospital, and the Aspire program in Old Town. The Wounded Warriors are really benefiting and so are the instructors. Thanks to Art and all of the volunteers who are making this project successful.

Thank you to all of the Board of Directors and volunteers who help run our club and to manage our activities. We need a few more volunteers going forward. Please see me to offer your time and support to continue our events and activities.

Let’s go fishing
Fred Gregory SDFF President



Don’t Forget
Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2017. Use the form on Page 15 to mail your check OR Renew on-line



Thank you for your support.
Bratwursts are available for purchase at COSTCO Warehouse stores.
For the second year in a row, Larry George provided the fresh hamburger meat and Bratwurst for our Casting Event held at Tidelands Park

SAN DIEGO  FLY FISHERS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

June 5th, 2017 at 6 PM
Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough St,
San Diego, CA 92106

This event insures Sdff
continued outreach and
education to our community



Fundraiser Items

GET READY FOR AN AWESOME EVENING OF MERRIMENT AND FUNDRAISING - JUNE 5TH -SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB

Your fundraising committee is working hard to make sure we all have fun while donating generously to this year's annual event. Some of the items already in for the raffles and auctions include:

- John Holland Bamboo Fly Rod
- Jack Duncan Winston Rod
- Allen Azimuth Fly Rod
- Orvis Fiberglass rods
- Orvis Gear bag
- Ross Reels
- Reddington Rods
- Reddington Reel
- Vintage Hardy "St George" reel and two spools
- Hundreds of dollars in gift certificates
- Authentic Paella Dinner for 8 with Sangria

custom made in your home or delivered.....*and we're just getting started.*

Don't forget to send in your completed raffle ticket and funds ASAP! We are hope to see over 150 members at this years event. Please plan to attend and join in the fun and get in the spirit of giving to support our conservation and outreach programs. If you wish to donate for te event or have questions, please contact **Tim Huckaby** or **Mike Gilroy** or email" fundraiser@sandiegoflyfishers.org. See you on the 5th of June.



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 your right.

CONSERVATION and EDUCATION

The Successful Release of Trout Fry by students from 5 local classrooms occurred on March 10th at Lake Murray Casting Area. There were volunteers from **San Diego River Park Foundation**, **San Diego Fly Fishers**, **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**, a local photography group, and **Jimbos**.



The morning started out on a quick pace as the fry had to be removed from their tank, placed in a orange bucket, to be transported to Lake Murray (see picture on left). Once at the lake the fry was placed in a plastic cup (see upper right with volunteer **Gary Strawn**). The fry were released into their new home at Lake Murray (see lower left). Other volunteers were present to teach students about various aspects of fly fishing (see **SDFF Member Larry Sorensen tying flies**).



CONSERVATION and EDUCATION



(top picture) San Diego Fly Fishers member volunteer **Ryan Wada** instructs a student in the proper use of an instructional fly rod while other students flail away in the background. (above picture) **San Diego River Park Foundation** members are teaching a group of students about the flora and fauna associated with Lake Murray. (top right picture) A student is demonstrating the proper technique to cast a fly rod in front of the **California Department of Fish and Wildlife** tables where they colored and painted a picture of their trout that they released earlier. (Right middle picture) This is a class photo of **Ms. Victoria Bernazzani's 4th Graders from King Chavez Charter School**. (Bottom right picture) This is a class photo of **Ms. Nicole Pastor's 4th Graders from King Chavez Charter School**.

This was a highly successful event and the students gained an important insight to the life of a rainbow trout.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Volunteer Opportunities

RECURRING EVENTS

Every Sunday Morning at 9am

Lake Murray Casting Clinic

Join **Alan Thompson** and his crew. We can always use additional help as the number of students can vary greatly from week-to-week. We are teaching two basic casts: the roll cast and the overhead cast. Bring a comfortable chair, your winning personality, and we will supply the equipment.

Every Thursday Evening at 6:30 pm.

San Carlos Recreation Center

Meet a group of dedicated fly tyers that are giving instruction as to tying most of the popular flies. For more information contact **Lucky Ketcham**.

Advanced Fly Casting

Mission Bay Park– Ski Beach area

Join **John Adanetz** as he instructs fly casters in advanced casting techniques. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 8am.

Lend-a-Rod Program

Chollas Lake Park (See Below)

Join **Paul Woolery** every Sunday 11am–2pm as they help youngsters learn the basics of fishing and casting conventional rods. Another way to help kids. Contact Paul for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Casa Vieja Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness

Join SDFE members as they make two trips annually, one trip in early summer to repair and set up the cattle excursion fence to protect the fragile mountain meadow. The second trip occurs in the fall to take down the barb wire fence to minimize winter storm damage. While in the meadows, look for the elusive Golden Trout that can be found in the small streams. If interested contact **Gary Strawn**.

Due to unprecedented amounts of snow, this summer's repair trip might occur at a later date in July.

Trout in the Classroom

This event will become a recurring event as we continue to build increase participation by local schools. There is the possibility to raise and release trout three times during the academic year.

Boy Scout Fair

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 8, 2017 for this year's Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium parking lot. As in the past, **Bob Pharoah, Lucky Ketcham, and Richard DeBusk** are the coordinators for both the San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters.

Your help is greatly appreciated as the young boys embark on an effort to earn a Fly Fishing Merit Badge. We will focus on knots, fly tying, and casting.

This is a rewarding experience for both the Scout and the adult mentor who is guiding him. The event starts at approximately 9am, but we arrive earlier to set up stations where the Scouts will work and share some coffee, doughnuts, and stories.

The **Volunteers from 2016** are pictured **Below**. As you can tell, we need many volunteers in order to help as many scouts as possible. This has been a joint effort with members of **San Diego Fly Fishers** and **Golden State Flycasters** providing instruction.

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Bishop Rendezvous in Pictures

These pictures cannot convey all the adventures we had in the Bishop area. The overall theme would have been **Too Much Snow, Rain, and Cold.** Because of the record amount to precipitation that has hit this area, it has forced the LADWP to make major adjustments by increasing the flow in the lower Owens and shutting down the fishing. If you braved the cold and snow on the upper Owens, you could be rewarded with large snow-bows. The highlight was the food and fellowship with our fellow fly fishers.



No that is not Santa's Sleigh in the background but snowmobiles to access the Upper Owens. Fish On!



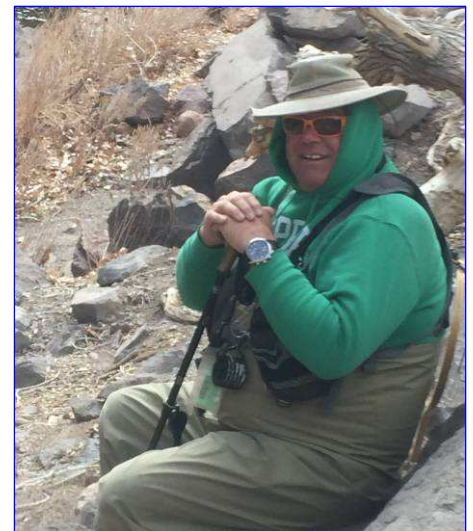
(top picture) **Larry Sorensen** braved the cold of the Upper Owens to land this beauty. Now where are my fingers? *(picture above)* **Bob Payne** fished with Lars and caught this beautiful Snow-Bow even though he can't feel it. **Gentlemen you have earned your cigars !** *(Picture middle left)* **Art Mills** was quoted as saying, "They don't have these in Oregon." *(bottom left picture)* **John Adametz** is holding an impressive Snow-bow while battling frost bitten ears.

There are more pictures on the Eastern Sierra Page #18

Bishop Rendezvous in Pictures



(above left and right) Dinner at the Bowling Alley.
 (left) **Art Reifman** a rod with no reel ? (Right) **David Collins** fishing the Gorge and catching fish!
 (bottom left) **Art Reifman** and **Fred Gregory** relaxing after the monster climb out of the Gorge.
 (bottom right) **Alan Thompson** resting at the bottom of the Gorge and survived the hike out.
 (There was a rumor that **David Collins** was trying to kill me by taking me down to the Gorge.)



EDUCATION

Weight Forward or Double Taper?

by Craig Smith

A question I have often been asked by new fly anglers and even some intermediate and advanced anglers is whether they should get a double taper (DT) or weight forward (WF) floating fly line. The answer isn't as simple as many people think but making a choice doesn't need to be complicated as it often doesn't matter. Many statements we often hear about the differences between floating DT and WF lines are based on misconceptions or erroneous information which are often repeated as fact. Some of the most common statements we hear repeated about the differences is that DT lines are that they roll cast better, are easier to mend, and are more delicate than WF lines or that WF lines are much better for distance. But these "well known" differences may not always be true or may not be a factor at the distances you fish.

The mass of the front of a fly line, which is determined by the diameter of the fly and the length of the taper, determines the delicacy of the presentation. A thinner tip and long taper will deliver that delicate landing we sometimes desire. But are DT lines inherently more delicate than WF lines? Not necessarily. Let us look at the venerable Cortland 444 Peach colored fly line which is one of the most popular lines of all time and still in production after more than 50 years. This line is available in both DT and WF models. When we check Cortland's specifications for these lines we see that they are identical for the first 34 feet. The DT and WF lines will provide the same delicacy and accuracy in presentation with up to 34 feet of line outside the rod tip and even into the 4 feet of back taper of the WF line. With a 9 foot leader and 9 foot rod the DT and WF lines will make the same presentation out to around 56 feet or so (38' of line + 9' leader + 9' of rod. Most trout fishing is done at closer ranges.

Another common statement we hear about the difference between DT and WF lines is that DT lines roll cast better. But if the portion of the line outside the rod tip has the same taper, the DT and WF lines will roll cast the same. With the Cortland 444 example described above, the WF and DT

versions will roll cast identically out to about 56 feet from the angler's feet. With a WF line, once you get the entire head (belly and back taper) outside the rod tip roll casting becomes more difficult since the thinner running line makes it more difficult to transfer enough energy to get the head moving. The thick belly of the DT line makes long distance roll casting easier, but most roll casts with single handed rods is done to targets within 60 feet, and typically much less. The same applies to mending the line on the river or stream. A DT line will be easier to mend at longer distances, but how often do you mend with more than 35 to 40 feet of line outside the rod tip?

When casting long distances a WF line can be beneficial because it easier to shoot the thin running line compared to the thick belly of a DT line. But you can still shoot line and make long casts with a DT line; the heavy belly section just won't shoot as far since its heavier mass compared to the thin running line of a WF line will require more energy to get it moving. It will be easier to cast the entire flyline with a WF line but you can still reach the most common fishing distances with a DT line. One thing to keep in mind is that casting skill can be a very important factor in how a line behaves whether it is for accuracy, delicacy, roll casting performance, mending, or reaching out to long distance. A flyline will not make up for deficiencies in casting skill.

Now aside from your standard WF and DT lines there are many special tapers available. Some are designed for more delicate presentations and some are design for more aggressive presentations with large flies or multi-fly rigs with split shot and indicators. Different line companies may have their special names for these lines. Examples are "Spring Creek", "Light Touch",

"Nymph", or "Bass" tapers. The versions designed for delicate presentations are often available in both WF and DT configurations but the lines with more aggressive tapers are only available in weight forward tapers. Then there is another type of special WF taper often referred to as a "long belly" or "distance" taper. These WF lines have long belly sections, sometimes up to around 60'. They will perform very much like a DT line out to the full length of the head and like a WF line beyond that – sort of the best of both worlds.

So should you get a DT or WF line? It really depends on how you fish and your needs. As we see from the previous paragraphs a typical WF and DT line will perform the same with about 35 to 40 feet of line outside the rod tip. I used the Cortland 444 as an example of a typical WF and DT line. It is usually the case that a DT and WF line of the same model name will be the same for the first 35 to 40 feet. Another example is the Rio Lightline DT and WF lines. But it pays to look at the manufacturer's specifications. If you look at the Rio Trout LT line specifications (found on the Rio's website) you will see that the DT version has a front taper that is one foot longer than the WF version which would give it a very slight edge in delicacy at the expense of distance performance. Perusing the specifications may also reveal WF lines with a more delicate tip than other WF lines or even DT lines from the same maker. For example, the WF version of the Rio Trout LT line has a longer front taper and provide a more delicate presentation than the Rio Lightline DT or Mainstream DT lines.

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**Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing
San Diego Chapter**

**Community Program for Veterans....
FREE FLY TYING AND FLY FISH-
ING PROGRAM**



When: 1st Wednesday of the month

Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**Where: San Carlos Recreation Center
San Diego, CA 92119**

6445 Lake Badin Av

**FREE-- Fly tying (all materials supplied)...Prize drawings
(flies, rods/reels, tools, etc.)
Sponsored fly fishing outings**

PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL DISABLED VETERANS

**Sponsored by Project Healing Waters & San Diego Fly Fishers
Please rsvp to phwsandiego@gmail.com**

Local Events



SPRING INTO SUMMER EVENT
APRIL 1ST 10AM-5PM

THE FLY STOP
9275 TRADE PLACE
SUITE E
SAN DIEGO, CA 92126

VENDORS, GUIDES, PRESENTATIONS, FLY TYING AND MUCH MORE



BIOGRAPHY MIKE KAUL

Mike grew up fishing the many fine streams and lakes in Sublette County located in western Wyoming. He has taken every opportunity in the past 50 years to chase the wily trout with a fly rod in this area. At age 8, under the tutelage of his grandfather an early settler in the Pinedale area, Mike learned and practiced the fly fishing craft with great zeal.

He has introduced fly-fishing to many individuals of all ages and backgrounds over the years and enjoys working with beginners who want to learn the art of fly-casting and fly-fishing. Mike, a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor, conducts a fly fishing school and guides walk/wade fly fishing trips in the Pinedale area.

He is the managing partner of Two Rivers Emporium, an Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Outfitter located in Pinedale. In the off season, Mike gives power point presentations on fly-fishing in western Wyoming and conducts casting clinics for fishing clubs and other organizations throughout the United States.



Future Events

CONWAY BOWMAN & AL Q'S
LAKE HENSHAW
CARP THROWDOWN 2017
FLY FISHING TOURNEY
SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA
SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd

CARP FEVER
Lake Henshaw
supporting
PROJECT HEALING WATERS
FLY FISHING

fishermen's spot

SAVE THE DATE!

LA County's ONLY Fly Fishing Show Is Back!

FLY FISHING EXPO 2017

March 31 - April 2

Join Us for a Weekend of Fly Fishing Fun!

Checkout New Gear! Learn From the Experts! Setup Your Dream Trip!

- **FREE** Entry to the Event!
- **NEW** Gear from Top Manufacturers (Sunday Parking Lot Event)
- **FREE** Demos from World Class Fly Tyers with Special Guest **Davie McPhail** all the way from Scotland!
 - › **Private Group Fly Tying Classes with Davie McPhail** Mar 30 & 31... call store to enroll or for details (818)785-7306
- **FREE** Presentations from Premier Guides and Lodges!
- **FREE** Seminars & Clinics throughout the weekend!

14411 Burbank Blvd Van Nuys, CA 91401 www.Fishermensspot.com/Expo



2017 WOMEN'S ANNUAL FLY FISHING CLINIC

Ladies:

Come join us for the Women's Annual Fly Fishing Clinic. This clinic covers all the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, equipment selection, fly tying, knots, landing and releasing fish. Whether you are a neophyte or simply want to hone your fly fishing skills, this is a fun and engaging clinic that will teach you everything you need to know to embark on a lifetime of angling adventures.

Space is limited so register early!

**All net proceeds from this event will be donated to Casting For Recovery.*

When: April 22, 2017, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Where: The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool.
For directions: visit www.pasadenacastingclub.org
Cost: \$95 (Lunch Included!)
To register: Contact Leigh Ann Swanson
Phone: 310.741.7645
Email: lacraven22@hotmail.com



**Casting for Recovery is a nationally recognized not for profit program established in 1996. It provides an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by breast cancer to experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through retreats in a beautiful natural setting; and learn the art of flyfishing, a sport for life!*

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A review of catalogs will also reveal that there are much fewer choices in DT lines today than in times past. Scientific Anglers for example only markets one DT line now and Cortland 2 DT models. But since DT lines have not sold well in recent times some shops still have stocks of unsold older model DT lines, often at a discount.

There is one other factor that may come into play with your choice. Since DT lines are the same at both ends you almost have the equivalent of two flylines. When one end is worn you can reverse the line and use the other. Or, if you know you will not use more than half a line, you can cut it in half and save the other half for later or share with a friend. I rarely cast 35 feet of line on my 2 and 3 weight rods. I cut the line and only put one half on the reel. This helps prevent one issue I have had with reversing DT lines. With some lines, if they remain wound on the reel for long periods of time like months or years, the end attached to the backing is wound on in tight coils which sometime set into the line and can be difficult or impossible to remove. You end up left with something like a slinky. Whether a line is affected by this or not depends on the core and coatings of the line. Aside from cutting a line in half and saving the extra piece on the original spool it came with, this type of coiling can be mitigated by reversing the line every few months or by removing it from the reel completely when not in use.

So the answer to the question really isn't that complicated and you will probably be fine with either a WF or DT line. For most all around floating line work out to 50 feet or so (line + leader + rod), a standard DT or WF line will perform about the same. Beyond that a WF will be better for distance and the DT will have an advantage for roll casting or mending. A WF line with a longer belly may give the best of both worlds and if you need a more delicate presentation look for a line with a thinner front taper, be it a WF or a DT line.

Instructional Classes offered by Sdff

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!

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!

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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 Official San Diego Fly Fishers Shirt which is displayed on the right. You can own this special shirt which guaranties that you will stand out in a crowd.

**Order from Cabelas (see above)
Item #1K-904591
Color-Vivid Blue**

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tcbembroidery.com

Eastern Sierra Report from Sierra Drifters

Quick Look Fish Report 3/19/17

Nice warm days with high pressure have been the norm here for the past week. Morning temperatures are still dropping down to below freezing on the Upper Owens River which is keeping the remaining snow around longer. Other areas are seeing the snow melt down to ground exposure very quickly. Nice grade of snow-bows are still in the river. They are now feeding on a more natural diet for this time of year. Still have a dates available for our March trips on the river. A new series of winter storms are forecasted for the coming week. Some will be warmer storms dropping only high elevation snow, while others will bring some amount of snow to the 5000' mark. Still not safe to drive into the Upper Owens using the access roads as some pretty good snowdrifts and holes are present. **East Walker raging at a 942 cfs. Completely unfishable at this flow and dangerous.** Please take great care around this river and the Middle Owens as they are running very high and will continue to for some time. The LADWP has posted warning signs in the PVR area urging recreationalists to exercise extreme caution at these high release rates. Hot Creek up slightly with the run-off and **Middle Owens now at 704 cfs.** With just under 6 weeks to go before opening day, Crowley remains covered in a thick layer of ice. We can expect high water here this year and Crowley and Bridgeport Reservoir will most likely be the best place for fishing in May and June.

Upper Owens

The river is now slightly up at 77 cfs. The water has taken on a tanin look to it below the upper Hot Creek confluence. Above the confluence, there is still a slight stain as most of the snow along the river banks has melted and seeps into the river. Most of the big fish have been keyed in on their natural diet now as quite a few have spawned on the gravel and are heavily feeding and making their way back to the lake.

PLEASE TAKE GREAT CARE IN AVOIDING THE REDDS THESE FISH HAVE MADE AS THEY CONTAIN

THEIR YOUNG FRY AND EGGS WHICH ARE VERY SUSCEPTIBLE TO BEING CRUSHED OR KILLED BY ANGLER FOOT TRAFFIC!

You can identify these redds by an approximate 3X3' or larger depression about 3-5" in depth along the shallow water gravel areas. They will be lighter in color and you may see a fish or two spook when approached. Crossing or passing downstream of these redds will limit the amount of silt and gravel kicked up and collected over the eggs. Patterns that have been working are PT's #16-18, Assassins (dark and light) #16-18, Midges #16-18, Crystal Leeches, SJ worms, and Crystal Eggs (Tan, White, Peach). There are dry fly opportunities in the afternoons when the BWO's come off. Stay on the tails of the fish and cast 10' above them to avoid putting them down.

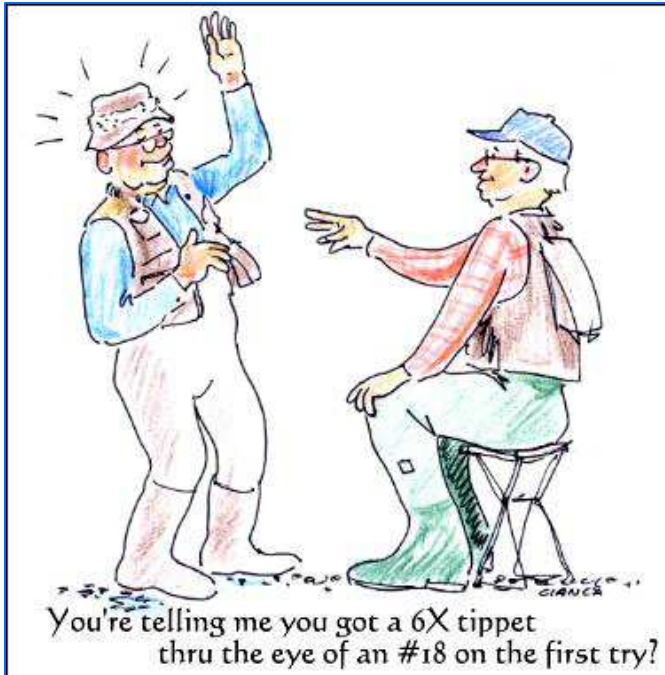
Middle Owens River/PVR/Wild Trout section (Bishop Area) 3/19/17

River is now running at 704 cfs. This is a flow rate that I have never had the opportunity to witness until now. At this flow, the banks are completely flooded and it is dangerous to get close to the water. **It is unfishable at this level.** LADWP has warned against getting too close to the water at these releases.



All pictures courtesy of Sierra Drifters
(top) Bruce Becxhard
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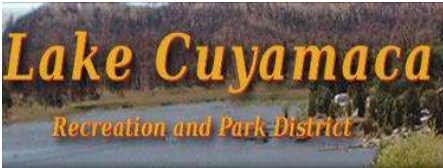
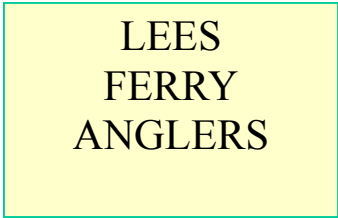
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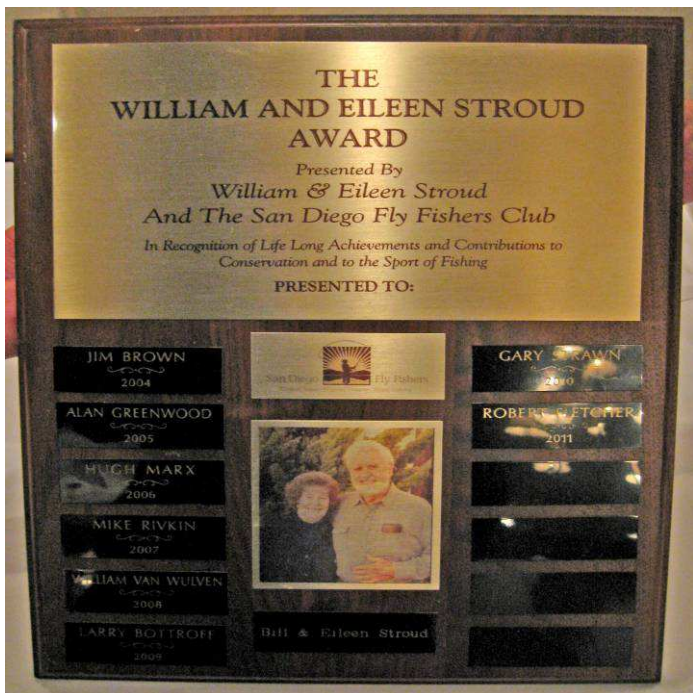


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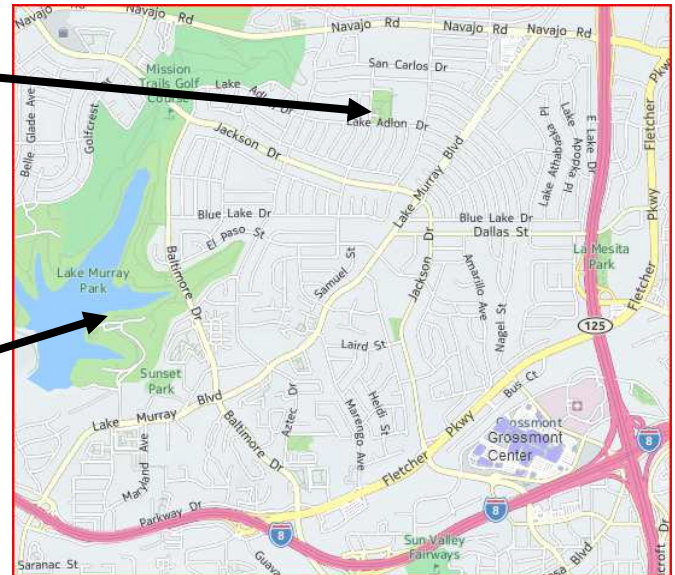
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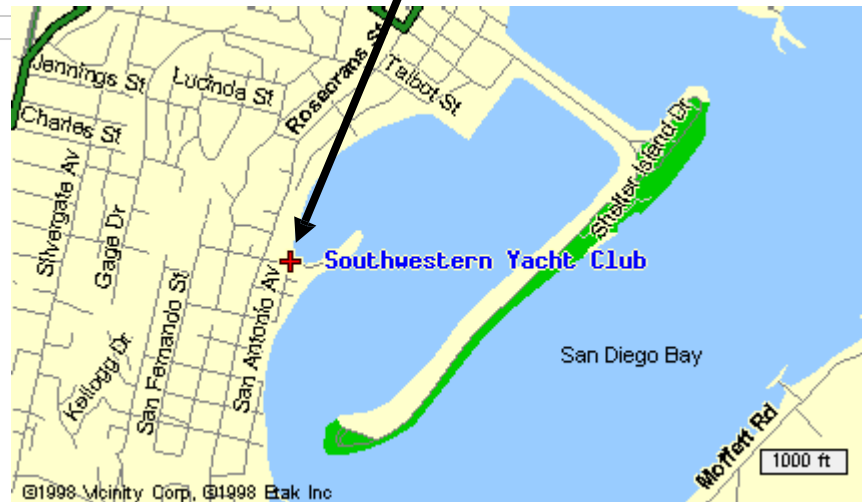


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