

FINNY FACTS

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IT'S HERE- IT'S HUGE

**Mark Your Calendar:
Monday, June 5th 7pm.**

The Annual June Fundraising Event could be one of the largest in our organization's history. The Co-Chairs, **Tim Huckaby** and **Mike Gilroy** have been working tirelessly to bring an outstanding opportunity to fund many worthwhile programs. This **Special Edition** of the **Finny Facts** will highlight some of the people we have helped with your generous donations and money generated from past fund raisers (see photo below).

There will be ample opportunities for you to score on some great fly fishing equipment including custom made bamboo fly rods hand crafted by **Jon Holland**. There will be art and a sculpture from world class fish carver **Bob Berry**.



The format for this fundraiser will consist of three parts: **Raffle**— tickets purchased will be drawn; **Silent Auction**— where you compete by writing your bid on a bid sheet for great prizes; **Open Auction**— where you compete using verbal bids to win prizes. (Pictured above is an example of items from previous raffles)

We will take cash, checks, and credit cards for all phases of the Fundraiser. **Don't miss this great event !**

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Next Meeting– Fundraiser
 Monday, June 5th, 7pm
 Southwestern Yacht Club



June's Revised Schedule

June 3. Carp Throwdown

Three team to represent
 P H W S a n D i e g o

June. 7. Wednesday Evening Group.

San Carlos Recreation Center. 6:30pm

June 10. ASPIRE. Santee Lakes. 9:30am

June 21. Santee Lakes Outing. 9:30am

"P.H.W. Needs Your Help"



Greetings San Diego Fly Fishers and fish that got away story tellers.

Spring has sprung and is gone rapidly. Yesterday it was 99 degrees in El Cajon and 90 today at Barrett Lake. Summer is here and San Diego Fly Fishers has had a terrific Spring.

First off there is a rumor going around about a few fly fishers who tested the waters of the Eastern Sierras and had a good time. Something about using one of those strange Japanese fly rods called Tenkara. You will have to ask around to get the straight story.

Thanks to all of SDFF's terrific volunteers who make our club the best of the best. Thanks to the crew who participated at the Day of Docks, Boy Scout Fair and Merit Badge day, Casting at Lake Murray; Trout in the Classroom, Beginning fly tying classes, Thursday fly tying, Surf Casting Clinic, Fly tying at our monthly meeting, Project healing waters classroom and lake fishing, Annual fund raiser, helping with arranging and stacking the chairs at our monthly meeting, Chollas lake Lend-a rod, Star/Pal youth fishing derby, PHW Carp throw down, and our fishing outings. All of our members applaud and thank you for your unselfish contributions.

Our conservation and education program headed up by Past President **Gary Strawn** has scored another trout in the classroom grant to further develop our education efforts. More details to follow. Thank You

Our Project Healing Waters program headed up by Past President **Art Reifman** and supported by the able bodied crew of past presidents **Larry Sorensen, Lee McElravy, Paul Woolery, Alan Thompson, Ray and Sheri Mehl. and Barry Pechersky** and many others have really expanded the program to reach more Veterans. *Additional PHW instructors*

are desperately needed to continue this worthwhile work for our wounded veterans.

Our fly casting program at Lake Murray headed up by Past President **Alan Thompson and Don Smith, Frank Beaty, Barry Pechersky, Jim Litchfield, Shelly Wagner, Lee Anderson** and occasionally others has really been seen an increase in interest and enthusiasm from the public. 2 weeks ago we had 13 students and only 2 instructors. *Additional volunteers are desperately needed.*

Our recent Surf Clinic brought together 11 members under the terrific instructions and guidance of **Craig Smith**. We all had an informative morning fishing the surf. No accidents, no broken rods, no sting rays and no fish were hurt in the clinic. Thank your Craig.

By the time you read this we will have had our Tidelands Casting Clinic and BBQ and looking forward to the PHW Carp Throwdown and our June 5th Fund Raiser Fly Fishing Raffle and Auction. Thank you to all have contributed time, equipment and management. Special thanks to **Tim Huckaby and Mike Gilroy** who gave up their time and effort so SDFF can support our conservation and education outreach programs.

Coming up is SDFF Tidelands informal "Fishing the Bay and Pizza " get-together on July 10 @ 5:00 pm. Check out the SDFF website and the indicator for more information.

Tight lines and no wind knots Fred Gregory SDFF President



Don't Forget
Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2017. Use the form provided in this publication to mail a 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 or email" fundraiser@sandiegoflyfishers.org.

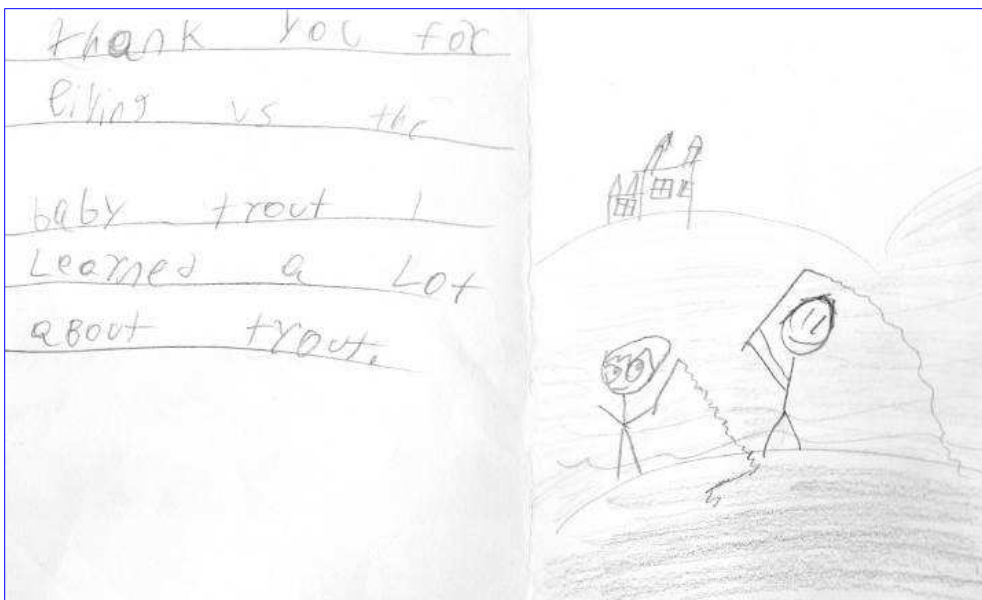
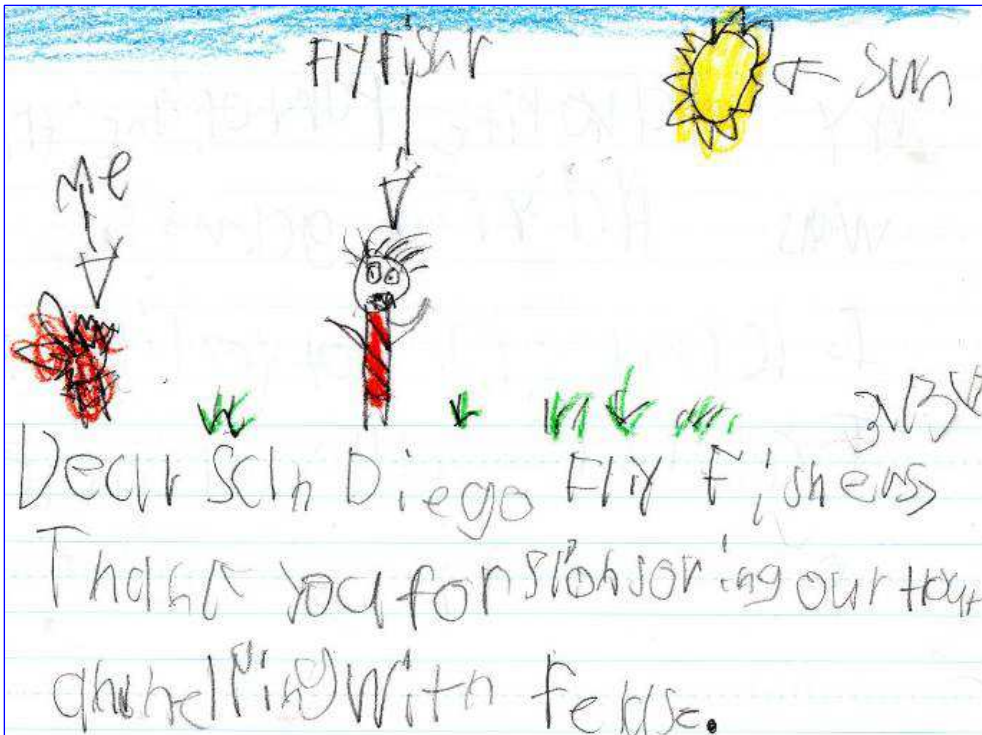
See you on the 5th of June.

More ITEMS !

- 1 TFO 5 wt fly rod. Brand newvalue \$150-@200
- 1 Original Bob Berry Painting framed.....value \$500-\$700 *SEE BELOW*
- 1 Original Bob Berry Trout wood carving..value \$900 - \$1500 *SEE BELOW*



Educational Outreach— Your Fundraiser Money Invested Here



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From Art Reifman, Coordinator for PHW-FF San Diego

On Saturday, June 3 we are sending three teams from Project Healing Waters to fish in the annual local Carp Throwdown at Lake Henshaw. Each team consisting of a veteran from our program and a coach who will be fishing from a boat for carp, and trying to win with largest Carp and the most Carp caught. We wish them the best of luck. The tournament is open to all fly fisherman, \$75 to wade and \$150 for a two man team in a boat, sign in begins at 6AM. The web site for more information is carpthrowdown.com.



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.

**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**

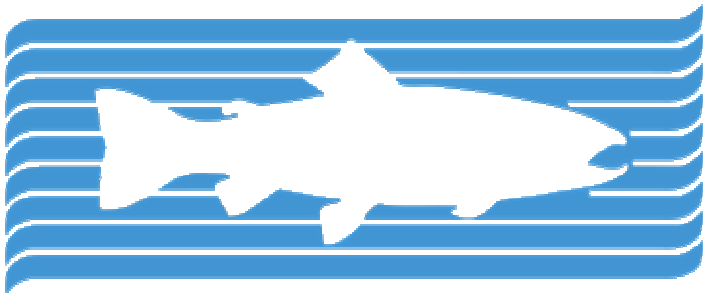
PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL DISABLED VETERANS

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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 hair, your winning personality, and we will supply at 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 SDFP 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 witer storm damage. While in the meadows, look for the elusive Golden Trout that can be found in the small streams.

Date is June 23-25 but be sure to contact Gary Strawn for the latest information.

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.

Project Healing Waters- Fly Fishing-San Diego

San Diego Fly Fishers has increased the number and types of settings to help disabled veterans. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

We have added a new group of veterans who attend the ASPIRE program and are scheduled to meet monthly the 2nd Saturday at Santee Lakes. If interested see **Art Reifman**.

We have returned to the **Naval Medical Center San Diego** after an extended absence. Each group receives 3 classes followed by an outing to test their skills. And meet on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. If you are interested, see **Larry Sorensen**.

Finally, our evening program at San Carlos Recreation Center that meets monthly the 1st Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm. If Interested see **Art Reifman**.

Bottom Line: WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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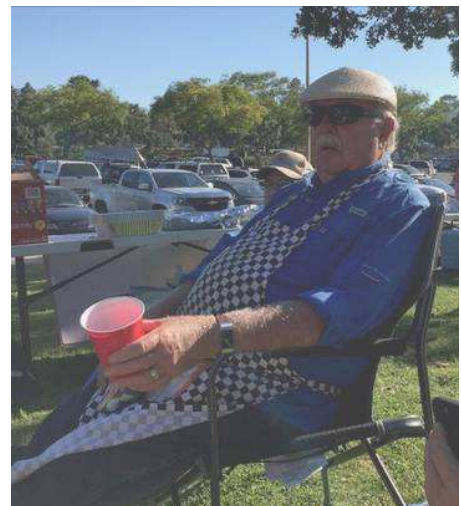
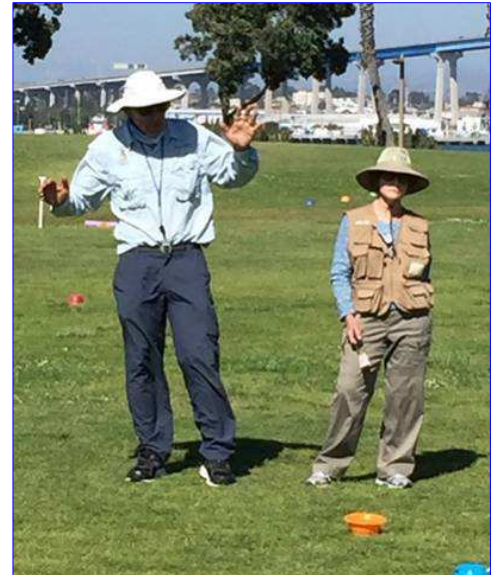
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Tidelands Casting Clinic in Pictures

Led by John Adametz and Dayle Mazzarella



Monday, May 21st saw **SDFF** and **GSF** members participating in the annual casting clinic and BBQ. *(Top left and eight)* Lines of students preparing for lessons. *(Middle left and right)* **Dayle Mazzarella** delivering instruction for the students including **SDFF** member **Gretchen Yearous**. *Bottom left and right)* The BBQ was prepared by **SDFF** members **Lew Walsh, Fred Gregory, and Lee McElravy**. **Great Job, everyone.**



Improving Your Casting

by Craig Smith

When most people hear the term “fly fishing” the first mental image that comes into their mind is of an angler fly casting. At the most basic level, fly casting is what differentiates fly fishing from other forms of fishing. A lot of trout fishing with a fly rod can be done successfully with minimal fly casting skills: think short line high stick, Czech, or Euro-nymphing for example. But if you need to reach out much farther than twice the length of a fly rod or cast in a stiff breeze the ability to effectively fly cast becomes critical. Some anglers are comfortable with their skill level, but many either desire to improve or find a need to improve as they expand their fishing adventures. I have certainly fit into that latter category at times. Over the years, I have listened to many anglers express frustration that they could not cast as well as needed for a situation or even an entire trip. And I have listened to many guides lament with that their clients’ casting skills were not up to the situation. What is an angler to do?

The best way to improve your casting is to work with a good casting instructor. But where do you find a good casting instructor. Consider fly fishing schools. I started fly fishing as a teenager during the 1970s and developed some basic skills, and bad habits, on my own. I mostly fished with other types of gear though. About 25 years ago I started to fly fish much more and was struggling in some areas. I decided to treat myself and signed up for a five-day fly fishing course at Dick Galland’s Clearwater House on Hat Creek lodge. The course included quite a bit of casting instruction and my skills were greatly improved by the end of the class.

Fly Fishers International (FFI), formerly known as International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFF), has a casting instructor certification program. An FFI Certified instructor has demonstrated casting knowledge, proficiency and teaching ability to a certified examiner. Our club has a couple of FFI certified casting instructors: Gretchen

Yearous and John Adametz. The FFI website has a directory of instructors that you can search. While an FFI certification is a pretty good indicator that someone may be a good instructor, it is not an exclusive indicator. There are many good instructors who, for various reasons, are not FFI certified. When I went to the fly fishing school, none of the instructors were certified, but they all were good teachers and followed a common framework set up by the lodge owner. Many fly shops, guides, lodges, clubs, and other anglers can connect you to a good instructor. Many fly shops offer lessons for a fee and many clubs offer free lessons as our club does.

You can also obtain some quality instruction from video. It is not quite the same as having a coach at your elbow but you can watch the video over and over and in slow motion. My favorite DVDs are from Lefty Kreh, Joan Wulff, and the late Mel Krieger but there are other good videos out there. There are also many good short videos on the YouTube and Vimeo internet websites. Unfortunately, there are also some less than stellar material on the internet – you will quickly identify these by lower production quality and less than clear presentation. It can pay off to get instruction from different teachers or videos as you may find one instructor’s style may resonate with you better than others. Instruction is great, but it is only just a start.

About 15 years ago I found myself sharing a small cabin in northern Manitoba with Lefty Kreh and my friend Dan Blanton. It was raining so hard it sounded like the cabin was being bombarded by an infinite number of BBs. This went on for two full days of a seven-day trip fishing for northern pike. We couldn’t fish (I tried) and there wasn’t much else to do other than sit inside and talk. Lefty regaled us with his seemingly infinite number of stories of course, and we talked about many topics besides fishing. But as you would expect, if your cooped up with Lefty Kreh for a couple of days the topic of fly casting is going to

come up. We talked a lot about casting. Each evening that the weather was suitable, Lefty would go down to the dock after dinner and offer casting instruction to anyone interested. This included many of the non-fly anglers staying at the lodge who took an interest in fly casting. On the last evening, I rigged up a rod and went down to the dock and waited for a few minutes for Lefty to finish working with a couple of casters. When Lefty finished with them he looked over at me and with a grin said “*Craig, don’t need my help - you know this stuff.*” Then after a pause: “*You just need to **practice more.***” He then proceeded to show me how to pick up about 60-70 feet of a weight forward fly line off the water and into a back cast and how to make about a 70-foot roll cast with that same weight forward line. Within a few minutes, I was able to perform those actions reasonably well.

So even though my skills were up to the challenges of that trip, I needed to practice more. I already knew that. Even prior to that trip I practiced fly-casting regularly and I still do today. I practice casting almost every week, not including actual fishing time. I find it difficult to practice casting while actually fishing since at least for me there are too many things to try to focus on.

You can practice almost anywhere. On the water is ideal, and certainly the best place for practicing the roll cast. A lake, pond, bay, or even the neighbor’s pool will do nicely. Grassy lawns are next best whether it be your yard or a nearby park if you are not afraid of the possibility of smart aleck remarks from other park patrons.

“Hey mister, whatcha think your gonna catch? Ha, Ha, Ha.” the young men taunted me. “Grass Carp!” I replied enthusiastically.

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Improving Your Casting—*continued*

You can even practice indoors. Several fly rod companies make short practice rods that are packaged with a short, heavy, yarn “fly line.” Often touted as indoor practice rods, you still need a fairly high ceiling if you are standing, but they will also work well outside on a deck or patio where you have limited open space. You can even skip the rod entirely. You can practice the basic casting motion and even the double haul just by pantomiming the casting stroke. My office mates have become accustomed to seeing me sitting at my desk making a casting motion. If you feel you need to grip something to better simulate the casting motion a pen, pencil, ruler, spatula, or wooden spoon will do just fine (I avoid knives – it draws too much negative attention – and if I make a bad pantomime cast I could lose an ear).

I have found that my practice sessions are much more beneficial if I have a plan for the session. Arriving at a plan does not need to be complicated. I just think of something I want to work on in a session and concentrate that. I start and end my practice sessions the same way. To start a session, I extend about 30 feet of fly line plus a leader and make about a half dozen casts to loosen up. I finish up my session as I started with about 30 feet of fly line and few casts before putting my rod away. In between I get to the meat of my practice session. I limit my practice sessions to about 15 minutes to prevent fatigue from adversely affecting my casting. In a 15-minute session, it is easy to make more casts than you would during an hour or more of fishing. If I want to practice more I have found a break of at least a half an hour works for me.

What do I concentrate on during a session? Sometimes it might be something I was struggling with during a recent outing, or it may be something I just want to improve. I may work on accuracy, mid or long-distance, loop formation, elbow and arm position, curve casts, aerial mends, puddle casts, steeple casts, pendulum casts, etc. If it is windy, I go out and practice in the wind! I also practice bad casts. I practice

making tailing loops, wide loops, inaccurate casts, hitting the rod with the line, etc. Why do I practice poor technique? Because if I understand how to do something poorly I can often quickly figure out what is going wrong and quickly fix it if I get into a casting funk on the water (Yea. It happens more than I would like). And I may be able to help others fix things by learning what causes bad casts. There are lots of techniques to work on but I will try to just concentrate on one aspect of casting during session.

Consider practicing with a friend. Alternate casting and observing. This works for both parties as even the observer can learn by watching and can provide constructive analysis to the caster. I have learned a lot about good and poor technique by watching other casters. Some of my best practice sessions have been with a partner who can give immediate feedback.

I use different tools as part of my casting sessions. Practicing loop control: mount a hula hoop on a tripod or post and cast loops through it at different distances (I learned that from Lefty). Working on accuracy: use different size plates, bowls, cans, or other targets and different distances and spread them out from left to right. Making curve casts: cast around a potted plant, patio cover support, or a stick. Developing that underhand or pendulum cast: try to get the fly under a low hanging branch, bench, or folding table or chair. Many other objects can be integrated into a practice session but there is one tool that I consider almost indispensable.

I was first introduced to video as a tool for improving my casting when I attended the fly fishing school. Back then it was a heavy video camera with tape. Today almost every digital camera and smart phone have a video capability and many also include a slow-motion option. With digital video, you can set up your camera, or phone, or even a tablet on a tripod and video parts of a practice session. A light-colored line against a dark background

makes for better visibility in your video. You can play it back in slow motion or frame by frame on a computer, phone, or tablet and study your casting stroke. On many occasions over the years I have let bad habits creep into my casting which lead to frustration on the water. Many times after the trip I have worked in a few minutes of video work at home and self-diagnosed what I was doing wrong. So, how do you know what you are doing wrong? Well, here is where we circle back to the beginning of this article: connect with an instructor or view DVD from an expert.

Remember those two tricks Lefty showed me? I was able to perform them after a few minutes of instruction from Lefty. But today? Nah. I didn’t practice them enough since then. We can talk more about fly casting later. I have to go practice my fly casting.

“Ha, you’re not very smart – trout live in water” the young woman exclaimed snidely as her boyfriend laughed. *“I’m after sand bass”* I quipped, eliciting a friendly laugh. They approached and inquired about my gear. We talked for about 45 minutes. Two new fly fishers were born.

Future Events



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)

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Join **IFFF** and take \$5.00 off your **San Diego Fly Fishers** Membership and be entered in an **IFFF** raffle where 1 out of 12 new members will win a new fly rod.
See John Adamez or Steve Vissers for more details

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 SDFF 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.

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.

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Color-Vivid Blue**

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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 Sierra Drifters

Quick Look Fish Report 5/21/17

An extended week of warm weather and high pressure is in the forecast. Crowley lake is kicking out some big fish lately. Midge hatch in full swing now as chironomids are coming off in massive quantities. Bigger fish have moved into Sandy Pt., Christmas Bay, Sometimes Bay, Six Bays, Alligator Pt. and Stormy Flats. McGee creek starting to fill up with bigger cutthroat. Fish starting to pod up in the lower sections of the creek. Upper Owens river running at 92 cfs. above Hot Creek with some school sized rainbows ready to play. Hot Creek yielding some rainbows and browns from last winter's stocking program along with some stand-out brown trout. Middle Owens flowing high at 728 cfs. PVR giving up some fish pulling streamers with full sink lines. Gorge fishing decent with dry dropper setups when the flows are stable.



Caddis and Mayfly dry/dropper set ups with light weight rods are fun. Wild fish are eager to bite when the flows are stable. Lengthen those leaders when the flows drop. Some double digit days on wild fish can be had.

East Walker River 5/21/17

Blown out at 800 cfs. Down from last week some. Look elsewhere for fishing. Stop off and see Jeffrey at the marina at Bridgeport Reservoir. He will give you the latest info on fishing conditions on the Reservoir.

Upper Owens River 5/21/17

River has now risen to 92 cfs and 81 cfs at Hot Creek. Water pretty high and off color below Hot Creek. River looks ok above. Some school sized fish being caught on midges, SJ worms, Pt's and egg patterns. Roads still muddy so use caution when driving in.

Middle Owens River/PVR/Wild Trout section (Bishop Area) 5/21/17

Flows now at 727 cfs. River still not fishable yet and will remain high for most of the season this year. Flooding still along the banks and areas that haven't seen water in years now completely covered. Gorge best bet down here.



Hot Creek 5/21/17

Crowley Lake 5/21/17

It's been game on here. Larger fish are in the mix along with small and medium sized trout. All three species of trout are now on the chew in 14-20'. Hot spots have been Six Bays, Sandy Pt., Alligator Pt., Christmas Bay, Stormy Flats, Sometimes Bay, and Big Hilton. The midge emergence has been starting around 10 am and going strong through the afternoons with the high pressure and warm weather recently. We have been hanging our bugs 1-3' off the bottom and getting good results.

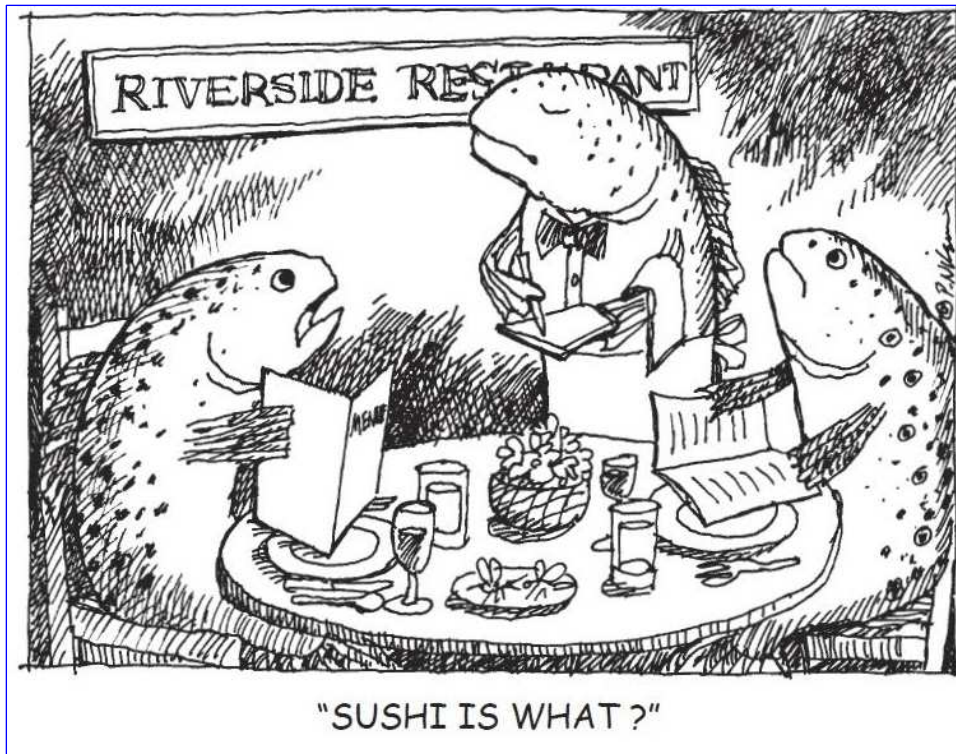
Some of the diploid fish that were planted are biting along various sections of the creek. Some larger browns showing up in specific areas too. Try dry/dropper setups with midge larva and mayfly patterns. Crystal egg patterns also working well. Creek will get high and off color as warm weather continues to bring in added snow melt.

The Gorge 5/21/17

Bite can be good here. Getting up to the higher reaches of the river is producing.



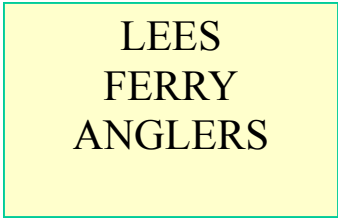
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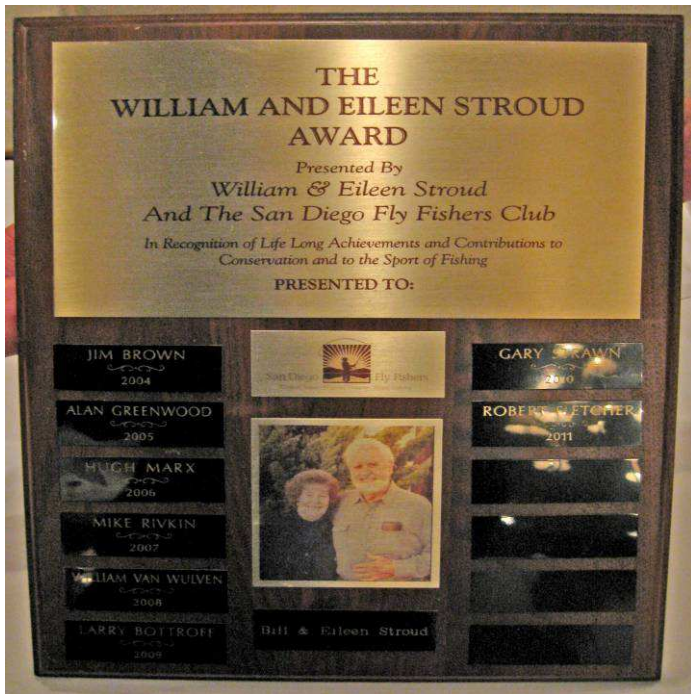


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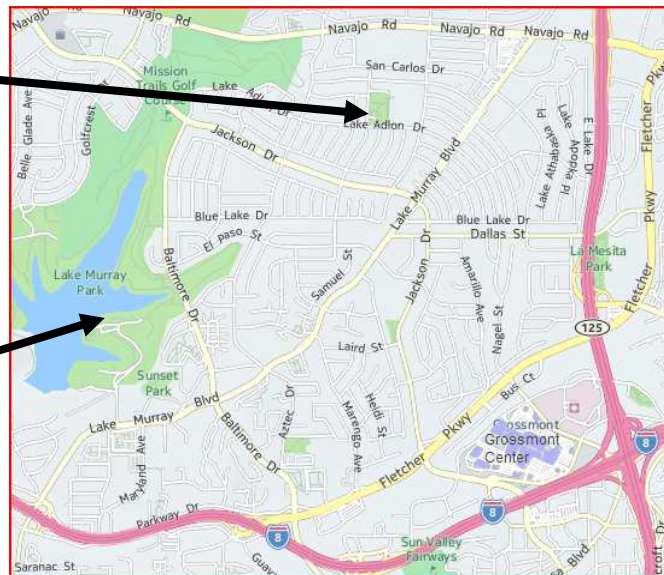
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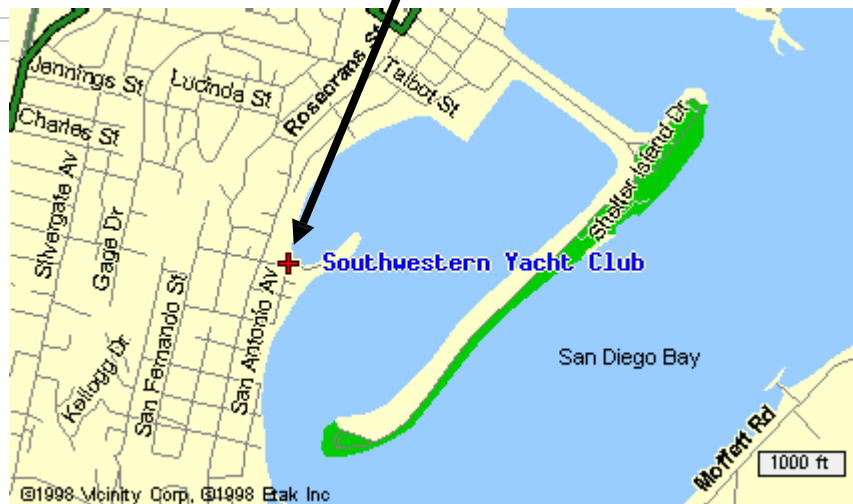


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