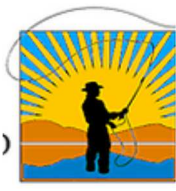


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San Diego Fly Fishers

October 2018

Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing

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This Month's Speaker
Bruce Bechard
 Topic: Tailwater Nymphing with Tiny Flies



My talk will focus on fishing tail waters using the euro style of Nymphing technique. I will cover typical bugs found in tail waters and the flies used to imitate them. I will also talk about fly line set ups used in Nymphing and how to fish them.

The information presented will be drawn from a variety of sources including fishing guides, other fly Fishers, on line articles and videos, and books.

President **Larry Sorensen** will lead a group of members to Arizona where they will meet up with members from the **Arizona Fly Casters** and journey to the **San Juan River** of New Mexico. This is the second half of a joint venture with the Arizona Club. They enjoyed the San Diego salt water opportunities in early August with **SDDF members** and they will return the favor by joining us in New Mexico. A special thanks to **Larry Sorensen** as he made the extra effort to make this special event possible. Also a special thank you to **Tim Huckaby** for the success of the **Clark's Fork Trip**.

Fall Colors Await SDDF Members on the San Juan River in New Mexico (pictured below).



With a heavy heart, we have to announce the passing of long time **San Diego Fly Fishers** member **Paul White**. He passed away just prior to his club trip to the Clark's Fork. I will miss his friendly banter and his volunteering for kids. You will be missed.



October Schedule
 Every Thursday- Fly Tying at San Carlos Recreation Center 6:30-8:00

October 2nd- 9:30-11am at ASPIRE in Old Town- Fly Tying

October 16th- 9:30-11am at ASPIRE in Old Town- Fly Tying

October 20th- Open Classroom- Santee Lakes meet at 9am- Fishing

Thanks for the generous Support.



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Next Program
Monday, October 1st 7pm
Southwestern Yacht Club

Set-up
Jim Castelluzo

Cut-off date for the **November** Finny Facts is **October 15, 2018**.
 Send submissions to Alan Thompson at finnyfacts@gmail.com

Fellow club members,

I am just back from another fine outing with our Project Healing Waters crew. The weather at Santee Lakes was perfect, donuts and coffee were fresh, the fish were reluctant. A new member of the crew cast a rod for the first time and is now "hooked." If you would like to join the team of volunteers, contact **Lee McElravy**.

A group of seven are tying flies, checking rods and reels, and getting ready to travel to Arizona and on to the San Juan River, New Mexico. I will have an after action report and photos soon.

The Sunday morning Casting Clinic is "very" busy. Ten to twenty new fly casters appear each weekend. Your help would be appreciated.

Paul Woolery and **Gary Strawn** are putting together a fine evening

at our annual **Stroud Banquet**. Tickets are on sale.

Our Indian Summer is leading us into the Fall season. Weather is perfect for...fishing. Get out there and wet a line...take a kid fishing. I will see you soon. Tight lines,

Larry



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Don't Forget
Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2019.

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 Murray. 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.

Annual Stroud Banquet



Monday January 14th 2019

6:00 to 9:00 PM

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

U.S. Navy Recreation Center

(approximately 1 mile east of SDCCU Stadium on Friars Rd. then turn onto Santo Rd. and take the first right onto Admiral Baker Rd.)

Bring a guest and celebrate another successful year for
San Diego Fly Fishers

The price is \$30 per person for a great buffet dinner in a
beautiful and convenient setting

Door Prizes

Sign-up at a meeting, at Strouds Tackle or mail to:

San Diego Fly Fishers, Attn. Stroud Banquet

10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd., #327

San Diego, CA 92124

When purchasing tickets at Strouds “cash or check only please”

Make checks payable to San Diego Fly Fishers

Please make your reservations prior to January 7th!

Annual STAR/PAL Fishing Derby October 20TH

]This years Star/Pal kids fishing derby will be held on Saturday, October 20th. However, before the derby can be held there is a matter of preparing the rods and reels for the kids. This year Star/Pal has requested the rods be prepared on **October 4th**.

This year the rods will be assembled at the Star/Pal office, located at 4110 54th St, San Diego. To enter the Star/Pal parking lot you must use the on ramp to south bound 54th St. from Orange Ave! (**See Map Below**) The rods will be assembled indoors and lunch will be provided.

Those planning to assist the kids with fishing and rod repair will report to Chollas Lake at 7:00 am on Saturday October 20th. Fishing begins at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided to all the kids and volunteers. For additional information please contact Paul Woolery.



A Very Simple Leech Pattern

By Craig Smith

Many fly tyers enjoy the process of tying flies than involve multiple materials and steps, but sometimes we like to tie effective flies very quickly. Flies that can be tied quickly with minimal materials are often referred to as “guides” flies since they can be tied in large numbers with a minimal investment in time and can put clients onto fish in many angling conditions.

Leech patterns are effective for many freshwater species in streams and stillwaters. There must be hundreds of leech patterns that have been described in books and on the web, as well as available as commercial ties. The majority of leech patterns are simple ties, but one variety that I was introduced to about two decades ago may be the simplest of all. With a little practice, this fly can be tied in less

than two minutes, and even under a minute with additional practice.

I used to be a frequent guest at the Clearwater House on Hat Creek lodge in Cassel, California. It was there that proprietor and guide Dick Galland introduced me to the Monroe Leech. I have no idea who the “Monroe” that originated the fly was. I didn’t think to ask at the time. This pattern employs two materials: thread and marabou.




On the first morning that I tied this fly on I caught a half dozen trout swinging it on an intermediate line on Hat Creek, a notoriously challenging spring creek in Northern California. A couple of days later I caught several fish with the Monroe Leech on the Fall River. Since then I have caught countless trout, bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, and even a few channel catfish

and bullheads with this pattern on slow moving streams, ponds, and lakes from one end of California to the other. Though a small, wispy fly, it has taken trout and bass over 5 pounds. The Monroe Leech also makes a great damselfly nymph imitation. Depending on the conditions, it can be fished on floating, intermediate, sink tip, and sinking fly lines. I tie it on hooks ranging from size 12 up to size 6. To date I have used black, olive, brown, cinnamon, and purple marabou. You can get a variegated look by combining different colors of marabou. If you need a quick-to-tie leechy pattern for your outings, give the Monroe Leech a try.

Materials:

- Hook: Tiemco 200R or equivalent or other 2XL or 3XL nymph hook.
- Thread: Any 8/0, 6/0, 70 denier, 140 denier or equivalent thread
- Tail and Body: Marabou, color(s) of your choice

Tying Steps:

<p>Step 1: Lay down a thread base. Strip marabou a bunch from the stem. Use enough strands of marabou to make the fly as sparse or thick as you like. Tie in with the tips extending past the hook bend as the tail. Do not trim the rest.</p>	 <p>STEP 1</p>	<p>Step 3. Wrap the marabou rope forward to just behind the eye and tie off. On longer/larger flies the initial bunch of marabou may not be long enough to reach the hook eye. To fill out the hook shank tie in another bunch of marabou, twist into a rope as in Step 2, wind to the eye and tie off and trim. Finish the head and that’s it!</p>	 <p>Step 3</p>
<p>Step 2: Twist the marabou strands into a rope.</p>	 <p>Step 2</p>		

San Diego Fly Fishers Invade Montana *From a Facebook Post by Mike Gilroy*

Well the 2018 SDFF trip to the Clark's Fork River is in the net. Amazing trip by all reports. 13 Club members attended at the Clark's Forks Outpost, host by Outfitter Mike Hillygus. Great guides, great accommodations and great food.

Look for an upcoming announcement for next years SDFF adventure to Montana. Start saving from your Starbucks money. Let's FISH!!



Volunteer Opportunities



San Diego Fly Fishers are engaged in several areas of community involvement that require support from our members. There are two great programs listed below that need many helpers. Here are some other areas that we could use additional support:

Board of Directors– The people on the BOD make the decisions on how we operate as a club, where our resources are allocated, what events we hold.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing– You have the opportunity to give back to our wounded warriors who have made the sacrifice for our nation.

Casting Clinic at Lake Murray– As the number of students increases, the number of instructors needs to grow so we can offer 1-on-1 support.

Fly Tying Congress at San Carlos Recreation Center– Here you will support new members, veterans, and guests in creating their own hand tied flies.

There is no greater feeling than when you help others.

Trout in the Classroom– The eggs will arrive this month. We will need volunteers as this program is growing by leaps and bounds. Contact **Gary Strawn** if you are planning to help at: conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com. You will be rewarded with enormous smiles.

October 4th– Rod Preparation at STAR/PAL Headquarters (see map on page 4). There are 300 plus rods that need to be set-up for the kids prior to the event and we need your help. Lunch will be provided.

October 20– 6:30am at Chollas Lake– This is the day that the kids will arrive to participate in this fishing derby. There are two types of duties that we volunteer for, either a walker who assist the kids when they need additional assistance, or repair station where we do minor repairs to the equipment. There is a BBQ after the fishing for the kids and volunteers.

Future Events

The poster features a green background with a pattern of orange and red fish. At the top, it reads 'SOUTHWEST COUNCIL' in white. Below that, '2018' is written in large white numbers. A white banner with red text says 'FLY FISHING FAIRE'. In the center, 'Glendale Civic Auditorium' and 'October 20-21' are written in white. At the bottom, 'FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL' is written in white. On the left side, there is a logo for 'FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council' featuring a globe.

Upcoming Fly Fishing Opportunities

The following are Fly Fishing trips and Outings that are available to all members.

NEW-

Saturday, September 29th at 6AM to noon.

What: Fly Fishing and BBQ at Lower Otay Lake

Your Club is planning to hold a day of fly fishing on the fabled Lower Otay Lake. Lower Otay is an excellent fishery and holds a lot of big bass, and feisty bluegill.

We need to gage the level of interest for

this event to see if we will get a decent level of participation. Please respond by email at: outings@SanDiegoflyfishers.com. Details: We hope to have a couple of Club members who know the lake to offer a brief clinic/tips session around 0630.

You can fish from shore, float tube, kayak, pontoon, or power boat. If you are going to be in the water, you must wear waders.

Fees: The Lake charges fee's for launching a boat and for fishing. There is a pay station, but you should bring exact change (\$bills). The fee for launching a boat is \$7.00. Fishing fee is \$8.00. Boats are also available to rent. Go to the Lakes website for the fees. <https://www.sandiego.gov/water/recreation/reservoirs/lowerotay>

Eastern Sierra Report from Sierra Drifters

Fish'N Conditions 9/17/18

Cooler nights have come to the sierra triggering the fish in the lakes, rivers, and creeks to start loading up on food before the winter arrives in a few months. We have seen our first freezing nights in the higher elevations, and the daytime temperatures have remained perfect between the high 60's to the low 90's from Bridgeport to Bishop. We are still a few weeks away from the fall colors showing up, but a few of the aspens are starting to show the first change in color.

Bridgeport Reservoir still giving up fish in the river and creek channels as well as the mud flats.

East Walker River getting some new life with the cooler nights now. Some bigger fish showing up all along the river.

The June Lake Loop lakes are starting to kick into fall mode now with some bigger fish cruising the shallows looking for larger meals. *North end of 158 between Grant Lake and Parker Rd is currently closed due to a wildfire until further notice.*

Hot Creek flows continuing to drop slightly, but good action with dry flies and terrestrials fished along the open areas.

Upper Owens river fishing well above and below the bridge for smaller rainbows with a few browns joining the mix.

Crowley Lake giving up some nice big ones with a mix of medium and smalls. Good midge hatches coming off daily along with all the other high protein food sources.

Middle Owens River up to high flows again with a sudden increase the last week. This is bringing more water out of

Crowley Lake but we should see them drop back down soon.



We need your help getting rid of Carp!



CARP ANGLERS WANTED, CONVENTIONAL ROD AND REEL, SPEAR, OR BOW

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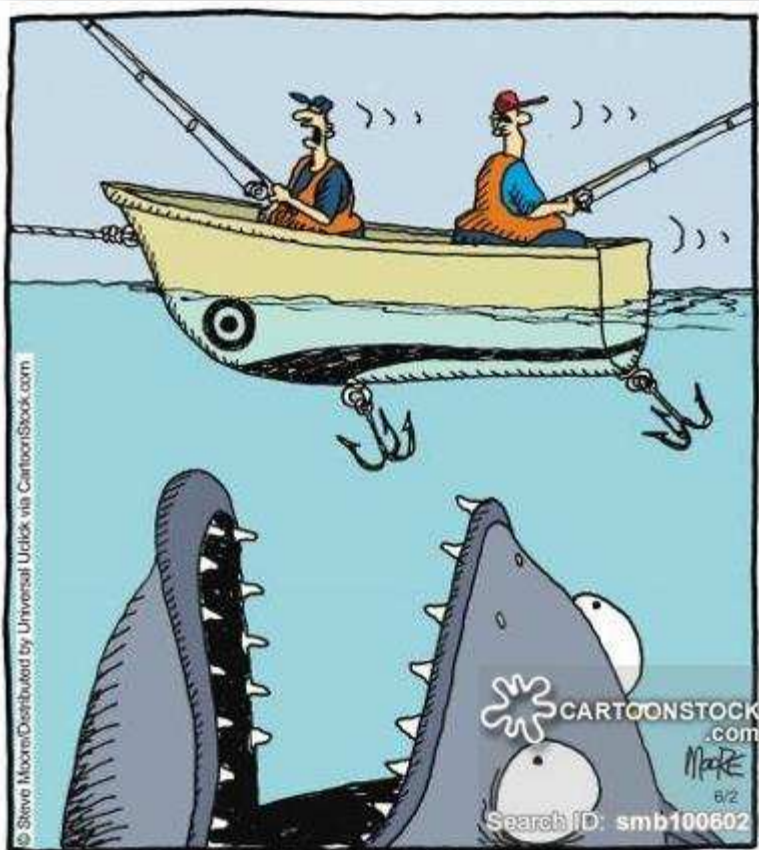
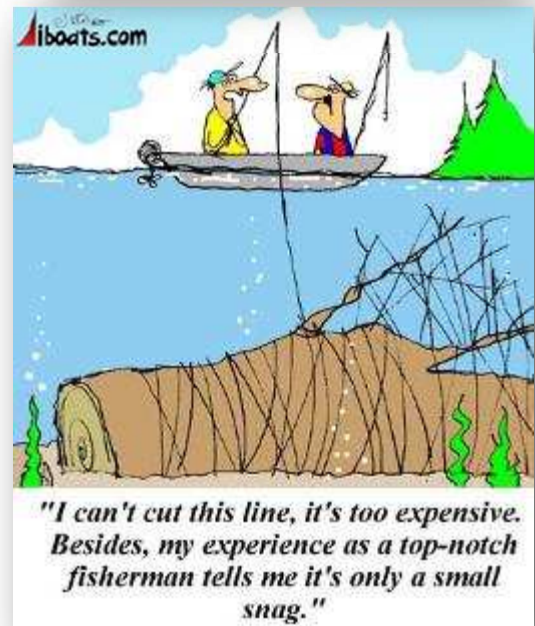
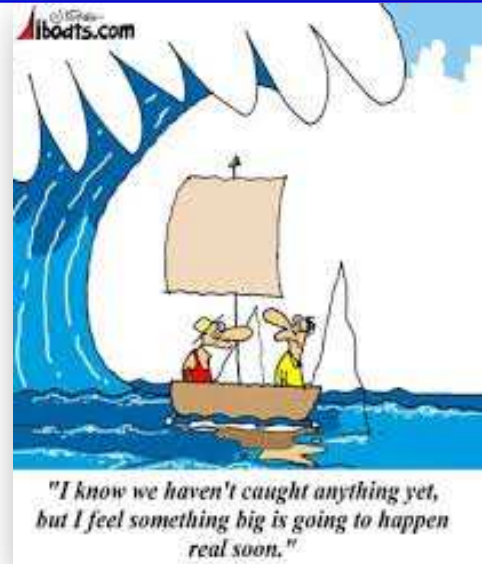
LAKE CUYAMACA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

KILL A CARP!

FREE INTERMEDIATE FLY CASTING 1st and 3rd Sundays at 8am Ski Beach, Mission Bay Park

John Wylie and I (Dennis Panish) are teaching free intermediate fly casting lessons on the first and third Sunday of every month down at Ski Beach Mission Bay. Lessons start at 8 am and run about an hour. I recently received my Casting Instructor certification from FFI. This is open to all SDFP members including beginners and intermediate fly casters.

Funny Page



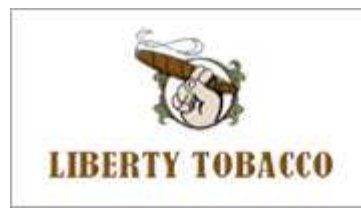
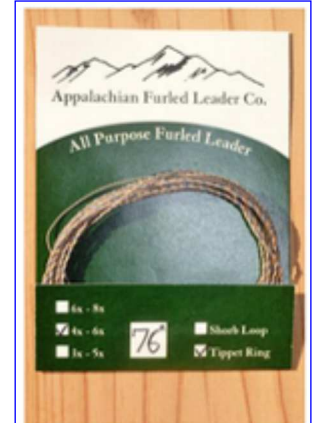
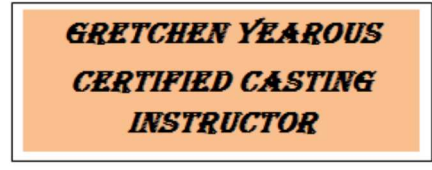
"Don't you think it's a little — I don't know — spooky that the boat rental guy keeps shoving us out to the middle of the lake and then hauling us back?"

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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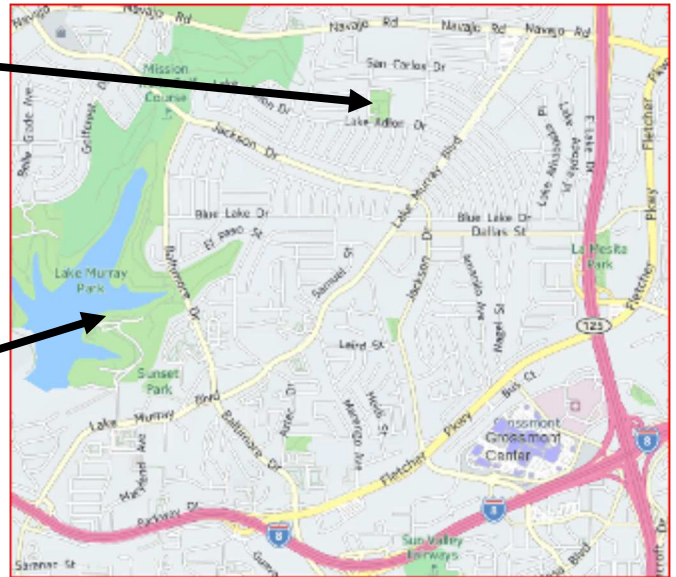
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 Thursdays 6:30-8:30

San Carlos Rec. Ctr.
 6445 Lake Badin Ave.
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Fly Casting Clinic
 Every Sunday 9 to noon.

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 Kiowa Dr.
 San Diego, CA 92119



Monthly Programs

First Monday
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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 2702 Qualtrough Street
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