

FINNY FACTS

Archived version

JULY 2014

San Diego Fly Fishers
Cleaner Water. Brighter Streams. Better Fishing.

Volume 19, No. 7

Monthly Meeting

Onboard USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23)



Commander **Joel Stewart**, Commanding Officer of the USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23), has offered to host the July 7th meeting of the San Diego Fly Fishers onboard the ANCHORAGE.

See page 7 for more information and directions to the ship.

Annual Raffle Winners

Your prizes are waiting. See if you have won anything and make arrangements for pickup. See more information on page 4

Boss of the Bay 2014: Kim Jones

Silhouettes of 20 fly fishers, seventeen men and three ladies, scattered across the waters adjacent to Tidelands Park in Coronado were visible in the morning light of Saturday May 31st. Kayaks, pontoons and float tubes were dwarfed by the San Diego Bridge in search of the holding spots for spotted and sand bass, halibut and croaker.



Steve Vissers rode to the event with his kayak in tow behind his beach cruiser.

The scent of fine fixin's from the Woolery 'meals on wheels' must have drifted across the bay as not long after

Eight 'supervisors' were content to sip coffee and discuss better solutions to most everything in life, anxious to hear from their friends, which flies worked best.

9:00am fly fishers began come in and share their tales as well as woes. Early on reports were several 2's, a few with 4's, **Gary Strawn** with his new oversized float tube caught 5. **David Collins** and **Brandon Romero** both landed 6 fish. Looked like it might have been a 'slow' day on the bay. Then the diehard fishers started to come in.... 7's were reported by **Alan Thompson** and **Norb Spitzer**, the 11 fish for CDR **Joel Stewart** seemed like it might be top boss.



After all enjoyed the feast served by **Paul Woolery** and **Fred Gregory**, **Alan Reoch** tallied a total of \$500 in donations to the San Diego River Park Foundation Boulder Creek restoration project.

Fly fishers are ingenious when it comes to rigging their watercraft. Even if not made to allow wheels, **Robert Pharoah** devised a way to roll his 'toon through the sand.

Then came the time to recognize the top 3 fly fishers for the day. **Charlie Wright** enjoyed a great morning with 14 fish to hand good enough for 3rd place. **John Lee** found the hiding spots of 20 fish

continued on page 5

"My biggest worry is that when I die, my wife will sell my fishing gear for what I told her I paid for it."
Koos Brandt

The **Fundraiser 2014** is in the books, and thanks to **Lee McElravy** and his Crew it was another big success. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find much more detail about the event, along with kudos for the team. The biggest thanks from me goes to you, the **Club Members** and your guests. Your donations of prizes, and generous monetary support were awesome. And for those of you who missed it, you missed a great, fun time. Don't miss again. The Fundraiser always brings surprises. Who would believe a 4'6" bamboo fly rod? Another surprise was a donation from a brand new fly shop in town, **The Fly Stop**. They donated two absolutely beautiful graphite fly rods, and a reel. Whoever won those items did very well. Lee and I visited their shop to pick up a rod and reel, and thank them. They are located at 5785 La Jolla Boulevard in the Bird Rock area. The shop is very small, and has a way to go to be fully inventoried, but it does carry some high end brands that are not typically carried locally. Drop by if you're in the area, and say thanks.

I certainly enjoyed Lee's and my visit, but the truth is, I love all fly shops. Recently I was in New York, and made a point to visit one of the most famous fly shops in the country, **Urban Angler** on 5th Avenue in Midtown. Urban Angler is home base for **Theodore Gordon Flyfishers**, much like **Stroud's** has always been home base for our Club. The Urban

Angler like Stroud's is a very small shop with very efficient use of space, and merchandising. It's upstairs with a tiny brass sign on the street level door, so it's clearly a destination retailer. TGF, as they refer to their club, is named for the most famous of the fly fishers who pioneered fly fishing in the U.S.; mostly fishing the Catskill rivers—**Lucky Ketcham's** home waters. **Lee Wulff** was among the founders of TGF. I bought a fly box, and a few flies.

A few years ago, while fishing the Beaverkill River in the Catskills, I visited another well know New York fly shop, the **Beaverkill Angler**, in Roscoe: beautiful shop, beautiful little town, beautiful river.

My first fly shop was of course Stroud's. I first visited there sometime in the late 1970's. If my memory is correct, it hasn't changed much. But after borrowing gear for a season, I bought my first fly rod and reel at **Kittredge Sports** in Mammoth, which is more ski shop than fly shop. I bought a 7'6" 5 wt. fiberglass Cortland Leon Chandler model; and a Hardy Featherweight reel. I still have the reel, and use it regularly. The first true fly shop in Mammoth was **Filson's**, the birthplace of **Mammoth Fly Rodders** founded in 1984 by **Dick Dahlgren** among others.

My favorite fly shop, other than Stroud's, is **Silver Creek Outfitters** in Ketchum Idaho. It's where



I bought my first graphite rod (a Winston) in 1983. Back then, if you went into Silver Creek to buy your license, get advice, or perhaps book a guide trip, without asking they'd open an account for you. So you could just drop by anytime during your stay, pick up what you thought you needed and it would go on your account. They never asked for a credit card, your address, phone number, or anything. You just stopped on your way home and settled up. I always buy more than I need at any fly shop, but Silver Creek's business model always got me real good: damned impulse buying.

There are many other fly shops I remember fondly. In fly fishing central **West Yellowstone**, there's practically a shop on every corner. My favorite there is **Madison River Outfitters**, but **Bud Lilly's** is probably the best known by old timers. There's **Mike Lawson's Henry's Fork Anglers**, California's famous **The Fly Shop** in Redding, and of course the **Troutfitter** in Mammoth. They're all unique, great to visit, shop in and just "hang out" in. So on behalf of SDFI I welcome The Fly Stop in La Jolla, and thank them for their generosity. #



AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS – PART 2

THANK YOU!

As I mentioned in an earlier missive, last year was our most successful fundraiser to date, netting over \$7,000 for conservation, education and outreach. All of the numbers are not yet in, but it appears this year we did even better. June 2nd was, indeed, a delightful evening.

None of this would have occurred without your support. You donated equipment and prizes. You purchased raffle tickets and bid on our silent auction items. The following members, friends and vendors played a pivotal role in making this happen:

MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Ray Baker	Bob Pharoah
Bob Berry	Jim Reeg
Family of Mike Bemis	Kurt Ruble
Betty Jackson Coram	SDFF Fly Tying Congress
Dale Dalrymple	SDFF Past Presidents
Jack Duncan	Tom Smith
John Holland	Bob Stafford
Doug Josephs	Jim Tenuto
Tom Lucas	Shelly Wagner
Sam & Mona Morebello	Lew Walsh
Barry Pechersky	Paul Woolery
	Gordie & Louie Zimm

VENDORS:

Frank Amato Publications.	Mel Krieger Enterprises
Anglers Book Supply	Lake Cuyamaca
Stroud Tackle	Lee's Ferry Anglers
The Fly Stop/Bird Rock Fly Shop	Tom Loe/Sierra Drifters
Big Y Fly Company	Rainbow Tarns
Confluence Outfitters	Simms
Cabela's	The Wapsi Company

In the list above, you will note a number of contributors who also serve on our Board of Directors. To a person, your Directors stepped forward and contributed significantly to this undertaking in many and various ways, including contributing and organizing prizes, selling tickets, supervising the Silent Auction, setting-up and tearing-down and, in the case of Jim Tenuto, ensuring that we finish before midnight!

Each year, the task becomes a little more difficult. Hundreds of fishing organizations make ever-increasing demands for contributions from our vendors. Tough economic times directly (and negatively) impact our fundraising. Meanwhile, on the other side of the equation more and more worthy causes request our financial support.

Because of your contributions, our conservation and education programs will continue to grow in 2014. Finally, two closing points. First, my personal thanks to Jack Duncan for his advice, experience and contributions. Secondly, when you spend your fly fishing dollars this year, keep in mind the names of those vendors who supported us in our effort.

Again, thank you.

Lee McElravy

SDFF Raffle Chair



WANTED!

The following people are WANTED by the SDFP Raffle Committee!

You have won one or more prizes at the Annual Raffle. It is your responsibility to pick up your prizes by the September meeting. If you are unable to attend, please designate someone on your behalf. If these items are not claimed by the September meeting, they will become SDFP club property.

- King, Jerry** (#56) Vest tool kit
- Lee, John** (#64) Thomas & Thomas 9ft. 7 wt. fly rod
- Marino, John** (#4) Orvis Clearwater reel
(#39) Griffin fly tying vice w/accessories
- Schultz, Les** (#40) \$100 gift certificate to Stroud's Tackle
(#63) 80 custom tied flys & fly box
- Vissers, Steve** (#25) \$100 gift certificate to Stroud's Tackle
(#33) Book, *The Art of the Creel*
- Waterman, Chuck** (#68) Book, *The Complete Book of Flyfishing*

Congratulations!



Art Reifman was the grand prize winner of a Jon Holland bamboo fly rod. ----->



Master of Ceremonies Jim Tenuto.



Boss of the Bay

continued from page 1

on his kayak to secure 2nd. All eyes turned to **Kim Jones** anxious to hear how the resident bay expert fared. Kim modestly responded with 15 spotted bay bass, 2 sand bass, 1 lizard fish, 1 very small ray, 1 croaker and 3 halibut for a grand total of 23 fish! Kim Jones is the Boss of dBay for 2014!

Special thank you to all who donated their time, skills and monies to support this event and SDRPF. See you next year.



Gary Strawn



More pics from the annual raffle



In Memoriam

Paul Costa

Club member Paul Costa, 65, died of heart failure June 7 in Middleboro, Massachusetts. Paul had been a member of the Club for about five years and served on the Board one year. He was canoeing the Newmarket River when he died, a hobby he enjoyed in rivers all over the U.S.

Paul and I traveled together fishing the Sierras. I don't know a lot about his life, except I know he was a retired educator, and a family man. He lived in many places in the Country, most recently Loma Riviera in San Diego. In addition to fly fishing and canoeing, he enjoyed many outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking, white water rafting, and others. I had a good time getting acquainted with Paul, and showing him around the Eastern Sierra.

San Diego Fly Fishers offer our condolences and sympathy to his family. He will be missed. JD



Members Fishing Reports

Pyramid Lake Adventure 2014 by Bob Pharoah

Pyramid is a desert lake located 35 miles Northeast of Reno Nevada, on Paiute Indian reservation land. It is considered the Nation's Top Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Fishery.

Kurt Ruble, Richard Strobel, Norb Spitzer and I fished Pyramid Lake the first part of April with very mixed results. Kurt fished with his friend Mark who lives in nearby Sparks Nevada and landed a number of fish. Rich showed us all how to catch fish the first day by hooking five fish and netting three. We chalked it up to "Beginner's luck" as this was his first trip to the lake.

Norb caught a number of large fish during the trip and really showed us how to do it by catching two fish over ten pounds in *one* morning. We mainly fished from the shore, casting large streamers and stripping them along the bottom. This year was different in that we only caught a couple fish while fishing nymphs under indicators. We fished a couple of days from our pontoon boats but the "catching" was slow. I did manage to land a nice 30 inch fish one evening, in the dark. Rich explored the far side of the lake in his boat and was rewarded with some great pictures of Pelicans. Kurt was the only one to fish from a ladder; a technique made famous by Pyramid fishermen.

While we/I did not catch the number of fish as past years, we had a great trip. Norb led the way catching 18 total fish and Rich landed 12 fish. Kurt and I each ended the trip with 8 fish. I caught the "HOG" of the trip with a 35 inch 18 pound Lahontan Cutthroat Trout.



Norb Spitzer



Bob Pharoah



Richard Strobel



July Monthly Meeting Onboard USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) Inport San Diego

Commander Joel Stewart, Commanding Officer of the USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23), has offered to host the July 7th meeting of the San Diego Fly Fishers onboard the ANCHORAGE. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00pm onboard the ship. The ship will be berthed at Pier 4 on Naval Base San Diego (directions given below). Plan on arriving early enough to pass through security at the Naval Base Main Gate and find parking near the pier. (You should have already given your security information to Sdff Club President, Jack Duncan. The guards at the gate will confirm your identification.)

This should be a great opportunity to tour one of the newest ships in the US Navy homeported here in San Diego, and probably be one of the most vigorous and interactive presentations the club has had. There will be a short slide show about the ship and its capabilities, followed by a choice of three separate tours; one tour for anyone who feels they might have problems going up and down steep stairs (ladders), one for anyone willing to go up/down about four stories (with some space between climbs), and one for anyone willing to go hiking up and down about 12 stories for the full tour. After the tours, the Captain may drop the sterngate so we can cast a few streamers into the bay, and then up to the Flight Deck to enjoy the sunset across the bay (cigars optional!)

Here are the directions:

To get to the 32nd Street Naval Base Main Gate:

From I-5 N/S, take the 28th Street exit and turn onto South 28th St. Turn left onto East Harbor Drive, and then right at 32nd St to enter the main gate.

From CA-94 West, take the exit on the left onto I-15 South. From I-805 N/S, take the exit to I-15 South.

Follow I-15 South to the end of the freeway, and take the slight left onto South 32nd St to cross Harbor Drive and enter the main gate.

Once at the main gate, the guard will verify your identification and access. When cleared, proceed to the traffic circle and take the 2nd exit onto Ward Rd for about 100 yards and make the first left (just before the cross walk) and go straight for about 300 yards. At the stop sign turn left on Brinser St. Pier 4 is the first right. Park in any open space that does not have a designation sign.

The Pier Sentry will again check names and IDs at the pier (anyone not on the list will need to have a DoD ID). There will be two identical ships on the pier. ANCHORAGE is the one on the left, stern in bow out. Come across the gang plank and the crew will take care of the rest.

WANTED Newsletter Editor

We are still looking for a *FINNY FACTS* editor to keep the newsletter going. Please don't make Jack beg. But seriously this is an opportunity for someone to give back to the Club and be creative at the same time.

Rose and I have found the newsletter to be the perfect vehicle to interact with the Club President and the Board of Directors as well as a way to meet new members.

If you think this is for you then contact any of the Board Members or e-mail us at finnyfacts@gmail.com. THANKS!



MAMMOTH LAKES TO HOST ANNUAL FLY FISHING FAIRE

Registration Opens July 13
CLUB MEMBERS: REGISTER EARLY
FOR FLY FISHING FAIRE SEPT. 19-21



MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. – Registration for the Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers' 2014 Fly Fishing Faire opens July 13 with events, classes and seminars on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations may be made by phone at (818) 200 1499 or on-line at southwestcouncilfff.org/faire

Headquartered at Cerro Coso Community College, Sept. 19-21, Faire hours are Fri., 9-5; Sat., 9-5; and Sun., 9-3.

Registration is \$15 adult; ages 16-years and younger free; \$20 per family. Eastern Sierra resident admission is \$10. A single admission is good for all Faire days. Some workshops and seminars are included in the admission; other classes will have separate registration, materials or participation fees. About 100 International Federation of Fly Fishers volunteers plus local professional guides will conduct hands-on education sessions ranging from beginning fly-tying and fly-casting classes, conservation seminars, entomology, techniques, rod building, area tours, just for women outings to on-the-river activities.

The Sat. night dinner program will be at the Mammoth Event Center, 452 Old Mammoth Road. Dinner is \$35 and includes a vegetarian option.

An early listing of classes, seminars and activities includes:

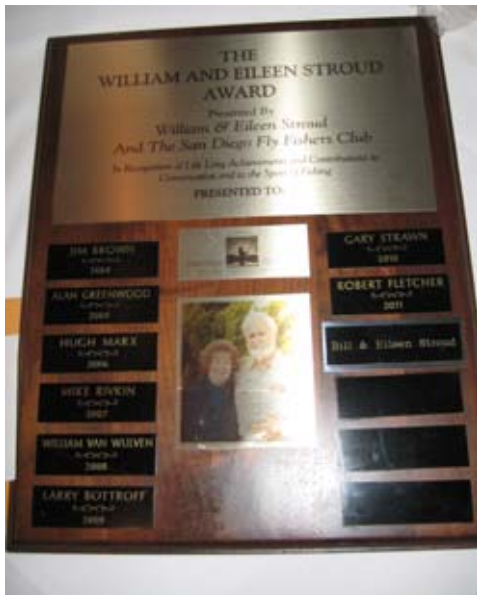
Beginning Fly Fishing with Santa Lucia Fly Fishers – A morning and afternoon class will show students the basic casts needed in fly-fishing. Classes will be in both classroom and on-stream locations. Beginning Fly Tying with Phil Therrien – A morning and afternoon class with Therrien, a Bishop local who has been tying flies for over 20 years. Casting for Beginners with Steve Osterman – The basics from assembling the rod and reel to making rhythmic forward and back casts. This is a casting class and does not include an on-the-water component. Silver Creek Lahontan Cutthroat Recovery Project-with California Department of Fish & Wildlife biologist Dawne Emery. Morning at Hot Creek. Rush Creek Tour. The International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4) consists of short and feature length films produced by professional and amateur filmmakers showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly-fishing. From enormous trout in New Zealand to giant sheefish in Alaska, the variety of films at this event is sure to pique the interest of all anglers. IF4 contains exclusive content not available in another fly-fishing film event.

The film festival is at Minaret Cinemas, 439 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes on Fri. (9/19) night. Winter Fishing Opportunities with Pat Jaegar – Many areas in the Eastern Sierra are now open to year-round fishing. Learn how to extend your season and catch fish even if there is snow on the ground. Fishing Crowley with Ernie Gulley – All the rules and specifics you will need to become proficient at fishing midges (chironomids) at Crowley Lake; "however these tactics will also work in any other stillwater on the planet," according to Gulley. Tying Woven and Wire Woven Nymphs with David Boyer – A veteran of national and international events, he will demonstrate everything from large stonefly nymphs to 22s. Extended Body flies with Naomi Okamoto – Intermediate to advanced tiers. Tying Tube Flies with Cheryl Moore – Increase your percentage of fish landed after you hook them.

The Faire is sponsored by Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers, City of Mammoth Lakes, Giovani's, Snow Creek Resort, and Fred Hall Fishing.



Recipients of the
Stroud Award
 2004-Jim Brown
 2005-Allen Greenwood
 2006- Hugh Marx
 2007- Mike Rivkin
 2008- Bill Van Wulven
 2009- Larry Bottroff
 2010- Gary Strawn
 2011- Bob Fletcher
 2012- Bill and Eileen Stroud



No August issue. Cutoff date for
September FINNY FACTS
 articles---**Friday August 15th.**

Send articles to:
 Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

Thanks!!

**Send change of address information,
 sign up for electronic version of newsletter,
 or Club membership renewal to:**

Alan Reoch

EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations are gratefully
 accepted
 Make checks payable to Eileen
 Stroud Conservation Fund

Mail to:
 Stroud Conservation Fund
 1457 Morena Blvd
 San Diego, CA 92110

All funds collected in Eileen's name will be donated to fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San Diego County.

LIFE MEMBERS

Gordon Foster (in memoriam), Bill and Eileen Stroud (in mem), Bernie Hammes (in mem), Hugh Turner (in mem), Nancy Pitts, Bob Wisner (in mem), Ken Armer, Glen Paul (in mem), Betty Coram, Ned Sewell (in mem), John Kasten (in mem), Leo Bergevin (in mem), George Beach (in mem), Bob Camp (in mem), Marvin Darling, Gene Jerzewski, Oz Osborn (in mem), Robbie Robinson (in mem), John Gauld (in mem), Lloyd Jefferies (in mem), Doug Joseph, Gary Hilbers, Tom Smith, Bud Olsen

HONORARY MEMBERS

Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler (in memoriam), Hugh Marx, Bob Fletcher, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood, Mike Rivkin, Bill Van Wulven, Larry Bottroff, Aubrey Wendling (in memoriam), Bob Berry

Recipients of the:

GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service
 to the flyfishing community

1991-Ned Sewell	2004-Joe Bain
1992-Bob Camp	2005-Jim Reeg
1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud	2006-John Kasten
1994-Ed Velton	2007-Lucky Ketcham
1995-Bob Wisner	2008-Louie Zimm
1996-Gary Hilbers	2009-Warren Lew
1997-Jack Bentley	2010- Paul Woolery
1998-Gordie Zimm	2011-Gary Strawn
1999-Gretchen Yearous	2012-Lee McElravy
2000-Tom Smith	2013-David Collins
2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki	
2002-Larry Sorensen	
2003-Jim Tenuto	

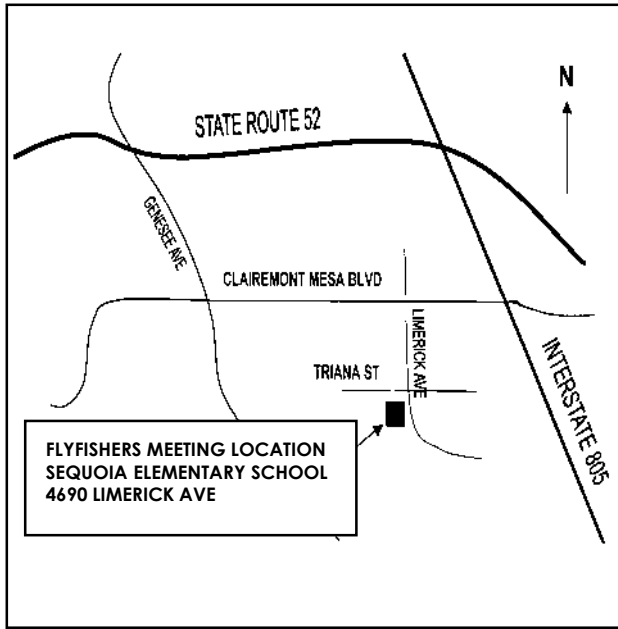


**SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS
2014 DIRECTORS**

Jack Duncan-President
 Alan Thompson-Vice Pres.
 Bruce Harris-Treasurer
 Bruce Michael-Secretary
 Bob Blazer
 Bruce Bechard
 Don Davis
 Fred Gregory
 Jon Holland
 Lee McElravy
 Art Reifman
 Alan Reoch
 Kurt Ruble
 Gary Strawn
 Jim Tenuto
 Steve Vissers
 Lew Walsh
 Paul Woolery

**COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS**

Annual Fund Raiser
 Lee McElravy
Conservation-
 Gary Strawn
FFF Southwest Council-
 Don Davis
Fly Casting Clinic-
 Lee Anderson
Fly Tying Clinic-
 Lucky Ketcham
Media Coordinator-
 Steve Vissers



Membership-
 Alan Reoch
Newsletter-
 Rose & Roger Yamasaki
 E-mail:
Programs-
 Bruce Bechard and
 Kurt Ruble
Raffles-
 Lew Walsh (monthly)

Refreshments-
 Bob Blazer
Rod Building-
 Jack Duncan
Travel-
 Paul Woolery
Video & Library-
 Don Davis
Web Page-
 David Collins
www.sandiegoflyfishers.com

Meeting Place for Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 1.6 miles. When you come to Lake Adlon Drive, (first corner past Jackson Dr.) turn left. Go down three blocks and the recreation center will be on your right. It is on the corner of Lake Adlon and Lake Badin.



**San Diego Flyfishers
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd. #327
San Diego, CA 92124**

**San Diego Flyfishers
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd. #327
San Diego, CA 92124**



**San Diego
Fly Fishers**

*Official Chapter of
Federation of Fly Fishers*

SINCE 1962