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STROUD BANQUET: A NEW TIME, A NEW PLACE, A NEW DAY

December Raffle/Sell/Silent Auction

A big shout out goes out to ALL for supporting this annual event---set up, donations, and participation. Thru your generous contributions, in support of this event, we were able to bring in \$979.00 for the good of the club. This is fantastic, considering all that was going on for the evening. There were some great items up for raffle, sale, and the Silent Auctions---rods, reels, chest packs, duffle bags, custom hand tied flies, fly tying materials, etc.

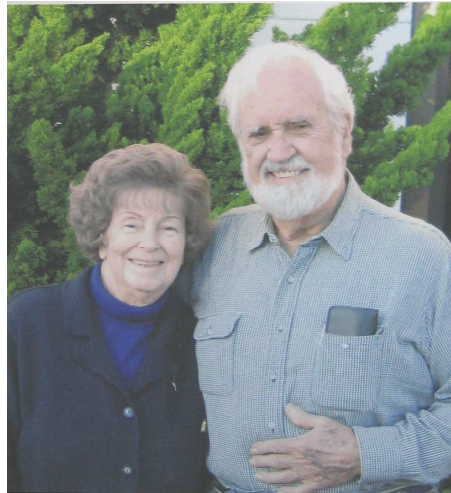
Special thanks' goes out to **Alan Thompson, Kurt Ruble, Wayne Allen, Fred Gregory, Barry Pechersky, Jack Duncan, Bruce Harris, and Shelly Wagner** for helping with the "set up", manning the raffle and auction tables, and collection of funds. I could not have done it without your help and support. "Great Team Effort"!

Also would like to recognize those individuals who so graciously donated items for the event; **Jack Duncan, Paul Woolery, Wayne Allen, Barry Pechersky, Alan Thompson, Cheryl Cline, Bill Stock, George Bradley, Lew Walsh, Tom Smith, Sam & Mona Morebello, Charles Wright, and Bruce Smith.**

If I have missed someone please except my apologies.

THANK YOU---

-submitted by Lew Walsh



Bill and Eileen Stroud

This year the annual Stroud Banquet will see some marked changes from the past few years such as the banquet will be held on a **Sunday afternoon, January 25 from 1 to 4 pm** rather than the normal Monday evening. Let's look at some on the advantages of having it on Sunday afternoon: first, there will be no need to rush home from work, change clothes, and rush to dinner (you're welcome Nancy); second, it will be held during daylight hours so no stumbling around in the dark; third, it is generally warmer in the daytime; fourth, it will be held at the Southwestern Yacht Club which is a magnificent facility that is best appreciated during the daytime for the incredible views (just watch, it will rain).

This is our club's annual event where we honor the great work of our members, enjoy the company of others, eat tasty food, and have fun.

See you all there !

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Don't Forget

Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2015. Contact Alan Reoch at sandiegoflyfishers.com

Next Meeting

Monday, February 2, 2015
7:00 pm
Sequoia Elementary School;
4690 Limerick Avenue
(see map on the back)

Reminder

Volunteer host for this meeting
(report at 6:15pm)
Tom Lucas
Lucky Ketcham

Thank you, **Lew Walsh**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"You do not cease to fish because you get old.

You get old because you cease to fish." Unknown



This month's quote is by an unknown author. I suppose it could have been mine, and I forgot. When I was asked to take the SDFP President's job, I thought, oh no. I'm too old. I'll forget what days the meetings are. I'll never get through it. And the truth is there were a few rough spots, and I don't know for sure, but I think there was some forgetfulness, too. But with the help of many others, the Club got through o.k., hopefully not much the worse.

So this being my last President's Message, I will thank and acknowledge those to whom I owe much for whatever success I, and more importantly the Club, have enjoyed. First my **Irish Consigliere, Lee McElravy**, a Past President, who kept me advised on the way to do things the SDFP way; and then--like keeping me straight wasn't tough enough--Lee took on the toughest job of all: Chairman of the annual Fund Raiser.

Lee did his usual excellent job, and the event raised more than \$7,000 all to be used for conservation and fly fishing causes. With the always reliable, venerable **Gary Strawn** at the Conservation helm, we are assured the funds will be carefully invested in the most worthy causes.

I'm sure every president has problems, but I honestly think mine were especially daunting. I no sooner was elected, and the irreplaceable **Ned Sewell** passed away. Panic set in. I thought I'd probably be spending my Sunday mornings teaching fly casting at Lake Murray, which I am ill-prepared and not qualified to do. However, **Lee Anderson** stepped up, like so many in the Club have done before. The Sunday casting lessons have continued uninter-

rupted thanks to **Barry Pechersky, Jim Litchfield, Ken Armer, Marv Darling, Don Smith, Ken Floyd, Frank Beaty, and Shelley Wagner** among others. Some weeks we had record crowds, up near 20 new casters. And over the course of the year, the instructors recruited more than a handful of new members. So thanks to the aforementioned **Merry Men and Shelley**, fly casting was solved.

I thought the rest of the year would be a breeze. And that was true for awhile, until **Roger and Rose Yamasaki** informed me they are retiring, and after 20 years, were giving up the editorship of **Finny Facts**. Again, panic set in. It took months to replace them (I was afraid it would take years), but in August another long term member stepped up. Thank you **Alan Thompson** for becoming our ink-stained-wretch, and keeping our beloved newsletter coming every month without interruption. Thank you Roger and Rose for 20 years of unsurpassed excellence.

Project Healing Waters was hugely successful in 2014, thanks to **Art Reifman**, and about a dozen Club members who regularly help in a variety of ways. Art tells me this year we introduced about 50 veterans, young and old, to fly fishing. Having attended a number of the sessions, I can assure the entire membership that the veterans love the classes, and many learn to love the sport. A few joined the Club, and some even caught fish, thanks to **The Willows Resort** donating their pond for the final class in each session. Clearly it is rewarding time well spent for all who help. You should try it. And if you can't make the daytime sessions, in 2015 there will be evening sessions as well.

I have many others to thank: **Bruce Harris**, for counting our beans, and keeping us in balance; **Steve Vissers** for taking on the new job of **Media Coordinator**, to help keep us informed; **Bruce Michael** for **Boss of D'Bay**, and the **Kern River Tournament**; **Bruce Bechard** and **Kurt Ruble** who keep us entertained with their programs; **Jim Tenuto** who along with **David Collins** developed a brand new SDFP.com; **Lew Walsh** for seating us every month; and finally the irrepressible **Paul Woolery**. I don't have enough space to list all the jobs Paul has done, and continues to do for our Club. If a job needs doing, Paul does it. On behalf of all the membership, I can't thank him enough. Sadly, but deservedly, Paul along with three others are leaving your Board: **Woolery, McElravy, Tenuto, and Holland**. That's near 50 years of Board experience and good work for the Club. But as I told these guys, you don't have to be a Director to be a Chairman.

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone, but I probably have, and I apologize for that. And speaking of forgetting, please remember the **Stroud Awards Banquet** to be held Sunday January 25 at **Southwest Yacht Club**. That's the Sunday between the NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl, so there are no valid excuses. **Music, Food, Refreshments, Prizes and Awards**, all for \$30. Buy tix at Stroud's or from Woolery (there's that name again). Bring your wife or husband.

Don't forget!



Stroud Banquet

Sunday, January 25, 2015

From 1:00 to 4:00 pm



- \$30 per person for a great dinner in a beautiful setting.
- Price included a door prize ticket!
- Sign-up at a club meeting, Stroud's Tackle or mail check to:
San Diego Fly Fishers, Attn. Stroud Banquet
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd., #327
San Diego, CA 92124
- Please make your reservations prior to January 21.
- Spouses and guests are welcome.



From I-8 (West) or I-5 (South) Take Rosecrans Street EXIT
Go West on Rosecrans for 3.4 miles
Turn LEFT on OWENS Street
Turn 1st LEFT on San Antonio Street
Turn at 3rd Right on Qualtrough Street V

“How To”...SDFF Meeting Set-up and Breakdown

SET UP

1. Arrive by 6:30 PM
2. Unlock SDFF cabinets (located onstage left) combination lock # 1-2-3
3. Carry name-tag cases to back of auditorium. Cases are located adjacent to cabinets
4. Someone is usually there by 6:00 PM to set up condiment table and start coffee
5. Move salad bar tables flat against the wall (if they are set up)
6. Set up tables next to back windows for name tag boxes
7. Arrange tables for door prizes
8. Set up club P.A. system (found in cabinets on stage)---Bruce Harris can also help assist
9. Set up table for projectors, extension cord in cabinet and pull down screen in back of stage
10. Bruce Harris will assist with set up (when present) and assign alternate on his behalf as required
11. Make sure faculty restrooms are unlocked and hall lights are on (see custodian)
12. Check with custodian about heater for auditorium if needed
13. Put out large trash cans and recycle bin (from teacher’s lounge)
14. Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle)
15. St down and relax, you have done a great job.

BREAKDOWN

1. Be sure all chairs and tables are returned to original positions
2. Check and clean up trash, spills, and crumbs
3. Turn off and put away microphone, screen and projector
4. Return coffee pot, condiment box, blue bin, and name tag boxes to cabinet. **LOCK CABINET!**
5. Custodian is responsible for shutting down and locking up, but please double check any windows that may have been opened.

It is important that we return this room to the same order as we found it as the school uses this room first thing in the morning and they have no time to rearrange before the kids arrive.

A copy of this memo will be posted on the inside of the cabinet door (however, you will need to memorize our tricky combination, 1-2-3)

NOTE: The board wants to get an attendance count. Please be exact in the number of chairs you set up. Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle).

-submitted by Lew Walsh

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Improper Clean-up



Meeting Volunteers

- January– banquet
- February– Tom Lucas
Lucky Ketcham
- March– Kurt Ruble
Lew Walsh
- April– Mike Frye
Barry Pechersky
- May– Frank Beaty
Jim Litchfield
- June– Raffle
- July– Mike Frye
Lew Walsh
- August– dark
- September– Jon Hee
Steve Vissers
- October– Alan Thompson
Paul White
- November– Bill Stock
Art Reifman
- December– Swap Meet– raffle

On-Call substitute volunteers

- Dan McKirnan
- Steve Piper
- Steve Vissers
- Fred Gregory
- Scott Penwell/Sherry Ashbaugh
- Jack Duncan

**Thanks to all our
volunteers
Your help is greatly
appreciated**

Future Events

February's Speaker Dave Parker



Dave Parker's flyfishing career started in the early 1980s in southwestern Virginia, where he cut his teeth on smallmouth bass in the larger rivers, and later on trout in the small freestone streams of the region. In 1988, he moved to California and joined the faculty of UC Riverside as a professor in environmental sciences, from which he retired earlier this year. Although principally a chemist by training, his research interests have always spilled over into biology and, from the beginning, he has been fascinated by the biology and ecology of the aquatic invertebrates that comprise the majority of the trout's diet.

Since moving to California, Dave has fished all over the western U.S., and has become particularly passionate about the technical challenges posed by small spring creeks (such as Hot Creek), and by the many blue-ribbon tailwater fisheries in the region (e.g., the San Juan, the Green, the Madison, Lee's Ferry, etc.). Although these fisheries occasionally offer opportunities to fish the "super-hatches" of large

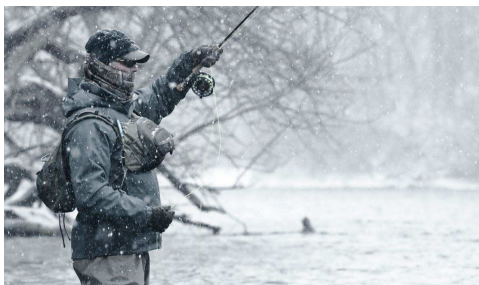
and conspicuous insects (salmonflies, golden stones, green drakes, etc.), the bread-and-butter opportunities in these often year-round fisheries are dominated by much smaller bugs: blue-winged olives, pale morning duns, caddisflies, and midges, among others.

His presentation focuses on the intersection of three major themes. First, there will be an overview of the basic entomology of relevance of these hatches, and some tips on how to identify what the trout are feeding upon. Second, we will discuss effective fly patterns. Because of their small size, most of these hatches are best fished with very simple patterns that accurately imitate the size and shape (and secondarily color) of the naturals, but lack the excessive detail (legs, gills, antennae, etc.) often seen at the local fly shop. Recent advances in underwater photography and videography have greatly improved our understanding of what the trout sees, what the likely triggers are that induce them to eat our flies. Lastly, we will discuss effective strategies for fishing these small bugs, including the use of dry-dropper set-ups, presentation, and the value of sight fishing. Time permitting, there will be one or two "bonus" topics where Dave engages in of his favorite pastimes: "mythbusting" of fly-fishing lore and legends (as a scientist, he really can't resist).

Dave has served as the education coordinator for the Deep Creek Flyfishers for many years, where he has taught fly tying, rod building, and general fly-fishing. One of his most popular programs has been a half-day introduction to entomology, which has now been offered in several Southwest Council venues. There is insufficient time in a one-hour evening program to go into the same level of detail, but it is his hope that this overview of how to identify and imitate small bugs will whet your appetite for further learning.

Just Around the Corner: Bishop Trip February 2015

As we hunker down for winter in San Diego, it is time to make your plans to join your fellow club members on our annual trip to Bishop area in February. **Kurt Rubble** is busy planning this adventure as the new coordinator of this event. We have to thank **Paul Woolery** for all his hard work putting together this event for many years. February 14th-16th is the date of our club's adventure in the Bishop area. Past history of this weekend event saw many club members fishing the Lower Owens below Pleasant Valley Reservoir targeting rainbows and browns.



Unidentified **Frozen** fly fisher singing their version of "Let it Go"

Some club members also fished the Upper Owens above Crowley Lake and catching rainbows between the snow drifts where last year snow mobiles were used.

There may be a few spots left so make sure you contact **Kurt** asap.



Travel

This is the time of year to make your travel plans for the summer of 2015 and what is presented here are a few notes from places that some of us have visited or have heard presentations. Wherever possible, web addresses will be included to you can search these sites for yourself. There is no implied or intentional endorsement of any of the following by San Diego Fly Fishers but is intended as an informational source only.

Montana-

Back Country Angler by Tom Smith was a destination presentation at the Pasadena Fly Fishing Show

February 21, 2009 with notes by Lucky Ketcham, SDFP. Tom Smith has operated a guide service and lodging facility in Dillon, Montana for 25 years. The location is in South Western Montana near many famous fly fishing waters.

Dillion, Montana is a high desert town about 5,100 to 5,200 feet in elevation. There is little snow in Dillon. The Beaverhead River is the closest and easiest to fish from his lodge and is a tail water. Other notable streams include Big Hole River is 30 miles away, Ruby River is also a small tail water, and

Madison River is a famous trout destination and is 60 miles away. Even though the distances may seem far, having traveled in Montana, the roads are fast and mostly straight.

To contact this lodge:

backcountryangler.com Phone (405)683-3462

Bitterroot River- Chuck Stranahan is known among his professional peers as one of the most talented fly tyers of this era – a recognition the angling public is now coming to share. A long-time professional fly tyer and guide, he is also a writer, instructor, and speaker at fly-fishing clubs and sportsmen's shows. **The Fly Shop** is his retail business which provides supplies, equipment, and advice located in Hamilton,

Montana. Contact Chuck at : <http://www.chuck-stranahan.com> –Phone (406) 363-4197

Big Horn River- a world famous tail water in Southeastern Montana which offers several guides services and fly shops. Among them are: The Big Horn Trout Shop at <http://www.bighorntroutshop.com> phone (406) 666-2375 : Bighorn Angler at <http://www.bighornangler.com> phone (406) 666-2233 : Bighorn Fly and Tackle shop at <http://www.bighornfly.com> phone (406) 666-2253

Alaska-

The following video I stumbled across a



few years ago about an extended float trip in northwest Alaska by a few fishing buddies. The trip is called **The Fishkateers on Alaska's Kugururok River** which is located in **Noatak National Preserve** from August 2006. You will notice the changing of the season such as the low river flow and the color of the leaves plus how the guys were bundled up for the cold of August. Such must be life above the Arctic Circle. This can be viewed at <http://www.celebratebig.com/alaska-kugururok-river/index.htm>

Utah-

The Green River in the northeast corner is the big draw in Utah. This river is famous for its tail waters which supports a huge population for large rainbows and browns. A great source of information on this area comes from SDFP members **Lucky Ketcham, Bob Pharoah, Wayne Allen, and David Collins** as they have made many trips on this fabled water. There are a couple of local shops that can give you up to date information and can provide certified guides. They are **Trout Creek Flies and Green River Outfitters** at <http://www.troutcreekflies.net/home> phone (435) 885-3355 and **Green River Fly and Tackle Shop** at <http://www.flaminggorgeresort.com/Green-River-Fly-and-Tackle-Shop>

Check out the video from Trout Creek at the bottom of this page

http://www.troutcreekflies.net/home/new_page_3.htm

California

The northeast corner of California is home to Modoc County which is one of the least visited recreational areas in the state. Its desert like climate discourages many fly fishers who are not aware of its many jewels plus is the home of 2 heritage trouts, the **Goose Lake Redband** and the **Warner Redband**. Nearly is another heritage trout, the **McCloud Redband**. There are many small creeks which are seldom touched by fishermen and the local letter reservoir such as Reservoir C or Reservoir F can have large **Eagle Lake Rainbows** that are exciting to catch. This author and his son was buzzed by a Bald Eagle that must have felt we were a threat to its food source while fishing on Reservoir C. For up to date information on local waters contact **The Belligerent Duck** which advertised on the local radio station that they had all the fishing and hunting supplies for the guy while carrying nic-nacs, for the gals. It is a step back in time
. <http://www.belligerentduck.bizland.com>
Phone (530) 233-4696

Announcements

From Sierra Drifters December newsletter

The general trout season has now closed in Inyo and Mono Counties. Crowley & the monument section of the Upper Owens went out with a bang thanks to some very nice fall weather. The lake fished the best we have seen in a decade, & was once again planted with browns, rainbows, & cutthroats for the 2015 season. **The good news** is the browns & cutty's will be "diploids". These are fertile fish and capable of reproducing. There will be some Kamloops rainbows planted that are also "dips"; however future stocking of fertile rainbows is not in current fisheries management plans for California waters that do not have native strains. The East Walker & Bridgeport Reservoir will also receive fertile browns for 2015. **Rainbows and cutthroat trout will be "triploids" and not capable of reproduction due to sweeping changes in fisheries management based on a past lawsuit that is now law in California. Senate Bill 1148 is cast in stone.** Click on this link http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120SB1148 if you are interested in how future recreational fishing laws will change in California. There is a lot of information here, section six has the meat and added below. The CDFW is currently in the process of "sweeping" regulatory changes for 2016.

Section 1726 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:
1726.

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that it is the policy of the state to do all of the following:

(a) Establish and maintain wild trout stocks, that, to the extent possible, should be native fish, in suitable waters of the state that are readily accessible to the general public as well as in those waters in remote areas.

(b) Establish angling regulations designed to maintain the wild trout fishery in those waters by natural reproduction.

(c) Discourage artificial planting of hatchery-raised hybrid and nonnative fish species in wild trout waters or in other areas that would adversely affect native aquatic and nonaquatic species.



SEC. 6.

FREE CASTING LESSONS
EVERY SUNDAY 9 AM--NOON

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. Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That's our bunch.



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.

Recipients of the **STROUD AWARD**

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

Cut-off date for February
Finnyfacts is Friday-
January 16, 2015

Send articles to:
Alan Thompson at
finnyfacts@gmail.com

Thanks

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

Alan Reoch
Sandiegoflyfishers.com

Also, Visit our club's website today for new pictures, articles, and other useful information.

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 (in memoriam), 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 fly fishing community

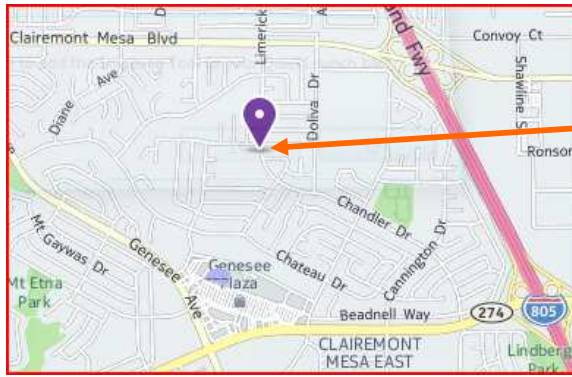
1991-Ned Sewell	2004-Joe Bain
1992-Bob Camp	2005-Jim Reeg
1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud	2006-John Kasten
1994-Ed Velton	2007-Lucky Ketcham
1995-Bob Wisner	2008-Louie Zimm
1996-Gary Hilbers	2009-Warren Lew
1997-Jack Bentley	2010- Paul Woolery
1998-Gordie Zimm	2011-Gary Strawn
1999-Gretchen Yearous	2012-Lee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

**San Diego Fly Fishers
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- **Newsletter**
- Bruce Michael **Vice-President**
- **Annual Fund Raiser**
- Bruce Harris..... **Treasurer**
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- Bruce Bechard **Programs**
- **Annual Fund Raiser**
- Don Davis **FFF Southwest Council**
- **Video & Library**
- Jack Duncan..... **Rod Building**
- Fred Gregory..... **Secretary**
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- Kurt Ruble **Programs**
- Gary Strawn **Conservation**
- Steve Vissers **Media Coordination**
- Lew Walsh **Door Prizes**

Other Chairpersons

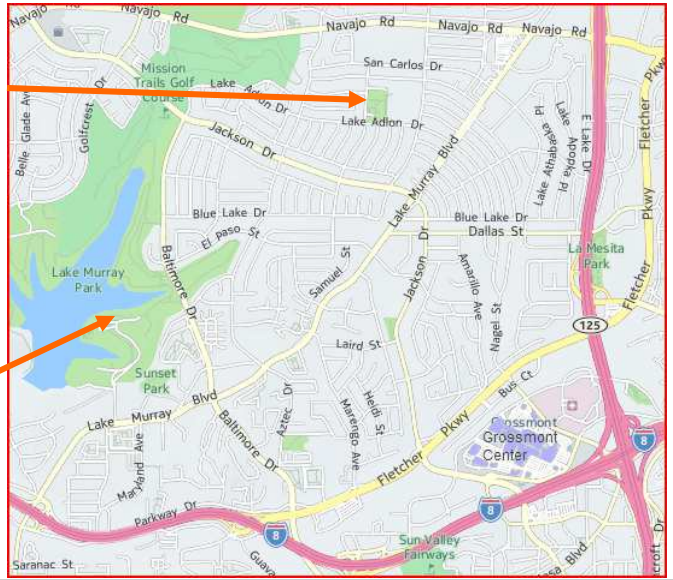
- Lee Anderson **Fly Casting Clinic**
- Lucky Ketcham **Fly Tying Clinic**
- David Collins **Web Master**
- Art Reifman **Project Healing Waters**



Monthly Meeting
First Monday
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Sequoia Elementary
 School
 690 Limerick Ave.
 San Diego, CA 92117

Fly Tying Congress
 Thursdays 6:30-8:30

San Carlos Rec. Ctr.
 6445 Lake Badin Ave.
 San Diego, CA 92119



Fly Casting Clinic
 Every Sunday 9 to
 noon.

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