

# FINNY FACTS

**Archive Version**

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

**Volume 39 No.4**

## **Trout-in-the-Classroom—A Huge Success (see below) Pictures starting on Page 3**

### **This Month's Speaker:**

**Gary Bulla**



**Flyfishing the Edge  
Baja California**

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Students from Kearny High School and a local elementary school met at Lake Murray to release their trout fry that they have nurtured since they received their eggs several weeks ago. San Diego Fly Fishers members Don Smith, Paul Woolery, Lucky Ketcham, Jon Hee, Fred Gregory, Art Reifman, Bruce Harris, Lee McElravy, Barry Pechersky, Alan Thompson, and others provided assistance in the realse of the fry and instructed students in fly tying and fly casting. **Great Job all.**



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### **Next Meeting**

Monday, April 4, 2016  
7:00 pm

Southwestern Yacht Club



### April

- 6th-San Carlos Recreation Center at 6:30pm
- 7th- VA Hospital at 9:30am
- 21st- VA Hospital at 9:30am

### May

- 4th- San Carlos Recreation Center at 6:30pm
- 5th- Casting Instructions at Lake Murray at 9:30am.
- 19th- Fishing Outing at Santee Lakes at 9:30am

With a heavy heart, we must report the passing of

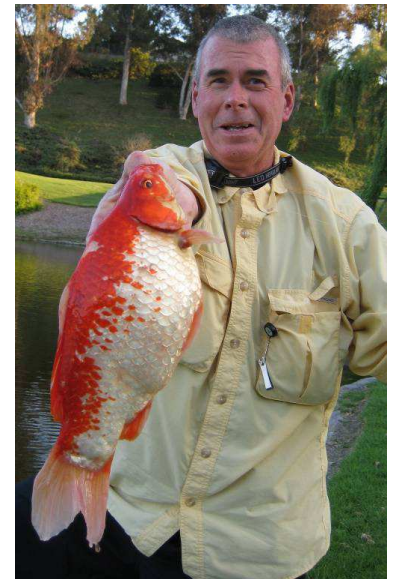
### **Floyd Lee**

From Left: Howard Knob, Lee Anderson, John Beckstrand, Don Smith, and **Floyd Lee** at Mammoth 2004





**Yesterday,  
Today,  
Tomorrow**



Spring equals warmer waters coupled with longer nights, perfect for searching our local lakes and ponds for active bass and panfish. San Diego is host to multiple 'non-trout' fishing opportunities. I'll bet within a 3 mile radius of wherever you live or work in San Diego county, there a several water holes holding bass on the chew.

Some of my favorite 'on the water' times have been floating Miramar Lake in the dusk hours, listening to the chatter of the throngs circling the lake while casting enormous, weedless creations into the reeds anticipating the explosion and reel screaming thrill of another large mouth. Grab a friend or two and find your inland oasis and enjoy skating a popper across the pond. You never know what may come feast on your fly.

Earlier this month, SDFFF's partnership with Trout in the Classroom culminated with the releasing of trout fry raised in three separate schools into our local lakes. A special thanks to San Diego River Park education coordinator **Bob Forthun** and **Gary Strawn** for initiating SDFFF involvement. SDFFF members **Bruce Bechard, Bruce Harris, Alan Thompson, Fred Gregory, Lee McElravy, Bob Stafford** and several others partnered with local

classrooms from delivery of fish eggs, to in the class education, to supervising the trout release.

April bring 2 SDFFF outreach events you will want to join. Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, **Lucky Ketcham, Bob Pharoah, Don Smith** and team will be coordinating our participation in the Boy Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium. Stations will be set up for fly and knot tying as well as casting to assist the Scouts in obtaining their Fly Fishing Merit Badge. Contact **Lucky** for more details.

Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>, will be the packed 'Day at the Docks' held at Fisherman's Landing. Volunteers will just be available to greet the public and answer any questions pertaining to our sport, salt or freshwater. This is an all day event, so as your time permits, stop by and help promote the sport we love.

Our annual conservation fundraiser is June 6<sup>th</sup>. **Lee McElravy** and **Jack Duncan** will be once again coordinating this event.

*-Bruce Michael*



**Thank you for your support.**  
**Bratwursts are available for purchase at COSTCO Warehouse stores.**

**Welcome Aboard**

**Dan McGinty**  
**Lee Goodman**  
**Loren Linville**  
**Paul (Irene) Lee**  
**Marc Wollam**  
**Ed Rood**  
**Dale Costanzo**  
**Jeremy Ramberg**  
**Craig Stevenson**  
**Patrick Carney**  
**Stephen Jordan**

**Craig Prince**

# CONSERVATION and EDUCATION

## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM



Students from Kearny High School, San Diego, California



Paul Woolery and Lucky Ketcham demonstrating fly tying techniques to interested Kearny High Students



“Let us go”, said the little wigglers



Fred Gregory telling fishing lies to a student learning fly casting while Jon Hee works with another Kearny Komet.

# CONSERVATION and EDUCATION

## Trout in the Classroom

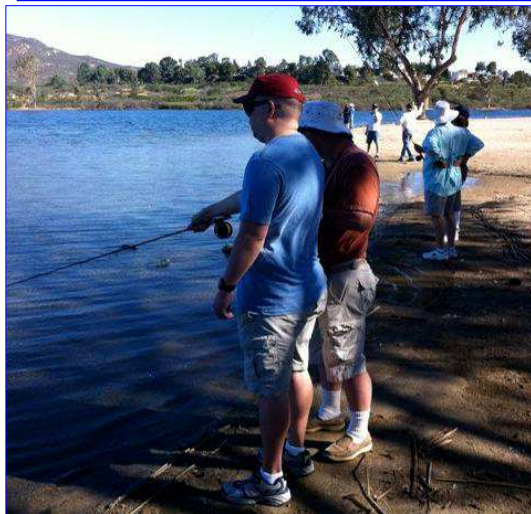


A Claremont area elementary school 1st graders pose for a group picture ( identities are withheld for safety purposes )



The 1st graders also released their fry with each student having a plastic cup with at least one fry, then as a group of 4 approach the shoreline, finally carefully reading their fish. They also watched our members tie flies and took turns casting with unusual techniques.

# EDUCATION



Don Smith teaching the roll cast as Barry Pechersky helps a veteran in the background



A Vet enjoying the day at Los Willows.



The Wednesday Evening group at San Carlos Recreation Center is having great success thanks to Paul Woolery, John Adametz, Lee McElravy, Larry Sorensen, and others

# Bishop Trip

The annual winter trip to Bishop California was blessed with outstanding weather as a storm passes through on Thursday morning that left a dusting of snow in the higher elevation. The Upper Owens River of Friday morning was a robust 9 degrees at dawn as reported by Fred Gregory as he pursued the monster trout hidden in the holes. Yet 24 hours later, the same area was reading 29 degrees at dawn and quickly warmed up causing the frozen ground to turn into a sea of mud. Club members and friends spread out over a wide area including the wild trout section, middle Owens, and Hot Creek.



End of day Bull session with **Jack Duncan, Gary Strawn, Fred Gregory, Art Reifman, Steve Hansen, Bruce Bechard, Bruce Michael, Jon Hee, Wayne Johnson, Wayne Allen, Lee McElravy, (Paul and Tim?)**

The evenings saw the gathering of exhausted anglers as they compared their days prior to going dinner as a group. A shout-out to **Lee McElravy** who made the dinner arrangements at the **Upper Crust Italian** on Thursday night, the **Bowling Alley** on Friday night, and **la Castia** on Saturday night.



Why is this man smiling? Be afraid !

This is a great annual event and the general consensus is we need to do more events.

**More pictures on next page**



The **Upper Crust restaurant** handled all 18 members and friends who went to Bishop including **Jack Duncan, Don 'Sparky' Smith, Art Reifman, Lee McElravy, and Paul Woolery**



More- **John Adametz and friend (new member) Tim, Bruce Michael, Art Mills, Fred Gregory, Jon Hee, Bruce Bechard, Wayne Allen, Wayne Johnson, Steve Hansen**

# BISHOP TRIP



Art Mills displays one of his BIG rainbows



FISH ON, Gary Strawn, bring it in !



Fred Gregory, mend, mend, take up the slack !



Steve Hansen at dawn gets ready to take on the river



Left- Art Reifman large trout with frozen fingers. Right- Great Job, Fred Gregory ! A still picture doesn't do justice. We can not see your shaking knees nor hear your chattering teeth. But it was worth it !!

## Fly of the Month—Gray Micro Scud



### Gray Micro Scud – size 26 to 18

Hook: TMC 2488 size 26 – straight eye scud hook  
 TMC 101 size 26 – straight eye dry fly hook  
 Thread: UNI-Thread-Gray – 8/0  
 Head cement is used as the carapace.  
 No tails, no legs, no ribbing, no plastic scud back ----Sweet and Simple.  
 Notes and photo by Lucky Ketcham, 9/11/2010

This very small scud pattern was the most productive fly for many of the SDFF members fishing the cold alkali tailwaters of the Green River, Utah in the summer of 2010. In the absence of cicadas, hoppers and crickets, even the big trout were gorging on this oil rich amphipod and ignoring dry flies. Each tennis ball sized -cobble stone that was covered with the soft green algae, *Chara* and *Cladophora* provided homes to hundreds of small gray scuds and two or three red aquatic worms. There seemed to be 10 times as many baby or immature scuds in the size 26 to 24 ranges as there were the mature size 18 variety. Occasionally a Yellow Sally stonefly, a few snails and some cased caddisflies also were found on the rocks. Any fly pattern that lets Wayne Allen catch 35 good trout in a day and puts Paul Costa in the 20/20 club is worth adding to your fly box.

Amphipods are Crustaceans that need calcium to molt. They are found in many of the Western lakes and rivers that have an alkaline pH. This pattern will work on the Big Horn, Green River, San Juan, Truckee

River, Eagle Lake, Heenan Lake and many of the waters we love.

*Hyalella azteca* is the small gray scud that is very numerous in tail waters. We observed 500 to 600 per square foot this year. Lyle's Gray Soft Hackle size 18 is a good pattern for the adult size. I think the size 26 worked better because many of the fly shops only sold the size 20 and 18 patterns. The educated fish were less wary of the tiny pattern. Also the old Entomology rule that 98% of the mass producing insects are eaten before they are able to reproduce might give a clue why trout were targeting the smaller pattern. Phil, our guide and mentor from Pinedale, WY cut the tail and hackles from Wayne's size 24 gray soft hackle and the fly caught more fish. There are two Genera of scuds on the Green. The larger *Gammarus sp.* is often imitated with a pink scud, size 16 and used as an attractor pattern above the smaller gray micro scud. Phil taught us to use a small size 26 brown Yong's Special as the attractor and use the Andy Kim method of short line nymphing. The flies are on 6X tippet at the end of a 7

ft 5X leader. Phil ties his tippet at home using two section of 18 inch 6X. The unique part is that he ties two clinch knots through the eye of the Yong's Special. A tiny #8 split shot is placed 4 inches below the YS and a larger #3 shot is added 4 to 5 inches below the Corkie movable indicator. He taught Wayne to pay very close attention to mending his line to have the nymphs, split shot and Corkie indicator to travel in the same seam and create a natural drift. Almost no fly line is allowed to contact the water surface in this short line method.



## Fly of the Month—Gray Micro Scud (*continued*)

### Instructions:

The fly is easy to tie if you have reading glasses or a magnifying glass. I tied it in camp using a hemostat for a vise and a wooden clothes pin as a bobbin weight on 6 inches or thread. Lee Wulff would have been proud of me. Attach the hook in the vise and make a jam knot behind the eye. You want to make a very slender “cresent moon” of gray thread on the curved hook. On the straight shanked TMC 101 hook, the thread is a straight spindle shape. (Many references say that scuds are not curved when they swim and a straight body shape is actually more accurate.) I like the curved hook version because it looked like all the baby suds on the rocks and gives that cresent shape. I like to make the shape with smooth layers of thread. Make one of two layers of thread all the way into the bend of the hook. Each subsequent layer stops short on each end, building up the middle. Turn the fly side ways and use a white background paper to watch the profile develop. I do not want to add too many wraps of thread, but I want the profile to look different from a straight thread midge larva.

Whip finish behind the eye and trim the thread. I put the finished flies in a ½ wine cork and add a thin coat of head cement to just the top half of the body. I did not worry about coating the whole body. Maybe the cement will look like the cara-

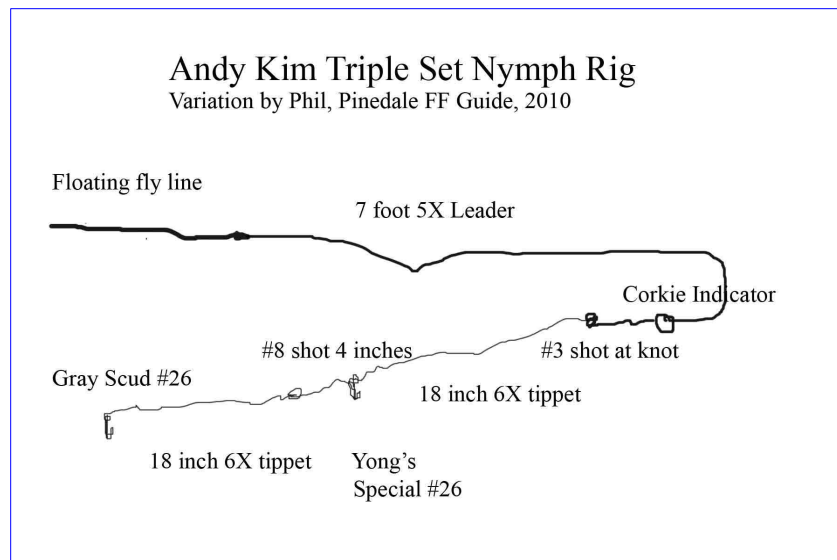
pace of the scud. Do not lay the wet scuds flat on a table or plate or they will stick down – ask Wayne Allen about that trick. (Also ask him to demonstrate the “El Matador Shuffle”)

Phil took a special liking to fledgling nymph Wayne, when he notices our SD angler was wading wet with just his nylon quick dry slacks. Wayne fit right into Phil’s image of young anglers that could not “afford” those expensive new fangled waders. Phil took extra time to tell Wayne all the secrets. Our master salesman knows how to work the system.

Below is my drawing of the nymphing rig taught to Wayne Allen by a fly fishing guide named Phil, from Pinedale, WY. The red Corkie indicator was about the size of a nickel. It is pegged with a tooth pick on the leader for easy adjustment of depth. We fished in water 20 to 36 inches deep. Most of the time the larger top shot size 3 was only 3 or 4 inches below the indicator. If the water is faster, Phil said to keep the same size split shot but double them up at the same locations. If you cut the 6X tippet at an angle to make a point you can tie two clinch knots in the eye of the size 26 Yong’s Special. The leader and tippets makes a 10 foot rig. The key is to mend the line according to the speed of the surrounding current seams. If a slow seam is

on the inside you may have to make a down stream mend to get a natural drift. Keep the line short with much of the leader off the water. Phil is a student of Andy Kim and promotes the idea that you do not need an expensive rod and fly line to catch 75 to 100 fish a day on the Green. Phil uses the least expensive Orvis rod, 8 ½ foot. Just the set the hook with a light flick of the wrist, and set in on any movement or pause of the indicator. Also watch the movement and the opening of the white mouths of the fish in the slip stream below you. In many cases you would set the hook before there was any movement of the indicator by closely watching the fish behavior. Most people do not pay enough attention to the indicator and the mending of the line to get the nymphs, lead, indicator and leader all in the same current seam. If the indicator is not in the same seam, there will be a detectable drag on the nymphs. Educated trout can be fussy eaters.

Andy Kim is now a famous guide on the San Juan, Green and Big Horn River. Check out his website for more information and useful fly patterns. <http://www.yspecial.com/> Andy Kim’s flies have been very good to Norb Spitzer, Bob McKay, Wayne Allen, Bob Pharoah and me. Lucky Ketcham



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# ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

June 6th, 2016 at 6 PM  
Southwestern Yacht Club  
2702 Qualtrough St,  
San Diego, CA 92106

This event insures Sdff  
continued outreach and  
education to our community



## April Speaker GARY BULLA– Bio

Gary Bulla's presentation will take anglers through the fishing season in Baja Mexico. The diversity of fish in Baja waters means anglers can revisit Baja at other times of the year and have very different quarry. Panga fishing from large outboard skiffs close to deepwater can produce rod bending, spool burning skipjack and yellowfin tuna that test your knot tying.

It can also mean sight casting to rooster fish or dorado on the surface, a sport sure to provide a large dose of adrenalin when a fish takes a fly. Evenings are spent a comfortable hotel tying flies, sampling tequila, tying leaders and comparing stories of big fish caught and wildlife like whales, dolphins, and turtles seen.

But fishing the edge in Baja can also mean paddling kayaks or wading in a river estuary among the mangroves casting lighter tackle for broomtail grouper, corvina, mangrove snapper, jack crevalle, spotted bay bass and African pompano. On this trip, nights are spent on a remote island with fine food and drink supplied at the base camp by experienced staff. No extra charge for swimming, snorkeling or relaxing on the sand and watching the stars.



Gary will share his discoveries with the club, including tackle and techniques for the dazzling variety of fish south of the border.

Before he discovered Baja, Gary Bulla grew up on the beaches and waters of the Southern California coast. He found salt-water fly fishing combined his long-time

love for the ocean and his passion for fly fishing with the convenience of having big fish right at his back door. He quickly realized that there was not a great deal of information out there about catching salt-water species on the fly and began to use his knowledge of tides and tidal life to not only chase down surf perch, but also corbina, halibut, and sea bass. It seemed that there was a fishery right along the shores of Southern California that would provide a great recreation, with some awesome challenges for the flyfishers of the area who were having to commit to a long weekend in the Eastern Sierras or elsewhere to cast a line.

California corbina were the biggest and most interesting challenge. They were visible in the surf line-and a difficult challenge



to the flyfisher. Perfect! Over the next few years, he spent his early mornings and late evenings patrolling the beaches, trying to develop presentations and flies that could bring to hand the corbina on a more consistent basis. He began guiding others and holding seminars on surf fishing. Through his website and a small community of hard core surf fishers the information on fly fishing the surf exploded, and so did the number of flyfishers walking the beaches. He also began cruising the kelp beds in his kayak, and developing flies that would attract the many varieties of fish found on the So. Calif. Coast.

In 1989, he began accompanying his wife

Theresa, a teacher, on trips with her middle school children to camp at Baja's Magdalena Island to experience the gray whales and their young. He brought a fly rod and he was astounded at the incredible variety of fish that were available in the waters of Baja. Thus began a second quest and more years of experimentation that have led to his being one of the most active fly fishing guides for Baja waters and one of the more knowledgeable salt-water fly-fishers from Point Conception to the Sea of Cortez. He has landed over 160 species of fish in the salt on the fly. And he holds IGFA World Record for flyrod (16 pound tippet) on California Yellowtail. He spends three months a year hosting fly fishing trips blue water panga trips at Punta Arena/Cerralvo Island (in the Sea of Cortez) and other salt-water destinations. He also guides kayak fly fishing trips to Magdalena Island, Espiritu Santo Island and San Jose Island. Back at home he presents programs, teaches surf fishing clinics, writes articles and guides in the surf in southern California waters. His photos have appeared in The Drake, Fly Rod and Reel, Patagonia Catalog, Flyfishing in Saltwaters, BBC Wild World and his feature article Flyfishing the Santa Barbara Surf just appeared in Southwest Flyfishing magazine..

Idyllwilde Flies named him a "Signature Tyer" and launched their saltwater line of flies using his proven patterns. The "Gremmie" surf fly is a classic and was featured in California Flyfisher magazine. Another fly that has become a standard big game fly in Baja and beyond is his "Tuna Tux". It was featured in Tony Lolli's book "Go-to Flies".

## Activities

### Boy Scout Fair

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 16, 2016 for this year's Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium parking lot. As in the past, **Bob Pharoah, Lucky Ketchem, and Richard DeBusk** are the coordinators for both the San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters.

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

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



### Cast & Chat 2016 WOMEN'S ANNUAL FLY FISHING CLINIC

Ladies:

Come join us for the Women's Annual Fly Fishing Clinic.

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

**Space is limited so register early!**

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

**When:** April 30th, 2016, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Where:** The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool.  
**For directions:** visit [www.pasadenacastingclub.org](http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org)  
**Cost:** \$95 (Lunch included!)  
**To register:** Contact Leigh Ann Swanson  
**Phone:** 310.741.7645  
**Email:** [lacraven22@hotmail.com](mailto:lacraven22@hotmail.com)



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

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**DAY AT THE DOCKS**  
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**SUNDAY APRIL 17th 2016**  
**POINT LOMA 9am-5pm**



Fishing Tackle      Bay Boat Rides  
 Cooking Demos      Entertainment  
 Seminars              Great Prizes  
 FREE Kids Fishing    Diving & Nature Trips



**For The Latest Updates**

**Sunday, April 17th, 2016 9 AM -- 5 PM Sportfishing Landings in Point Loma**

**Scot Blinds**


## Future Events

SAVE THE DATE

# SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 2016

A WARMWATER FLYFISHING EVENT


Conway Bowman & Al Q's



at Lake Henshaw

WHERE CARP RUN FREE

carpthrowdown.com



### Rush Creek Clean-up

The Tenth annual Rush Creek clean-up will take place on Saturday June 11 2016 and will focus efforts on an eight mile stretch of Rush Creek from the Southern Cali-



formia Edison power plant upstream of Silver Lake down the canyon to US 395.

Volunteers should meet at the Silver lake boat ramp at 8:00am and bring gloves, a hat, sunscreen, repellent, boots and waders if you have them. Trash bags will be provided by Silver Lake resort.

This section of Rush Creek is especially popular with anglers and each year up to 50 bags of material are collected. Particular importance is collecting stray fishing line caught in the bushes and trees as this is a huge threat to birds and other wildlife. After the clean-up, Silver lake Resort will treat the volunteers to a free barbeque lunch.

If you are interested in keeping this pristine stretch of water clean come up and meet members of the Streamborn Fly Fishing Club who are the primary organizers of the event. Any questions on the clean-up you can contact Joe Lemire to confirm your attendance ([jflx8@dslextreme.com](mailto:jflx8@dslextreme.com)) at (909)609-1101

Thank you Streamborn!

### 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 you right.

# 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)

Change of Address or Email Address : New Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print Clearly)

**PRINT THIS PAGE then  
MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO:**

**SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS  
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd #327  
San Diego, CA 92124**

*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.*

## 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.

# Eastern Sierra Report from Tom Loe of Sierra Drifters

## Quick look fish report 3/20/16

Flows on the way up for the Middle Owens. 150cfs. & trending upwards. Fishing has been pretty good overall; but look for a slow down as water levels continue to go up. Upper Owens is poor. There are a few large migratory rainbows scattered above the confluences from Hot Creek; but numbers have crashed. Hot Creek conditions are fine, decent dry fly action on the warmer days. Pleasant Valley Reservoir has some 1-3 lb. Oregon planters holding over from a trout derby. Great time of year to tube; or fish the transition section. Watch for significant flow increases at times, LADWP generating hydro power now. East Walker is poor. Dirty water, low flows, & low fish counts. The Gorge is a good call if you do not mind rock hopping, and brush whacking. A fast moving cold front dashes through for the beginning of the week. Mostly strong winds, cooler air temps. Light snow accumulations in the upper elevations predicted. Warming trend to follow with blue skies returning next week.

## Upper Owens River 3/20/16

The winter run of migratory rainbows is pretty much over. A few quality fish are scattered around; but the bigs are outta here in numbers. The “green slime” that plagues the UO is now becoming an issue as it covers the bottom in some sections. Overall water temps are much warmer the last few years below Hot Creeks inlets. This accelerates aquatic weed growth, and makes it tough to keep your flies clean. Some turbidity now here also as the snow begins to melt above Big Springs. I believe the cut-throat run will be earlier this season, & we could begin to see the “red sides” on the move by April if the weather pattern continues. Seeing some first generation BWO’s after 2pm with increased feeding from the smaller resident trout. First generation BWO’s, small dark spring caddis, & micro midges are triggering feeding activity from the resident trout on the warmer days. Attractor patterns will get you looks from what is left of the bigs. SJ

worms, crystal Vanderleeches, crystal soft eggs, Assassins, and Agent Orange patterns have got us into them while nymphing below an Under-cator. Size 16/18 adult Blue Winged Olive patterns, & small parachute midges will replicate the hatches. Flashback pheasant tails, & Assassins are spot on replicas for the nymph stage of this cold water mayfly. Use #18-22 gillies, crystal chironomid pupa, broken back midges, crystal tiger, & zebra midges for nymphs that imitate midge larva or emergers. Caddis larva are present on the stream bed pumice rocks now. Olive crystal caddis imitations can be a good call for the resident fish grubbing the bottom during warmer periods. Parachute adult midges will get you looks when the fish are feeding on the “clusters” late afternoons. Look for oval depressions that appear brighter, or scraped clean on the riffles below pools. These are active spawning nests; or “redds” and you must avoid stepping on them.

## Middle Owens River (Bishop area) 3/20/16

Up, up; up go the flows-where they stop nobody knows! The “rise of the MO” is now occurring. Flows have come up to 150cfs., & you can expect them to keep moving upward for a while. Conditions will be ok until they get over 200cfs. At this point the water will become very turbid and filled with debris. Wading the wild trout section at flows over 250cfs. is tough. The cold water mayfly called the “blue winged olive” thrives on the MO, & it’s emergence peaks in late winter through early spring. We are seeing the last generations pop now, so use those smaller #18-20 profiles to match the hatch. The spring caddis, & little golden stoneflies are now emerging as well. The caddis adults are larger than the summer profiles. Have some #14/16 high-vis, or natural elk caddis imitations handy when it gets warm. When air temps are above freezing at daybreak, look for a significant hatch to begin late morning. It can last as long as 4 hours; but typically peaks after 90 minutes around

mid-day this time of year. The wild trout really focus on this cycle, and fly fishers who consistently get into double digit numbers in the wild trout section have BWO adult profiles in the #16/18 range, with nymphs like Assassins, flashback pheasant tails, & birds nest patterns for the periods before, & after the hatch. Small crystal olive larva patterns, #20/22 gillies or crystal midge pupa/emergers imitations, & #18 broken back tiger or zebra midges are good calls for colder days. Have some parachute midge adult profiles when it gets cold, the fish will look for midge clusters if the BWO’s don’t come off. Streamer fishing is the right call for off colored, rising water. Predatory fish take advantage of small baitfish that get washed into the stronger currents as they seek refuge in slower pools. Streamers are also a higher visibility pattern, & stand out amongst the debris that is associated with rising water levels.

Drift boat trips have been fair/good with numbers of planted rainbows, and a few wild browns in the counts. Guided drift boat trips are a great way to get into secluded sections of the river, & fish the higher water levels. We fish streamers, casting sinking tip lines with a unique, user friendly method called the “dip & strip”. I strongly suggest this program for novices, and those wishing to learn how to fish streamers. Hot flies this week are smaller Punk Perch & Loebergs.



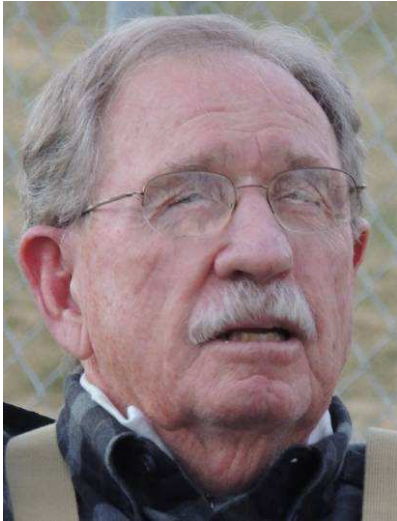
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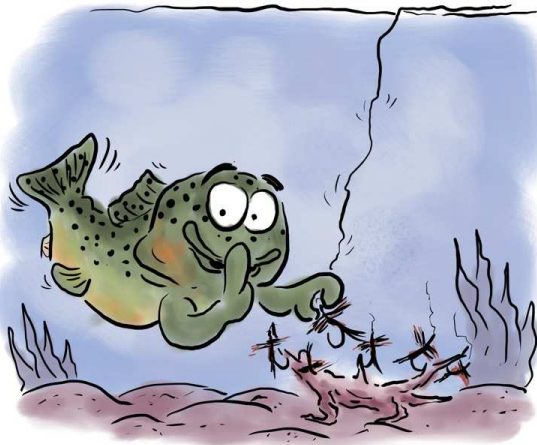
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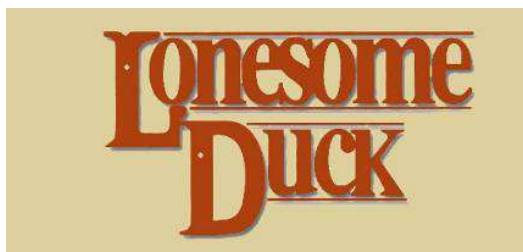
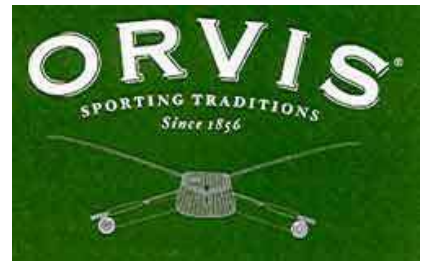


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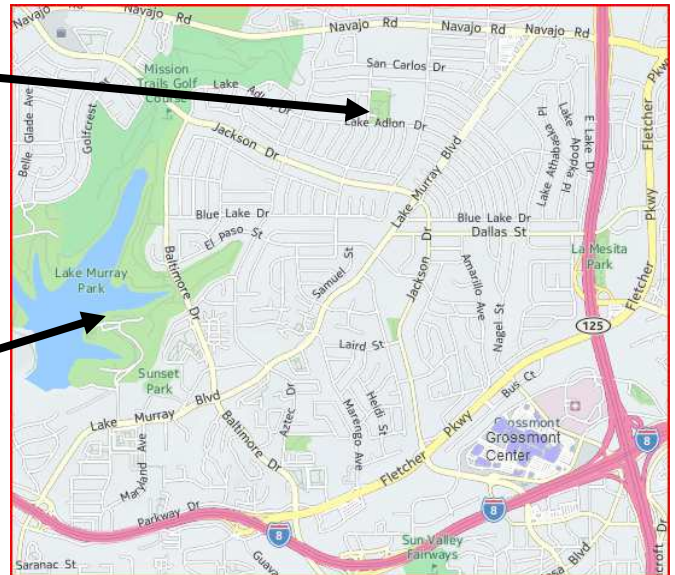
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