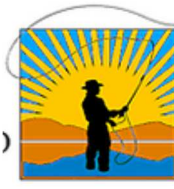


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## San Diego Fly Fishers

**November 2017** Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing **Volume 40 No. 11**

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**Steve Galletta– Owner/Outfitter**  
**Topic: Fishing the Bighorn**  
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### Keeping in Touch

**San Diego Fly Fishers** offers our members various means of electronic communications to inform you of important events. **Finny Facts** is one source of vital information with one limitation, we are distributed monthly. For more rapid contact with our members there are other options. **The Indicator** by **Sherry Ashbaugh** is an e-mail blast that can be sent at any time and is the quickest way to get you critical information. **The Forum** is an on-line information sharing site which can be used to share all kinds of information under the direction of **David Collins**. The **SDFFF Website** can provide information (address: sandiegoflyfishers.com ). Finally, we have a San Diego Fly Fishers **Facebook** site which can be accessed

through the webpage. This may be the future of communication within our club. As a side note, many clubs in Southern California use **Facebook** as their only source of communication. Why am I writing about our different lines of communication? Two reasons. First, the limitations of the **Finny Facts** means that some important upcoming events won't make the deadline such as **Trout in the Classroom** which should be released some time in November and the **Stroud Banquet** is almost here. Second, many of our members have changed their e-mail address without letting us know. Wait ! If we do not have your correct e-mail, then you can't read this column. We want you to have the latest information our club has to offer. **Let's keep in touch.**



**November Schedule**  
 Nov 2– Thursday-San Carlos  
 Recreation Center 6:30-8:00 pm  
 Nov 11-Saturday– ASPIRE  
 Santee Lakes– 9:30-noon  
**December Schedule**  
 Dec 7-Thursday– San Carlos  
 Recreation Center 6:30-8:00 pm  
 Dec 9- Saturday– ASPIRE  
 Santee Lakes– 9:30-noon

*Thanks for the generous Support.*



### Don't Forget

Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2018. Use the form provided in this publication to mail a check  
 OR Renew on-line

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### Next Program

Monday, October 2nd  
 Southwestern Yacht Club



This is the time of the year where we hear all of the fish reports from our members. So far I have heard of catches at numerous lakes in San Diego County, Mission Bay, San Diego Bay, Kern River, Crowley Lake, Twin Lake, the San Joaquin, Rock Creek, Hot Creek, The Big Horn River in Montana and the Big Lost River in Idaho.

Also I would like to request that when we have guests or new members at our meetings and functions that you all go out of your way to introduce yourself and to make them feel welcome.

Happy Halloween to all of our beginner, intermediate and beyond feather benders, rod builders, pontoon fishers, float tube fishers, waders and drift boat fishers.

Yours truly tried my fly fishing skills in big Bear Lake with no luck. The locals said come back in the spring.

May your casts not be scary

Fred Gregory  
SDFP President 2017

SDFP volunteers under the leadership of **Gary Strawn** concluded our annual "prepare the Golden Trout Wilderness meadow" for the winter preparations.

SDFP needs more volunteers for the following activities that benefits our club members and the public that we reach out to with education:

- Trout in the Classroom**  
.....See Gary Strawn
- Project Healing Waters**  
.....See Lee McElravy
- Intermediate Fly Tying**  
.....See Lucky Ketchem
- Sunday Fly Casting**  
.....See Alan Thompson
- The Annual Fund Raiser**  
.....See Larry Sorensen

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The  
Indicator  
  
E-mailed  
By  
Sherry  
Ashbaugh**



**Thank you for your support.**  
  
**Bratwursts are available for purchase at COSTCO Warehouse stores.**  
  
**For the second year in a row, Larry George provided the fresh hamburger meat and Bratwurst for our Casting Event held at Tidelands Park**

San Diego Fly Fishers  
Annual Stroud Award  
Nominee Application Form

**Purpose:** To recognize Individuals for life long achievement in the sport of fishing, or in conservation and environmental causes that benefit the sport of fishing.

**Qualifications:** Individuals qualify if they have made a significant contribution throughout their life or career to the sport of fishing, or to conservation and environmental causes that directly benefit the sport of fishing.

**Nominees** do not have to be a member of the Club to qualify, but all nominees must be sponsored by at least two members of the Club.

**Due Date:** Unless an extension is authorized by the Campaign Selection Committee, applications must be submitted to it by December 15th.

**Procedure:** The Selection Committee, made up of the current Sdff President and the two most recent past Sdff Presidents, will screen all nominees for eligibility and select the top five Candidates. The winner will be selected from the Candidates by a cumulative vote of all past Sdff Presidents.

**When:** The Award will be presented to the winner at the Sdff Club's Stroud Banquet following the selection process.

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Qualifications (provide below or attach a brief statement explaining why you're nominee should be considered for the Stroud Award)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Club Member/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Member/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

# STAR/PAL Fishing Tournament

SDDFF annual commitment to our local youths was met this month as **Lew Walsh, Ray Mehl, Paul Woolery, Lee McElravy, Barry Pechersky, Gary Strawn, Dan McKirnan, Ryan Wada, and Alan Thompson** spent a Friday rigging 400 rods and reels and the Saturday tournament at Chollas Lake.



## Fly Lines Part 3: Shooting Heads and Integrated Shooting Tapers

### By Craig Smith

Frequently a guide, outfitter, or another angler will recommend a “shooting head” for some specific fishing conditions. But such a recommendation is often not specific enough. The term “shooting head” is often used as a generic term for many types of fly lines. Unless the angler receiving the recommendation knows the exact intent, they may acquire the wrong line.

A shooting head is a length of fly line attached to a thin shooting line (sometimes referred to a “running line”). Shooting heads were originally developed in the 1930’s for tournament distance casting. Sinking shooting heads paired with thin shooting lines later became popular with west coast anglers dredging deep pools and runs for salmon and steelhead. Over time they have found applications from high mountain lakes to the briny deep. For many decades anglers made their own shooting heads, often through very laborious processes. The Sunset Line and Twine Company of Petaluma, CA marketed the first commercial shooting heads in 1950. The company trademarked the term “Shooting Head” which is why fly line makers label their shooting heads “shooting tapers”. Scientific Anglers following with the first plastic coated sinking shooting heads a few years later with Cortland not far behind. Today, most anglers purchase factory shooting heads, or make high density fast sinking shooting heads from commercially available lead or tungsten based line that can be cut to the desired length.

Commercially available shooting heads have been produced in lengths from 26’ to 40’ but today most are 30’. This is probably the best length for all around usage. Longer lengths are harder to handle and shorter lengths do not cast as far. Most companies produce shooting heads with a taper similar to a weight forward fly line in a variety of densities: Floating, intermediate (slow sink), type II sinking, type III sinking, type IV sinking, and type VI sinking. These shooting tapers will be marked with a standard line weight rating on the box.

Several companies also make level sinking fly line that is designed to be cut to a desired length to match your rod and conditions. The granddaddy of this is Cortland’s

LC-13 which is a lead core fly line that weighs 13 grains per foot. It is available in 30’ lengths and on 500’ spool. Fly shops often sell this by the foot. Rio markets their Intouch Level “T” lines, impregnated with tungsten powder, which comes in 30’ and 500’ lengths of T-8 (8 grains/ft), T-11, T-14, T-17, and T-20. Scientific Anglers has similar 30’ lengths of T-12, T-14, and T-18.

In most cases, you will get the best performance if you select a shooting head that is rated two weights heavier than your rod. So, you would use a 10 wt. shooting head on an 8wt rod. However, some companies, notably Rio, factor this in to the labeling of their shooting heads. For example, as of this writing an 8 wt. Rio shooting head weighs a bit more than a Scientific Anglers 10 wt. shooting head. Confusing? Perhaps. When buying a shooting head, it is generally best to determine what the actual weight in grains of the head is and buy one that is two weights heavier than your rod’s rating per the AFFTA fly line standard. When using a level lead core or tungsten sinking head try to cut the line to get a weight in grains, based on the AFFTA standard, that is 2-3 weights heavier than your rod. For example, 300-350 grain head is a good match for an 8wt rod. When cutting these lines, it is better to start a little longer than you might think you need and test cast to see how it performs for you. It is easier to cut more off than to splice line back on. There are a couple of things to keep in mind when cutting custom shooting heads. First, longer heads can be more difficult to handle, especially when casting from a rocking boat or wading deep. Second, when a cast line completely unrolls, it will start falling back to earth. A shorter head will unroll faster. If the head is too short it will unroll quickly on the back cast and become unwieldy and on the forward cast it will dump and distance will be restricted. Lengths of 26-32 feet work best most of the time.

Your shooting head needs to be complemented by a thin shooting line behind it. It is the thin shooting line that allows almost effortless long distance casts compared to using a standard fly line. Over the decades many types of shooting lines have been used. Today the most common are thin

monofilament lines and thin, level, coated fly lines. Some anglers still use braided monofilament shooting lines. The fly line companies produce all three types. The thin, level coated, fly lines are the most user friendly; they are easier to grip and less prone to tangling. Most line manufacturers produce one or more types. They come in floating and intermediate sinking types and are available in different diameters. The floating versions allow for some mending ability on moving water. Intermediate sinking shooting lines allow your sinking shooting head to sink a bit faster. Thinner diameters will shoot farther. Thicker diameters have stronger cores and are intended for targeting larger fish like tuna and yellowtail. Monofilament shooting lines are also popular with many for specific situations. They allow for the fastest sink rates possible and the greatest shooting distances; however, they are more difficult to grip with wet hands and usually need a good stretch before fishing. Braided shooting lines tend to tangle less than other, but pick up sand and grit. They also stretch quite a bit, which can impair the ability to set a hook.

The shooting head and the shooting line need to be joined somehow. The most common method is via loop to loop connections. Loop to loop connections facilitate the quick changing of shooting heads to meet different situations. Today, most shooting tapers and shooting lines come with factory installed loops. However, if you cut lines or use monofilament shooting lines you will need to install your own loops. With a single reel and set of shooting heads that matches your rod you can cover a wide portion of the water column from the surface into the depths without needing a bunch of full length fly lines. Some people do not like to deal with making loops, don’t like how loops go through the rod guides, or find that they are often using only one density of shooting head. Instead of using a loop to loop connection they will splice the head to the shooting line. This provides a smooth connection at the expense of the disadvantage of no longer being able to change shooting heads or shooting lines for different situations. Still many anglers prefer this type of connection. *-continued next page*

## Fly Lines Part 3: Shooting Heads and Integrated Shooting Tapers By Craig Smith

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In the early 1980's Jim Teeny designed and had produced the first commercially available fly lines that featured a shooting head factory mated with a shooting line. He designed these lines initially for working rivers for salmon and steelhead but they proved useful many different types of applications. The original Teeny "T" series of lines had a 24' sinking head mated with a floating shooting line. Instead of being rated with a standard fly line weight they were rated by the weight of grains of the 24' sinking head section. He next introduced the "TS" series (Teeny Salt-water) with a 30' sinking head would could be cast farther. With lines with head weights ranging from 130 grains to over 500 grains, there was a match for rods from 4wt to 13wt or heavier. As the weight in grains rose, the sink rate of the lines also went up (Note: Don't assume that a line with a heavier grain rating will sink faster than a lighter line. There are differences across different makers' lines). Following Teeny's lead, all the major fly line manufacturers eventually introduce similar design lines. Today this style of line is generically referred to as an "integrated shooting taper" line.

The original Teeny lines are still in production today, complimented by a wide range of integrated shooting tapers from all the major makers. They have names like "Streamer Express", "Depth Charge", "Quick Descent", "Outbound", "Depthfinder", "Sonar", "Titan Taper" etc. These names tend to be associated with sinking lines but integrated shooting taper lines are available in floating and intermediate densities as well. While the original Teeny lines have floating running lines, integrate shooting tapers now are available with floating and intermediate sinking running lines. The original Teeny lines had a fairly quick transition from the thin running line to the shooting head portion. This transition tended to be the point where the line wore out first since this is the portion hauled through the tip top guide during casting. Most integrated shooting taper lines today have a longer transition section, sometimes called the "handling" section, between the head and

the shooting line. This section results in a more durable line and helps many anglers with casting. Depending on the line, this section may range from about 2 feet to 10 feet or more. Some of the lines today will have a head that is a combination of a sinking section with a floating or intermediate section. The sinking portion will be about 24' but the full head length will be 30-32 feet followed by the transition to a thin running line. This design provides a line that may be useful in moving water conditions, or were extreme depth is not necessary, yet compared to the original Teeny "T" series line can be cast longer distances.

Most integrated taper lines are rated by the weight of the head in grains. The most common sizes are 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, and 400 grains but there are some heavier lines. The box or the catalog will list the rod weights that these lines will work best with for the average caster. Usually two rod weights. For example, box for a 250 grain line may say that it matches best with a 7 or 8 wt. rod. This recommendation is a guideline. Good casters can often cast lines on rods lighter than recommended. Some integrated shooting tapers lines have longer sinking shooting heads which are designed to be cut by the angler to a length that matches their fishing conditions and rod. Two examples are the Scientific Anglers Sonar Custom Tip and the Rio Outbound Custom. These lines have 35' level sinking heads that can be cut back to a length that matches the angler's preference and rod. In the last ten years or so some integrated shooting tapers have come on the market that have more traditional fly line weight ratings. Examples are the Rio Outbound, Rio Outbound Short, and Scientific Anglers Titan Taper. These lines are available with different density heads including floating, intermediate, and faster sinking rates. When selecting these lines just match the line weight rating on the box to your rod's rating.

Traditional shooting heads are getting more difficult to find today since they have been supplanted in popularity by integrated shooting tapers. There are integrated shooting tapers that fit a wide

range of fishing conditions. Fly line companies have cut back considerably on their shooting head offerings and some have dropped them completely. If you need to cover a range of depths, it can set you back a considerable sum of cash to do so with integrated shooting tapers compared to the much less expensive shooting heads. However integrated shooting heads are often easier to use for many anglers.

Shooting heads and integrated shooting taper lines are not a solution for every angling situation. These lines tend to come down on the water pretty hard so they are not good options for delicate trout fishing or flats fishing or where precision accuracy is required. Shooting heads and integrated shooting tapers excel at long distance presentations and deep presentations in moving and still waters. The easy casting properties (once you get the hang of it) of integrated shooting tapers have resulted in reduced sales and availability of traditional full length sinking fly lines.

When casting shooting heads and integrated shooting tapers, the lines will perform best if the entire head plus a short amount of the shooting or running line are outside the rod tip. The amount of line beyond the head is referred to as the "overhang". If you have no overhang the line will not shoot as far. If you have too much, the cast will collapse since the thin shooting line cannot support the heavier head in the air. How much is too much? It depends on angler skill. Some casters can work with an overhang of 4 to 6 feet while others only 1-2 feet. You also want to avoid false casting, especially with the thinner sinking lines. The line can get moving fairly quickly through the air, and if your timing on the cast is not perfect, all the more so if you have a weighted fly at the end of you leader, things can get ugly fast. Use, two or three roll casts to get the line on the surface with the entire head laid out, perform a single back cast, and shoot line on the forward cast. That's all there is to it. Ok, there is a bit more, enough for another article, but these casting basics will get you going

**Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing  
San Diego Chapter**

**Community Program for Veterans....  
FREE FLY TYING AND  
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**When: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Where: San Carlos Recreation Center  
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## More Fishing Pictures from Members



**Paul Woolery and Bruce Michael** are fishing a local trout stream at Gold Mine Pond at Boulder Creek.



Lucky your guidance was spot on. I had the best Crowley session yesterday I have had in over a decade. We fished the north side of the lake on the green banks side in float tubes. I was stripping a size 6 double bunny (chartreuse on top; white on bottom like a trout) and I followed that with a variation of a punk perch I tie with UV and a bead head. And I just killed. There was an hour long stretch where I got struck on every cast. I caught rainbows, browns and lahoutan cutthroat to 26". Lots of big fish. And the bite went on until about 2pm when the wind came up and it became dangerous.

Then we move to upper twin lake (to get protection from the wind) and did well there at the inlet under the falls where all the cool oxygenated water was coming in. we railed on Stockies for an hour and my buddy tim Hoffmann caught a





## Mammoth Trip Pictures from David Brady



Pictures are from Rock Creek area and Lee Vining Creek.

## Extra—Steve Galletta

### **Chi Wulff's People of Fly Fishing:**

10 Questions with Steve Galletta of Montana Trout Anglers

by [Mark McGlothlin](#) on **October 3, 2011** in [People of Fly Fishing](#)

We chatted with **Steve Galletta**, one of the principles at [Montana Trout Anglers](#) and blogging about the Bighorn, way back in May during what the start of the flooding runoff this year. He and his team have been busy as hell working the remainder of the summer season and he's recently taken a little time out to answer some questions for us about his guide service and the Bighorn. Steve has a good guide team working with him and he has an interesting perspective on things outdoors given his educational foray into environmental policy in college.

### **Montana's runoff this spring and into early summer was mind-boggling. How did it affect things on the Bighorn this year?**

It ultimately changed the way we fish the river. The Bighorn is one of the best wade fishing rivers in the world and the high water this year made us spend more time in the boat. It also set our hatches back almost 4 weeks. We had great midge hatches in May which typically are in full swing during early April. Also the PMD's and Sallies came late as well. The amazing thing about the Bighorn is that the fish are so keyed into the emergences they came to the surface readily for the PMD's and Sallies in July when the water was at 11,000 cfs. The fish found calm water below what used to be islands and on what used to be grassy banks. It was incredible to see and the fishing was great.

### **How'd you get started in the business? Would you do it again?**

I've been fly fishing since the age of nine and I have always spent as much time as I could on the water. It was a natural progression for me to start guiding during my summer breaks in college. After I got my degree I just stayed with it. I would definitely do it again, the nice thing is once you learn how to guide you can almost do it anywhere and it allows you to see some incredible places thru your work. The game has definitely become harder to get into, but still worth doing.

### **What do you really love about the Bighorn and the area?**

The Bighorn offers an angler the widest range of fishing diversity in one location. Nymph, dry fly or streamer fisherman can have an incredible experience on this river. The thing that I love most about the river is the "match the hatch" dry fly fishing. The numbers of fish eating dry flies at times is mind boggling. The other thing that I enjoy almost just as much as the fishing is the area. When you are on the Bighorn and in Fort Smith your mind is on one thing and that's fishing. It provides anglers with a true escape from everything.

### **If you had to pick just one fly for each season on the Bighorn, what would be in your box?**

There is so much happening during each season it is hard to give you one; so here's a few.

In the spring I would carry a Black Zebra Midge, BWO Wonder Nymph and a cdc bwo Sparkle Dun.

In the summer it would be a PMD sparkle dun, Morrish Hopper, Grey Ray and a Silverman's Para Sally.

During the fall I would carry a Trico Spinner, size 22 Para Adams with a black post, Coffey's Sparkle Minnow and whatever your favorite streamer is.

### **How about your personal favorite time to fish the Bighorn?**

My favorite time to fish the Bighorn is during March and April. The river is almost void of anglers during the week, the midge and baetis fishing can be incredible and it's nice to be on the water after a long winter.

### **Montana's highly revered stream access law survived a serious challenge from some in the Montana legislature this past year. What's your spin on the stream access issue and do you think it's all said and done at this point?**

Stream access is the most important issue we face, it's not whether anglers should have felt on their boots or not. The stream access law will continue to be challenged at least every few years in Montana. The water in this state is owned by the people and meant to be shared by the people. Our ability to access our state waters is a true

indicator of our democracy in this country. If anglers, non-profits and politicians maintain their alliance to protect our stream access law, we will be fine.

### **Living amidst some of the most incredible water in the world, where do you head to fish when you're 'getting away from work'?**

Since I spend most of my time guiding a tailwater river, I spend my time off on freestone rivers such as the Bitterroot, Blackfoot and Big Hole Rivers. My time to get away is March, April and October and there is no better time to experience fly fishing in Montana.

### **What's an ideal 'day at the office' for you?**

My ideal day is spent with open minded anglers who are willing to learn and adapt to the fishing conditions we face on the river that day. There are always new techniques to learn and I find that catching fish using a new technique is very rewarding for clients. I see it all the time when we fish streamers. I also love introducing anglers to the lower Bighorn, especially when they have only ever fished the stretch below Afterbay Dam.

### **If you could inspire fly fishers to do just one thing from a conservation standpoint in 2011, what would it be?**

Stream access is by far is the most important issue we face as anglers. Non-resident anglers need to become just as aware of the issue as residents and let their voice be heard.

### **If you weren't guiding and outfitting, what line of work would you be in?**

My degree is in environmental policy so possibly working for a non-profit protecting the angling opportunities we all enjoy.

**Thank You  
From  
United States Forest Service  
Calder Reid— Ranger in Charge  
Casa Viejas Meadows**

October 14, 2017

Dear Gary,

Thank you for all your efforts to maintain the fence at Casa Vieja. I don't know how we would manage without the San Diego fly fishers! Every year I count my blessings because your group is always there to help us manage our resources.

I hope everyone has a fantastic winter. Thanks again. You are all greatly appreciated for your hard work. Sincerely,  
Calder

# Volunteer Opportunities

## RECURING EVENTS

### Every Sunday Morning at 9am

Lake Murray Casting Clinic

Join **Alan Thompson** and his crew. We can always use additional help as the number of students can vary greatly from week-to-week. We are teaching two basic casts: the roll cast and the overhead cast. Bring a comfortable chair, your winning personality, and we will supply at the equipment.

### Every Thursday Evening at 6:30 pm.

San Carlos Recreation Center

Meet a group of dedicated fly tyers that are giving instruction as to tying most of the popular flies. For more information contact **Lucky Ketcham**.

### Advanced Fly Casting

Mission Bay Park– Ski Beach area

Join **John Adanetz** as he instructs fly casters in advanced casting techniques. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 8am.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Casa Vieja Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness**

Join SDFP members as they make two trips annually, one trip in early summer to repair and set up the cattle excursion fence to protect the fragile mountain meadow. The second trip occurs in the fall to take down the barb wire fence to minimize winter storm damage. While in the meadows, look for the elusive Golden Trout that can be found in the small streams.

### **Trout in the Classroom**

This event will become a recurring event as we continue to build increase participation by local schools. There is the possibility to raise and release trout three times during the academic year.

Updates to this rapidly expanding program will be listed here or in the *Indicator*.

### **Project Healing Waters- Fly Fishing-San Diego**

San Diego Fly Fishers has increased the number and types of settings to help disabled veterans.

#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

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

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

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

**Bottom Line: WE NEED YOUR HELP.**



**Volunteers from San Diego Fly Fishers built this at Boulder Creek for the education of local school children. Great Job.**

# Future Events

## TEMPLE FORK™ OUTFITTERS 2017 FLY FISHING DEMO DAY



San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club  
2606 N. Mission Bay Drive  
(Just past the Golf Course's De Anza Cove entrance)  
San Diego, CA (Membership Drive)

**Sunday, December 3**  
**10 AM – 3 PM**

For more information, please contact  
[chwaterman63@gmail.com](mailto:chwaterman63@gmail.com)

**Fly Fishing in San Diego & SoCal is REALLY a thing - in both fresh and salt water!! We'll show you what you need (and want) to know to catch fish on the fly!**

### LOTS of Demo Fly Rods!!

From Trout to Tuna, there are over TWENTY different species of fish in San Diego's freshwater and saltwater environments you can target with a fly rod. Whether you are a grizzled veteran of the sport or have never touched a fly rod before, Temple Fork Outfitters has a rod that will help you enjoy catching more fish. From the Finesse series for trout to the Bluewater series for hard-fighting saltwater critters, we'll have the entire TFO line available for you to try. And if you're new to the sport, we'll have local instructors on hand to start you on your way.

### Free Instruction & Seminars

- How to cast a fly rod
- Fly Rod Design, and Choosing the right gear
- Rigging your rod & reel
- Fly Fishing opportunities in San Diego
- Fly fishing travel ideas
- Local resources (shops, clubs, and people)

### Win a FREE TFO ROD!!

When you arrive, be sure and pick up your FREE Opportunity Drawing ticket at the Demo Station. We'll have giveaways and seminars throughout the day, and at 2:30 PM, one lucky winner will receive a Temple Fork Rod of their choosing! (Must be present to win)

### Talk with TFO Advisory/Pro Staff



#### Nick Curcione – "The Godfather of West Coast Surf Fly Fishing"

Nick is an internationally recognized outdoor writer, instructor, rod designer, lecturer and tackle consultant with more than 40 years of angling experience. Nick is the author of *Baja on the Fly*, *The Orvis Guide to Saltwater Fly Fishing*, and dozens of articles on the subject. Look for his newly-released book *The Saltwater Edge*.

#### Capt. Scott Leon – Fly Casting Instructor, Author, and former Editor-In-Chief of *Fly Fishing in Salt Waters* magazine

Scott is a treasure-trove of saltwater fishing knowledge. Raised in the Southeast, Scott guided and was a lead instructor at the Jon Cave Performance Fly Fishing School. After moving to San Diego, Scott opened Paradigm Shift Outfitters, guiding clients to a variety of species, with a primary focus on pelagics.



#### Chuck Waterman – Fly Casting Instructor & Fly Tyer

Chuck has taught fly casting since 1982, fly tying since the 1990's, and has chased fish from New Hampshire to New Brunswick to New Zealand for over 45 years. He is the owner of Functional Fly Tying & Fly Fishing, dedicated to developing new fly tying tools and instructional videos. See more at [www.functional-fly.com](http://www.functional-fly.com)

#### Nick Conklin – TFO Sales Director (Two-Handed Rods)

From Microspicy to Steelhead to Saltwater, Nick knows the 2-handed game like few others, and is bringing a variety of rods for you to try.



#### John Loo - Publisher, Beyond The Breakwater and Ocean Skiff Journal

John has thousands of hours of time on Southern California's inshore and offshore waters. His award-winning websites: [BTB.FISHING](http://BTB.FISHING) and [OceanSkiffJournal.com](http://OceanSkiffJournal.com) contain a wealth of information on SoCal coastal and offshore fly-fishing. Don't miss his seminar with Scott!

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# Eastern Sierra Report from Sierra Drifters

## Quick Look Fish Report 10/21/17

A cold front has moved through which brought high elevation snow, rain at lower levels, and plenty of high winds. The docks and boats at Crowley Lake really took a beating and there was some minor damage reported. Everything looks to be back to normal and the following week will see temperatures at lake elevation reach the mid 70's. That's my kind of weather! The East Walker River has continued to shine bright. Big fish are showing up regularly here and flows are now perfect for wading in all sections. Bridgeport Reservoir received a nice planting of trout and some large fish are starting to show. Upper Owens river is now seeing the first push of large rainbows and browns. Crowley Lake continues to kick out quality fish, but has slowed down some overall. Middle Owens River was fishing ok last week, but fluctuating flows have the river off color once again. Wild Trout section fishing ok when the flows get lowered for a few days.

### Crowley Lake 10/21/17

The overall quality of the fish here has been great. Fall is the time of year which is known for larger fish making a showing. The big number days are behind us, but the size of the fish being caught has been rewarding. Perch fry, Assassins, Crystal Leeches, Midges, and PT's have been getting the big ones to bite. It takes a

bit of moving around to locate the biggest concentration of fish. Everyday seems to be different on where the fish are holding. A little bit of breeze can serve as the catalyst in getting the bite going. Fish have been hanging around the weeds, over the mud bottom, and in the creek channels at various times of the day.

### Upper Owens River 10/21/17

Flows currently at 76 cfs. The first push of "Crowley Steelhead" and some nice big brown trout have moved into the river. The deeper pools are best and some are holding fish while others are dry. There are also some decent numbers of smaller and medium size

### Middle Owens River

River flows now at 490 cfs. Flows have been up and down here the past couple of weeks. When they do stabilize, the fishing can be quite good. Spruce-a-bu's, Loeborg's, Punk Perch, and Crystal Leeches have been getting the fish to bite. We are starting to see some light BWO hatches in the afternoons, with midges coming off all day. The deeper pools and longer runs have been best here.

### Hot Creek 10/21/17

Flows now at 120 cfs. Now back to more seasonal flow rates here. Smaller nymphs still working with small indicators or dry

flies used as attractors/indicators. A bit thin on fish in this area, but the yearly stocking program will continue and try and restore this section to what it once was.

### The Gorge 10/21/17

Flows back to moderate releases once again. May be worth taking a look up here. Now at 73 cfs. Try nymphing the deeper sections and fish dry dropper setups along the edges and foam lines.

### East Walker River 10/21/17

River now at 115 cfs. The bigger fish have been showing up on a regular basis. They are feeling the temperature changes and stocking up on food before the winter arrives. Most areas can be safely crossed now and we have been seeing and catching much bigger fish on our recent outings here. Nymphing with weights in the faster water has been good and fishing to the drop off pools has yielded some hogs. Stoneflies, Rubberlegs, SJ worms, Copper Johns, and midges have all been good

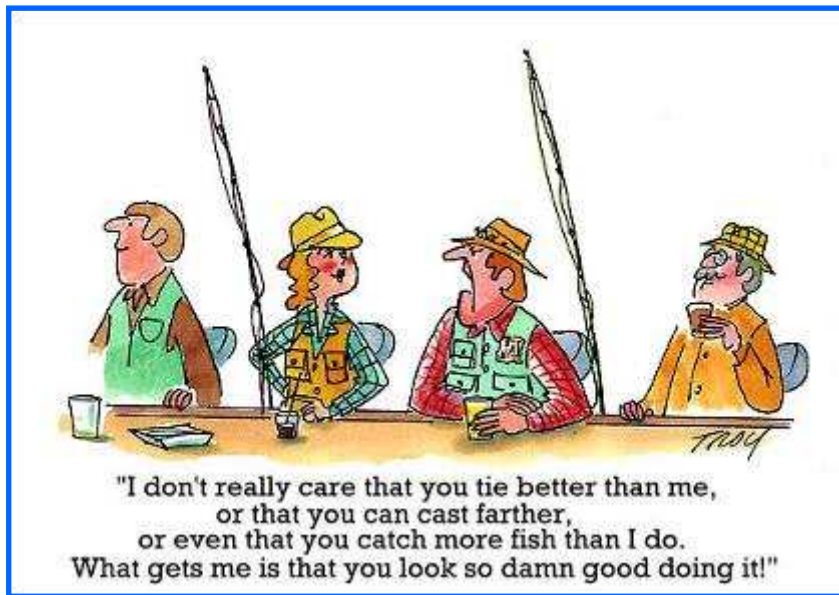


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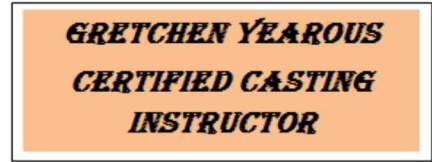


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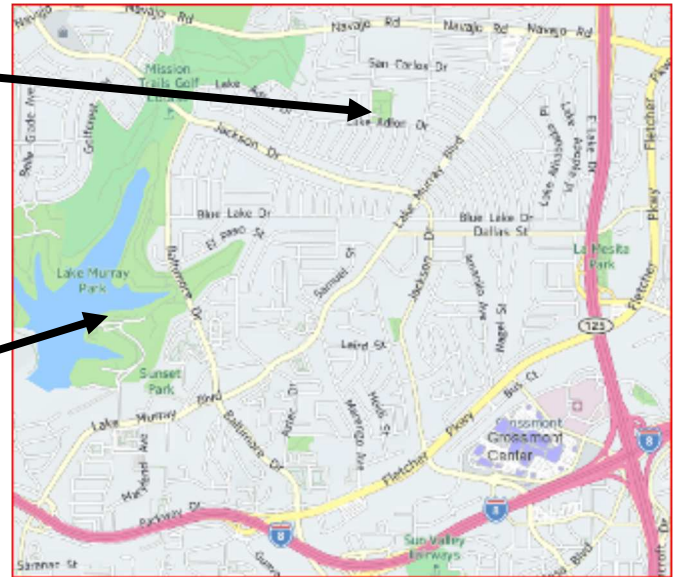
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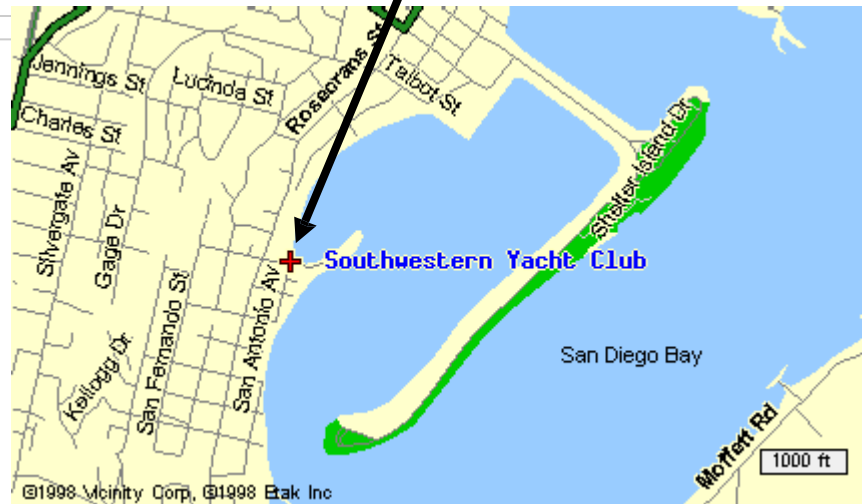


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