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San Diego Fly Fishers



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Cleaner Water. Brighter Streams. Better Fishing.

This Month's Speaker
Joel Stewart



Joel Stewart is a self-described “can fisherman” in that he fishes for anything he can, anywhere he can, any way he can and any time he can. He will fish with any equipment but prefers a fly rod to all others. He was born in Helena, Montana and raised in Great Falls, Montana. He began fishing before he could walk. He started tying flies commercially at age 8 for the Great Falls Sporting Goods Company and began working full time, during summers, for Mountain Bait and Tackle in Great Falls when he was 12.

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The New Meeting Place for San Diego Fly Fishers-Southwestern Yacht Club

San Diego Fly Fishers have made an important decision and we are moving monthly meetings to the Southwestern Yacht Club starting with the September meeting on the 14th. There are so many positives to this move I will try and list them here.

- 1st- meetings will be rent-free reducing our club operating expenses;
- 2nd- the chairs are much more comfortable than the fold-ups at Sequoia;
- 3rd- the restrooms are a huge step up and we won't have to look for a custodian when the giant rubber sling falls off locking the restroom door;
- 4th- speaking of lockouts, we will not have to find a way to open the Yacht Club like we had when the school was dark;
- 5th- early arrivals can purchase a great meal with some adult beverages prior to the meeting plus what a great place to bring your significant other:


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Next Meeting

Set-up– John Hee, Steve Vissers
Monday, September 14, 2015
7:00 pm
Southwestern Yacht Club



Calendar of events:
September
 NO MEETING due to construction
October-
 1st-VA Hospital AM group
 15th- VA Hospital AM group
 21st- VA Hospital PM group

If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.

Yogi Berra



There is a huge move on the horizon for San Diego Fly Fishers as we leave Sequoia Elementary School for Southwestern Yacht Club. We have used the school for over 20 years and we have appreciated all their support. The time is right to make this move as I stated in the lead article on **Page 1** as we now have access to a great facility. My hope is that everyone will accept this change as a bold move forward and take advantage of the additional amenities by arriving early for dinner and cocktails. I'm certain that a group of members will be found outside trying to cloak the facility by generating a smoke screen. The September meeting will be on **14th** due to the Labor Day Holiday on the **7th**.

A big shout out to **Bruce Bechard** for his innovative meeting format for our July monthly meeting. There is a photo layout of this event on **page 3**. The day started with a Casting Clinic that was run by long-time club friend **Guy Jeans**. Next came the Eating Clinic (my favorite) where the following people need to be recognized for their efforts, *the Chefs-* **Jon Hee, Paul Woolery, Lew Walsh, and Lee McIlravy**. They prepared Brats and Burgers plus had many other items to complete the feast. Finally, the evening program by **Guy Jeans** which benefited from **Gary Strawn's** motor home to provide the power for the show. I found the 20 most common mistakes fly fishers make very interesting (I have been guilty of doing all 20 errors, do I get a prize?). As a club, we need to make a commitment to doing a meeting in the community at least once a year.

Summer has found some of our members taking fishing trips in many areas of the west. **Art Reifman and his wife** took an extended trip through Montana, Idaho,

Washington, and Oregon. **Bob Pharoah, Lucky Ketcham, and Sam Gilbert** took their annual trip to Flaming Gorge Reservoir, Green River, Big Horn River, and Yellowstone National Park. This trip was to be their final trip. **Lucky** has reported that **Bob and Sam** have been saying this for the past five years. My trip to Montana took a detour to Yellowstone Lake where I joined up with **Bob, Lucky, and Sam**. Besides having a great time fishing (see **page 6**), I listened to many a great story from **Bob**, which was promptly corrected by **Sam**. It's hard to imagine two guys that have maintained a friendship over so many years. Imagine your hometown friend and yourself being in the US Navy at the same time fighting the Kaiser. (Just kidding guys, you're not that old)

The most common theme about fishing in the west that I received from **Art, Bob, Lucky, Sam, and myself** is the decline of the quality of fishing due to a massive drought throughout the west. Montana initiated their Hoot Owl restrictions that closed most of their rivers to fishing from 2pm to midnight due to low and warm water. The situation in California is even worse. We can only hope that the predicted el nino will be wet one.

Before I forget, please look at **page 8 and 9** which is about the Kern River Hatchery. The **Fishstock Music Festival** will happen September 5th and tickets are \$10.00.

Remember, the September 14th meeting is at the Southwestern Yacht Club. See you there.

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- 6th- there is convenient parking;
- 7th- look out the windows for a million dollar view of San Diego Bay.

Here is another way to look at this situation. You promise your wife a great meal at least once a month from a beautiful seaside restaurant with incredible views and, it just so happens, that SDFE is holding a meeting after dinner. This is a win-win scenario for both of you

This move marks a new chapter in our organization. Embrace it!



Thank you for your support

**Welcome Aboard
New Members**

- Keith Laughlin**
- Michael McEwan**
- Dave Mowery**
- Carl Robbins**
- Chuck and Michelle Waterman**
- Michael and Rebecca Wood**

Activities

Tidelands Evening Meeting in Pictures Casting Clinic, Eating Clinic, and a First Class Presentation



Guy Jeans led the instruction to many eager fly fishers wanting to improve their casting ability.



There was plenty of time for socializing during the Eating Clinic as everyone enjoys a summer evening at Tidelands Park. The most common opinion regarding this meeting was, "Awesome".



The Picture on the far left has **Paul Woolery**, **Lee McIlravy**, and **Jon Hee** working diligently preparing the food for everybody including **Fred Gregory**. Additional help, not pictured, **Lew Walsh**.

Jon Hee in picture to left serving. **Larry George**, from *Tarantino Gourmet Sausages*, received an ovation as he provided all the meat for the Eating Clinic. A special thanks for **Bruce Bechard** as this evening was his idea.



Bruce Bechard introduces **Guy Jeans** prior to the evening presentation. Special thanks to **Gary Strawn** for using his camper to provide the power for all electronic gear.

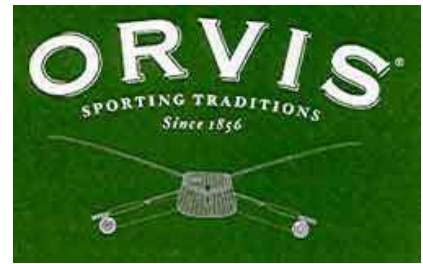


A great turnout for this special event ensures that we will have more events in the future. Thanks to all attendees for their participation.

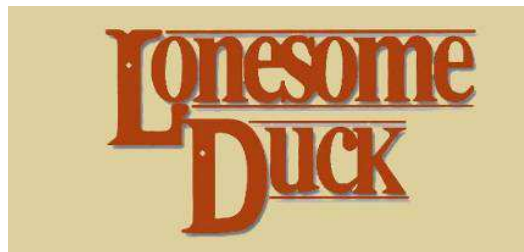
Raffle Sponsors— Support these Generous Groups



Bob Berry Fish Carvings



Robert Day Charters



Guide: Pat Jaeger



Guide: Tom Loe



Montana in Pictures



Crystal Lake in the Big Snowy Mountains shows signs of the Montana drought



Crystal Lake Campground resident with velvet antlers



Big Horn River has attracted many SDFP members including Bob Pharoah, Lucky Ketcham, Mark Sweat and Jim Castelluzzo .



Rosebud Creek is an example of many fishable small waters



Madison River is a blue-ribbon trout fishing magnet.

Yellowstone Lake in Pictures

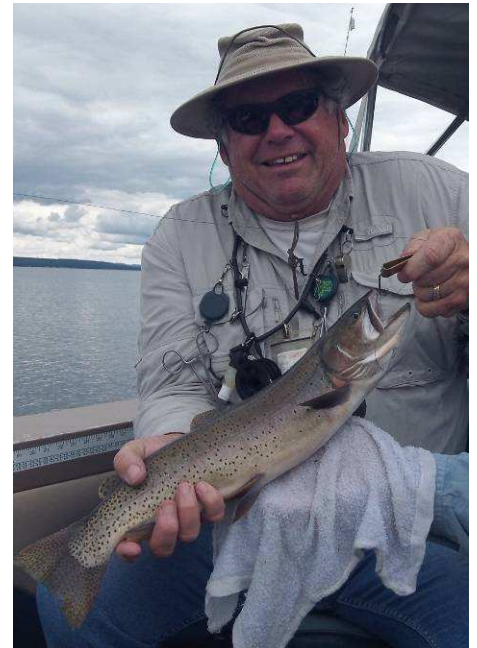
Bob Phahoah, Lucky Ketcham, Sam Gilbert finished their summer trip at Yellowstone Lake in Yellowstone National Park and they had two guests including Jim Castelluzzo, who caught the largest fish at 24"- a Yellowstone Cutthroat, and me, as I arrived after Jim Left. The fishing rule on the boat was whomever caught the most fish and the biggest bought the ice cream. I ended up buying it for 5 consecutive days (luck). This week of fishing was by best ever for catching large trout. Thank you Bob, Lucky, and Sam..



One of Bob's headless Cutthroat (lousy photographer)



A Double (this happened twice)



Another large Cutt. These beautiful fish are great fighters and were returned to the water safely. We killed the Lakers ! Lucky and Sam caught fish also but were camera shy.



Bob with a big Cutthroat plus a head!



Lots of big, fat, healthy Cutts



A big Cutt falls prey to a gold bead-head black Wooley Bugger



Darn slippery Cutt ! Bob I will pay you to lose the multiple videos of my fish handling skills (if I had any).

Fly of the Month

Orange Bead Woolly Bugger

Krystian Niemy

Classic fly for catching trout and not only for trout, in the version with an orange bead and shiny body. Such kind of the Woolly Bugger should have place in your fly box. I have added to the marabou tail some excellent material - the Ice Wing from Hareline. In my opinion is much better for that use than crystal flash or other flashabou material. It's thin and gives a more natural final effect in the water.

Materials:

Hook: [Akita AK111BL](#) no. 8

Bead: orange 3.3mm (brass or tungsten)

Tail: brack marabou

Thread: black UNI 8/0

Body: Veniard Cactus Chenille Black

Hackle: black saddle feather



hooks and beads



hook Akita AK111BL



bead and UNI thread



black marabou for tail



Hareline Ice Wing



tie in a few strand



Veniard Cactus chenille



tie in the chenille



body looks nice



tie in the saddle hackle



wrap the body hackle



fly is ready



If you fish the Kern River, you probably have your secret spot. Would you like to see more trout in that spot? The Friends of the Fish Hatchery have a solution. We are asking those who love to fish to help us ensure there are plenty of trout to catch year round.

Your donation will be used to:

- Purchase food to raise trophy trout
- Increase the number of trout for planting
- Bring the Kern River fisheries back to a level of excellence for future generations.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Please make checks payable to:

Friends of the Hatchery

Fish Food Donation

PO Box 901 Kernville, CA 93238

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100% of funds raised will be used for fishery enhancement.

The Friends of the Hatchery is a Grass Roots Organization created to assist the CDFW in their efforts to keep the Wild and Scenic Kern River Fishery healthy and to ensure the abundance of trout.



Special Notice– This Labor Day Weekend

1ST ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR THE KERN RIVER HATCHERY
Brought to you by "Friends of the Hatchery", a 501(c)3 Group

FISHSTOCK

MUSIC FESTIVAL

SATURDAY SEPT. 5, 2015

12NOON-9:00PM



KERN RIVER HATCHERY
14415 SIERRA WAY, KERNVILLE CA



MUSIC BY

STONEFLYS • LEFT COAST GROOVIES

AFTER THE SMOKE • ROOSTER RA

ONIG • ALICE WALLACE

SWEET ADELINES • EZEKIELS FIRE

KERN VALLEY MARCHING BRONCS

+ JAM CIRCLES (BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS)

ALL AGES

VENDORS • KIDS GAMES • FOOD • RAFFLES

DONATION: \$10.00 PER PERSON

15 AND UNDER FREE

ALL PROCEEDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FISH FOOD

MORE INFORMATION: 562-397-8465/FISHSTOCK2015@GMAIL.COM

Future Events



Something for everyone, all anglers and fly tiers.
Classes available for beginners through advanced.
The classes for beginners, the equipment will be provided.
Many on-stream workshops available.
Learn from the pros how to cast, tie and catch!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN!

Date: October 16 - 18

Location: Bishop Tri-County Fairground

Hours: Friday and Saturday: 9-5 Sunday: 9-3

Entrance fee: \$15.00 for all three days, \$20.00 for families up to four members. Eastern Sierra residents get \$5.00 discounted admission.

Online registration opens August 16

For more information and registration for classes:
southwestcouncilfff.org or Call 818/200/1499



Thank You Letters

Shelter Island Young Anglers Tournament

Thursday, August 13, 2015
San Diego Fly Fishers
Dear Paul Woolery,

Who said "It doesn't get better than this!" because this last Saturday, the 8th of August was exactly that kind of day. A beautiful sunny and warm day, a favorable tide and lots and lots of "chum". Fishing for the **13th Annual Young Anglers Tournament** was fun-filled for the 150 young anglers and their parents who participated. We want to thank you for your support and sponsorship which made the event possible and the experience so rewarding.

Loaner fishing gear, terminal gear and bait provided by Okuma Fishing Products, Friends of Rollo/Seaforth Tackle and Angler's Distributing (Squidco) respectively, completed the material support we needed to make the tournament happen.

We owe tremendous gratitude as well to the many volunteers who gave their time before and during the event. **Members of the San Diego Fly Fishing Club**, San Diego Anglers, San Diego Rod & Reel Club and UPSAC all lent a hand. Together we were able to create a grand experience for all the new and returning young anglers and their families. No doubt we've added to the pool of future fishermen.

A slide show including photos of the winning anglers and action of the day is available on our website at www.sportfishing.org.

We thank you again for your support and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,
Catherine Miller & Vic Gamboa
for the San Diego Sportfishing Council

May 14, 2015 In Reply Refer to: 135

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing
San Diego Fly Fishers, 10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd. #327
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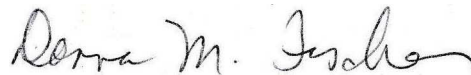
Dear Members:

-- Thank you for your support for VA-San Diego Health care System with your generous donation of 3 rods, 4 fly reels, 4 fly lines, 1 fly net, 20 fly fishing hooks, 6 fly tying instruction manuals with DVD, 2 fly boxes with flies, 1 fly tying vise, and sets of fly tying tools. We are very grateful for your concern for our patients.

It is donations such as yours that make the VA San Diego Healthcare System special for the men and women who need our assistance. Your donation contributes greatly to the welfare and comfort of our patients at the Medical Center as well as the Outpatient Clinics.

As the Chief of Voluntary Services, I am always proud of the support we receive from those who share their time, talents, and energy with our Nation's Heroes. An organization such as yours or one individual can make a big difference to our Veterans.

Putting Veterans First,



Donna M. Fischer, CAVS Chief, Voluntary Service

**Redeem this Voucher for
ONE DOOR PRIZE
TICKET**

**Offer good for the SEPTEMBER Meeting
*Must be present to win***

Extra

JOEL STEWART– BIO

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He also worked as an apprentice rod builder for MAW Rod Company and as a skinner in for Great Falls Taxidermy during the winter when fishing slowed down.

After graduating from CM Russell High he enlisted in the Navy in 1985 as Fire Control Technician working on the Tomahawk weapon system. After achieving and still serves on active duty as a Surface Warfare Officer. He was assigned to the staff of Multi-National Corps Iraq in Baghdad in 2005 and during that tour started the Baghdad School of Fly Fishing which later became the Baghdad Anglers Club and School of Fly Fishing.

[Fly Fishing Adventures in Baghdad](#)

Joel Stewart found himself based in Camp Victory on the grounds of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's former Al Faw Palace. He fished numerous man-made lakes stocked by the former dictator with a variety of sport fish. Soon he was teaching others how to fly fish. Thus, the Baghdad School of Fly Fishing was born, an angling club that remained in existence for the remainder of the time American troops were in Iraq. Listen in to hear about the exotic fish Joel caught, how the Baghdad School of Fly Fishing was born and how it flourished during times of war.

He has circumnavigated the globe and fished on six continents. He calls home anyplace the Navy stations his family. He was stationed in New Orleans as the executive officer for the future U.S.S. ANCHORAGE (LPD 23), and became the first skipper once she was launched and commissioned in Anchorage, Alaska completing the ship's entry into fleet service. His current home is San Diego. He always has a fly rod in his sea bag, and uses his liberty time to seek opportunities to fish new waters and catch different species wherever in the world his duties take him.

Tip of the Month

AVOID CUTTING YOURSELF WHEN SLICING VEGETABLES BY GETTING SOMEONE ELSE TO HOLD THE VEGETABLES WHILE YOU CHOP.

A Sign of the Apocalypse ?



This Wal-mart is located in Idaho Springs, Idaho and it's presence was unexpected. This author found this shop was poorly supplied for fly fishers as there were many empty hooks and few rods.

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 your right.

Funny Page

Separated At Birth ? Alan Thompson and John Candy



FREE CASTING LESSONS

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.



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

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| Jim Brown..... | 2004 |
| Allen Greenwood..... | 2005 |
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| Gary Strawn..... | 2010 |
| Bob Fletcher..... | 2011 |
| Bill and Eileen Stroud..... | 2012 |
| Paul Woolery..... | 2014 |

Cut-off date for **October Finny Facts** is Monday-September 21, 2015

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

Send change of address information, or Club membership renewal to:

Alan Reoch
Sandiegoflyfishers.com

Also, Visit our club's website today for new pictures, articles, and other useful information.
WEB Address at bottom of this page.

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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 (in mem), Oz Osborn (in mem), Robbie Robinson (in mem), John Gauld (in mem), Lloyd Jefferies (in mem), Doug Joseph, Gary Hilbers, Tom Smith, Bud Olsen

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For unselfish and outstanding service to the fly fishing community

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| 1996-Gary Hilbers | 2009-Warren Lew |
| 1997-Jack Bentley | 2010- Paul Woolery |
| 1998-Gordie Zimm | 2011-Gary Strawn |
| 1999-Gretchen Yearous | 2012-Lee McElravy |
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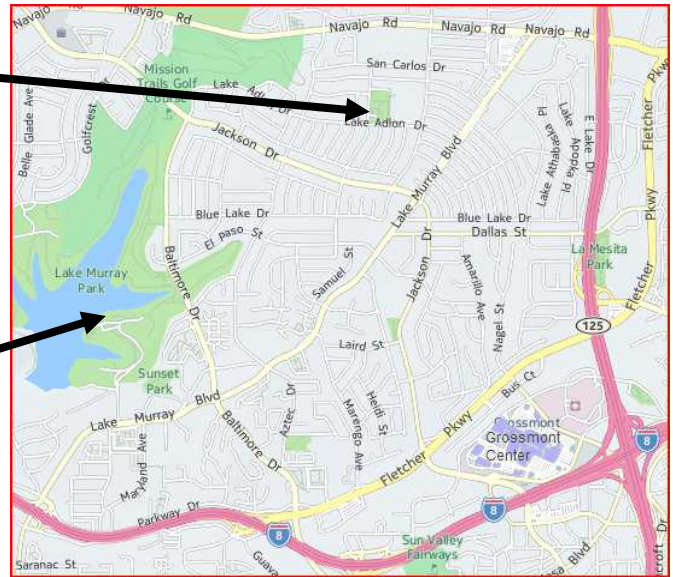
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Fly Tying Congress
Thursdays 6:30-8:30

San Carlos Rec. Ctr.
6445 Lake Badin Ave.

Fly Casting Clinic
Every Sunday 9 to noon.

Lake Murray
Kiowa Dr.
San Diego, CA 92119



Monthly Meeting

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

Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough Street
San Diego, CA 92106

San Diego Fly Fishers

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

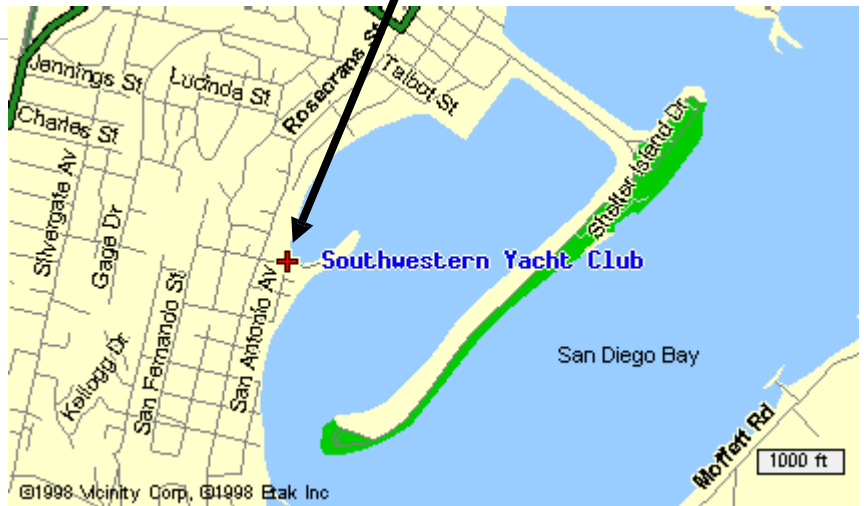


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Since 1962



Directions from Highway 8 (traveling West) or Interstate 5 (traveling South)

Take Rosecrans exit West to Owen Street
Turn Left on Owen Street, drive 1 block to San Antonio
Turn Left on San Antonio, drive 2 blocks
Turn right onto Qualtrough and follow to SWYC entryway at end of street.

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San Diego, CA 92106
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