

FINNY FACTS

Archive Version

March 2014



San Diego Fly Fishers



Cleaner Water. Brighter Streams. Better Fishing.



Volume 20 No. 3

Ted Reinert Passes away



San Diego Fly Fishers loses an important ambassador and great friend. See his biography on page 3

This Month's Speaker

Rob Hutzel

is the executive director and one of the founders of The San Diego River Park Foundation, a nonprofit established in 2001 with a mission of working to create a better future for the San Diego River and the communities it flows through.

-see more of Rob Hutzel's Bio inside on Page 6

California fishermen land court ruling In monumental decision, California 3rd District Court of Appeals rules for fish farmers, stocking

The following article and headline are copied from U-Tsandiego.com on-line newspaper and is written by
By [Ed Zieralski](#) 4:28 p.m.Feb. 10, 2015

Like a lot of government agencies, the California Fish and Wildlife Department has a tendency to turn crawfish over any lawsuit filed by groups who are intent on stopping fishing and hunting in this state by using the courts.

Either the agency rolls over and gives the anti-hunting and fishing groups anything they want or it overreacts and does more harm than can possibly be imagined. In the case of challenges to its regulations regarding stocking fish and fish-rearing businesses, it did both. It rolled over and did more harm. But this time it didn't work.

On Tuesday, in a monumental ruling in favor of fishing, the California Third District Court of Appeals has "struck down the state Department of Fish and Wildlife's illegally drafted permitting requirements on recreational freshwater fishing — regulations that threatened to decimate the \$2.4 billion industry by driving fishing lakes, private hatcheries, and fish farms out of business," according to a release from the Pacific Legal Foundation, which represented the California Association for Recreational Fishing (CARF) against the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

-Continued on page 10

Inside

- Presidents Report Page 2
- Ted Reinert..... Page 3
- Stroud Banquet..... Page 4
- Conservation/Education ...Page 5
- Rob Hutzel Page 6
- Fly of the Month..... Page 7
- Future Events..... Page 8
- Activities..... Page 9
- Extra..... Page 10 & 11
- Funny Page Page 12
- Awards.....Page 13
- Board Information..... Page 14

Next Meeting

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

Reminder

Volunteer host for this meeting
(report at 6:15pm)

Kurt Ruble
Lew Walsh

Thank you, **Bob Blazer**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: “

"My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) Will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it."
Koos Brandt



The **Strouds Award Banquet** was a resounding success as wholesale changes were made in venue, food, and presentations. The event was held at the **Southwestern yacht Club**, a venue we have used for our annual raffle. A big thank you goes out to **Bruce Harris and Jack Duncan** for their effort in putting this event together. Also a thank you to **Paul Woolery** in checking in the guest and keeping the riff-raff out (*how did I get into this event?*). The weather cooperated and gave us an unseasonably warm Sunday afternoon which made dining on the deck enjoyable.

The presentation of various awards preceded the dinner and was orchestrated by President **Jack Duncan** as his last official duty. Also presenting awards was past president and current chairman of the **Project Healing Waters** program, **Art Reifman**.

Several members were recognized for their participation over the past several years but I would like to recognize **Lee McElravy**. As a member of the board of Directors, I watched **Lee** struggling to get this program started over 5 years ago. A lesser person would have thrown up his hands and walked away, but **Lee** persevered. He knew how important this program was to those service people who sacrificed so much for our country.

Additional highlights included the awarding of Fly Plates by out-going president **Jack Duncan**. Among those who received this award were **Don Smith, Lucky Ketcham, David Collins, Bruce Michael, Bruce Harris, Lee McElravy, Lee Anderson, Lew Walsh, Art Reifman, and Jim Tenuto**,

The **BIG** awards came next as **David Collins** presented the **Gordon Foster Award** to **Lee Anderson** for his tireless effort to keep the Sunday Morning Casting Clinic up and running after the passing of **Ned Sewell**. The final award was the **Stroud Award** presented by **Jon Holland** that was awarded to a club member who is the driving force in the transformation of Chollas Lake to a sustainable fishery to benefit the kids of San Diego among his many contributions. Congratulations, **Paul Woolery**.

The final part of these presentations was the introduction of the new 2015 **Board of Directors** by me, **Alan Thompson**, as the new president. I'll admit that I'm to lazy to list them all here when you can find all board members and chairpersons on the last page of this publication. I will say I appreciate all the members and the efforts they make to keep this organization operating efficiently.

The second half of the **Stroud Banquet** was the outdoor dining on the deck at the Southwestern Yacht Club with a smorgasbord of delicious bar-b-que foods. There was ample opportunities to interact with other club members and their significant others. I sat with my lovely wife, **Nancy**, on my left and **Wayne Allen** on my right (I should stop there).

A decision will be made later this year about the next **Stroud Banquet**. The Southwestern Yacht Club was great and I would choose to return next January.

The Bishop Trip is a few days away as I write this column and I am quivering with excitement. This is my first blizzard trip since I ice fished in Illinois as a teenager. I must thank **Kurt Ruble** as he volunteered to be the Trip Coordinator for this event has and has done a great job.

One of the strengths of this club is the efforts of volunteers to keep us on track and coordinating so many different areas. Coming up this month is the **Bugs-r-cool** on Saturday, March 14th from 10am to 1 pm supporting the **San Diego River Park Project**. Our March meeting featured speaker is **Rob Hutsel** who is a co-founder and president of the **River Project**. I look forward to his comments as we have provided and will continue to provide financial support as part of our commitment to conservation.

Final note, the **Golden State Flycasters** are holding their Annual Raffle on Saturday, March 14th in the foyer of the Jenny Craig Pavilion at the University of San Diego. Pick up a flyer at the next meeting.

**Welcome Aboard
New Members**

Michael Panos
Dale Osborne
Kenneth Corona
Tim Hunt
Roger Yoshioka
Bill Kristan
Ray and Sheron Mehl
Sam Madamba

Biography Ted Reinert

Ted was descended from the original 1865 homesteaders who founded the town of Tekamah, in eastern Nebraska, on the banks of the Missouri river. His paternal great grandfather, Peter Reinert, came from the Kingdom of Prussia, near the intersecting current borders of France, Germany and Luxembourg. His Maternal great grandfather, John Wing Freeman, was a direct descendant of the Pilgrims who came on the Mayflower.

Ted was born in a little house on the prairie and was delivered by his father during a blizzard. He was the fourth of seven sons. When he was around 6, his father bought a house for the bargain price of \$900, due to the fact that it was slated for demolition for a new highway on the west side of town. The house was moved up the hill, and the first thing Ted and his older brother did was hand dig a cellar under the house. It took months to finish, but it proved to be a real life saver when a tornado ripped through town a few years later.

The house had no indoor plumbing, but the outhouse did have two seats. (The one on the left pinched) Ted's mom cooked all their meals on a cast iron stove, using corn cobs for fuel. They grew all their own food

in a huge garden, and raised chickens too. The family was so poor they weren't even aware how poor they were. The entire time he lived in Nebraska, the family never once ate in a restaurant. His Dad drove a route for the Pride O'Plains Creamery, taking along a rifle every day in case he spotted a pheasant to bring home for dinner. The creamery went out of business when he was a teenager. The family moved to California where his Dad got a good job at Kaiser Steel, but Ted stayed behind to graduate from Tekamah High School with the same group of 30 students that he had started with in Kindergarten.

After High School graduation, Ted moved to California with his dad and before long he found work at a glue factory. He was such a good worker that the plant manager moved him into the laboratory and encouraged Ted to attend college and study chemistry. Within a few years, he was working in the chemistry lab at Rockwell Space Division testing the materials that went into the heat shield for the Apollo spacecraft. Over the years, his chemical analysis expertise branched out from adhesives, to electroplating, metallography and microchip manufacturing at North American Rockwell Autonetics, NCR, Burroughs Microelectronics, Teledyne Ryan Electron-

ics, and Kimberly-Clark Formulabs-inc. He loved it all, and took great pride in his career as a chemist, knowing that if he had stayed behind in Nebraska he would probably have worked as a farm hand.

Ted's first hobby in California was scuba diving. Then a few years later he discovered motorcycles, where on any given weekend he could be found dirt biking up and down rocky paths near Poway and out in the desert. But fishing turned out to be his absolute favorite hobby. He began fly fishing for trout, then moved into surf fishing for halibut, bass fishing in his float tube, deep sea fishing off San Clemente, and going out on panga boats in Baja. He loved it all and could never get enough of it.

He also made wonderful friends in the San Diego Fly Fishers Club, where he ran the monthly raffle for nearly 15 years.

Thank you to everybody who became his friend over the years.

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.

Stroud Banquet Pictures

Pictures from the Stroud Banquet held at the Southwestern Yacht Club January 24, 2015.



Jack Duncan opening remarks



Art Reifman spoke about Project Healing Waters



Joel Stewart was one of the recipients from Art Reifman for service to Project Healing Waters



Lee McElravy receives a Fly Plate from Jack Duncan



Stroud Award winner for 2014
Paul Woolery



David Collins receives a Fly Plate from Jack Duncan



Lucky Ketchem looks at his Fly Plate



Lee Anderson receives his **Gordon Foster Award** in a secret room at the Southwestern Yacht Club with Alan Thompson and previous winner David Collins

Education and Conservation



Dick Laub Memorial Gift Enables Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute and CCA California to Partner in Exploring the Expansion of Saltwater Replenishment Efforts

So. Cal anglers know their efforts to remove gillnets, and their partnership with Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute's (HSWRI) Ocean Resources Hatchery Enhancement Program (OREHP), have brought white seabass catches back to levels not seen for over 50 years. Now, an extraordinary convergence of events has created the opportunity to replicate the OREHP model and increase the health and stocks of other fish important to So. Cal saltwater anglers.

Thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous angler in 2014, HSWRI scientists had already begun to explore which additional species might fit into the marine fisheries replenishment program. Now, with the creation of CCA-California, the proposed Program will enjoy much needed public support. The Program gained additional momentum with recent donations from AFTCO, Frank LoPreste and his partners in Fisherman's, Pt. Loma, Seaforth and H&M Landings, and Sempra Energy. In February 2015, Dorothea Laub, wife of the late long-time angler Dick Laub, committed

\$900,000 to the Program, thereby catapulting it to the next level. This renewed, proactive, resource management effort will be called the **Dick Laub Fisheries Replenishment Program**.

While HSWRI has already developed the ability to raise yellowtail and halibut, the species to be focused on are still under discussion between the Cali-

fornia Department of Fish and Wildlife, the marine science community, HSWRI and anglers.

The **Dick Laub Fisheries Replenishment Program** encourages the financial support and advocacy of the angler community and philanthropic partners. For more information, please contact Eileen Sigler, HSWRI's Development Director,



Gary Strawn showing club members Hubbs-Sea World White Bass holding pens at Southwestern Yacht Club

This Month's Speaker— Rob Hutzel



Rob currently serves as the Vice Chair of the California Watershed Network, is a member of the Southern California Open Space Council and is Supervisor Ron Roberts' appointment to the County of San Diego's Park Advisory Board.

Rob is known by many as "River Rob" for his passion and dedication to creating a better future for the San Diego River and his work to improve the quality of life in San Diego.

-submitted by Gary Strawn



Rob Hutzel is the executive director and one of the founders of The San Diego River Park Foundation, a nonprofit established in 2001 with a mission of working to create a better future for the San Diego River and the communities it flows through. Annually, the organization coordinates more than 7000 volunteers who provide in excess of 25,000 hours of service. To date, this volunteer program has removed more than 1.7 million lbs. of trash from this 52 mile long river, primarily from the urban reaches of the river.

Rob attended UC San Diego where he studied Urban Studies and Planning with an emphasis in Environmental Design. He also worked in the Mayor's Office of the City of San Diego for 7 years including serving as a senior policy advisor on a vari-

ety of issues. He is a regular guest lecturer at UCSD and SDSU and has been invited to speak at several national and state conferences.

Rob was named the 2008 National River Hero by the River Network for his leadership with the River Park Foundation and his more than 20 years of volunteering in San Diego. In 2009, he was honored with the President's Award by San Diego State University, and in 2011 went to the White House to accept the National Take Pride in America Award which recognized the outstanding volunteer programs of the organization. The organization has also received two national Keep America Beautiful Awards and international recognition.

FREE CASTING LESSONS EVERY SUNDAY 9 AM--NOON

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at Lake Murray to cast or improve your skills. Free instruction is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors. DIRECTIONS--Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Boulevard. Go north on Lake Murray Boulevard to Kiowa Drive. Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That's our bunch.



Fly of the Month



Red Butt Mosquito size 14 or 16



When looking through my fly box for patterns that worked well for me on Bishop Creek and other higher Eastern Sierra streams I found that I only had three of these Red Butt Mosquitoes left. Looking at one of the crumpled flies brought back memories of catching 16 stocker trout one September evening in the big pool on Table Meadows of the South Branch of Bishop Creek. Any fly that can be chewed and slimed and keeps on working deserves a place in my fly box. The heavier tail and full hackle keeps the fly floating and the red floss blood meal abdomen makes it an attractive target.

Lucky Ketcham.

Hook: Std. Dry Fly, TMC 100, size 14, 16 (with most success on the 14.) Thread: Black 8/0 or 6/0
Tail: Fine deer or elk hair, well marked with light and dark tips. Abdomen: Red silk or acetate floss. (Blood / rusty orange works too.) Wings: Grizzly hackle tips
Thorax: Peacock herl
Hackle: Grizzly or Grizzly and Red rooster hackle. Full hackled.

Smash the barb and mount the hook. Make a jam knot at the mid shank point to mark the end of the abdomen and wrap a thread base to the bend and back to the mid shank. Select some straight fine deer or elk hair. I like to use hair with light and dark bands near the tips, they are usually harder and do not flare as much, plus I like the look they produce. The heavy tail has 15 to 20 hairs and will help float the fly. Remove any under-fur with a small comb and place the hairs in a small hair stacker. Carefully remove and manipulate into a small bundle.

Remove any blunt end hairs. Hold the bundle with your right hand parallel to the hook shank and size the tail to have one hook shank extending beyond the bend.

Pinch the bundle with your left hand near the cut off point and transfer. Move the bundle to the rear and see where it needs to be trimmed to end at the thread marker, mid shank. It is neater and easier if you cut the bundle before attaching. Cut the hair bundle square, not tapered like other patterns. Place the hair bundle on top of the hook shank and make two soft pinch wraps catching all the ends.

Pull on the thread straight down or straight up to keep the bundle from twisting on the shank. Make three or four tight wraps on top of each other, then beginning wrapping toward the bend. Practice using thread control on this pattern. The wraps at the front of the abdomen are tight to secure the tail, but as you wrap

toward the bend make the thread wraps looser to prevent flaring the tail too much. Pull back and up on the hair bundle to keep it on top of the hook.

Wrap the thread back to the mid point and half hitch. Select a two-inch piece of shiny red floss. If 4 strand Acetate floss, separate to one strand and then separate the strand into two. Trim the end and attach on top of the hair bundle. Wetting the floss or silk will help control it and prevent loose ends. Flatten the floss with your bodkin or needle and wrap to the bend and back to the mid point.

-Continued on page 10

Future Events

Port of San Diego's

DAY AT THE DOCKS

It's Fun! It's Free!

SUNDAY APRIL 19th 2015

POINT LOMA 9am-5pm



Fishing Tackle
Cooking Demos
Seminars
FREE Kids Fishing

Bay Boat Rides
Entertainment
Great Prizes
Diving & Nature



Like Us On
facebook

For The Latest Updates

Sunday, April 19th, 2015 9 AM -- 5 PM Sportfishing Landings in Point Loma

San Diego Fly Fishers will once again be represented at the San Diego Sportfishing Council's Annual Day at the Docks. The event takes place in the parking lot at H&M Landing. Admission is free! Free kids fishing, Fishing Tackle, Seminars,

*Cooking Demos, Bay Boat Rides, Entertainment and Prizes. **Fly tiers needed!** You are welcome to participate, whether you are a seasoned tier or a beginner. Ladies are especially needed. Show the public that fly fishing is not*

just a man's sport. Don't tie flies? That's Okay, come down and meet the public and answer questions about the club and fly fishing in general.

Contact: Paul Woolery 619.840.8247

Boy Scout Fair

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 18, 2015 for this year's Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium parking lot. As in the past, **Lucky Ketcham**, is the coordinator 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 start at approximately 9am, but we arrive earlier to set up stations where the Scouts will work and share some coffee, doughnuts, and stories.



Activities



Surf Fishing Clinic

Date: Sunday, March 15th from 7am-12 noon
Place: South Mission Beach at the Jetty

Ample parking is available

Sponsors: San Diego Fly Fishers and
Golden State Flycasters

Purpose: To support instruction received at the
Double Haul Ball at the Long Beach Casting
Club on Saturday, March 14, 2015
(see flyer above)

**Bring your fly fishing gear, fishing license, and
personal items such as waders, sunglasses, etc.**



River Bugs-R-Cool March 14th
See Gary Strawn for more information



Spend a day on the River! For rotation one: join scientists from The San Diego River Park Foundation to learn how bugs can unlock secrets about the San Diego River's health! Collect a sample and examine real living aquatic inverts. And for the second rotation, The 1to1 Movement will be leading a hands-on experiment focused on the waste we all produce, and the connections between personal consumption and the direct effects on our community, the River, and even River Bugs! Students will problem solve tangible solutions to lessen their impact.

Supplies will be provided, please wear clothes that can get a little dirty and sun protection.

Hosted by: [The San Diego River Park Foundation](#) and [The 1to1 Movement](#)

Thank you to site sponsor: [San Diego Fly Fishers](#)



Extra

The fishermen in California won thanks to the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) and the California Association for Recreational Fishing (CARF).

Finally, the state's inability to fend off these anti-fishing organizations from imposing unfair, illegal sanctions and regulations led to a court ruling that stopped the state assault on recreational fishing, preserved jobs and most of all, assured Californians and their families that they'll have opportunities to fish in the future at lakes stocked with fish. Had these ridiculous regulations by the state Department of Fish and Wildlife not been struck down, they potentially would have cost lakes such as Dixon, Poway and Jennings more than \$100,000 every one to five years in order to stay current with the needless environmental studies and mandates.

"This was a very good day for freshwater fishing in California," said Marko Mlikotin, executive director of the CARF, a grass-roots organization of freshwater fishermen and businesses. "We could not be happier. This will have a profound impact on fish farmers and lakes and all the places where fish stocking supplement what the state doesn't do in terms of stocking warm and coldwater fisheries."

Said Craig Elliott, president of CARF and a recreational fishing lakes operator and fish farmer: "We could not be more pleased with the Appellate Court's rejection of the Department's illegal regulations. This ruling ensures that freshwater fishing will continue to be an affordable and accessible form of recreation for California families and a source of jobs. California anglers owe a debt of gratitude to PLF for championing our cause."

The Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) represented CARF and led the legal charge, challenging the DFW's radical new mandate on hatcheries and stocking ponds that was influenced by anti-fishing groups that lobbied the Department of Fish and Wildlife and likely have infiltrated the fish and wildlife bureaucracy with anti-hunting and fishing extremists.

PLF argued that the state's freshwater fish population is "historically healthy," yet DFW issued a regulation that before anyone could stock or raise fish, DFG would have to determine that there would be no effect on dozens of arbitrarily-selected species — including species that are abundant and thriving in California.

"This process would be so cumbersome and drawn out that it could effectively block many stocking ponds and hatcheries from continuing to operate," Mlikotin said. PLF challenged the new regulations, saying they were drafted without public input, which is mandated by the California Administrative Procedure Act (CAPA). Essen-



Lake Jennings supervising ranger David Acevedo shows off trout that was part of stocking the lake received. A ruling Tuesday paved the way for future stockings and growing of fish.

tially, the Court ruled the hatchery and fish farm regulations were "underground regulations" that were set without sufficient public input.

"This court ruling is a powerful victory for everyone who values recreational fishing opportunities, and for everyone who values openness and accountability in government," said PLF senior staff attorney Joshua Thompson. "The DFW concocted these radical regulations all on its own, without any request from the Legislature and without seeking public review and comment as state law requires. This court victory saves recreational fishing from out-of-control regulators and protects everyone's rights by reminding bureaucrats they aren't above the law."

The new, illegal regulations were rooted in a 2010 Fish and Wildlife Environmental Impact Report that claimed that the stocking of lakes and ponds with hatchery-bred fish puts indigenous fish and habitat in danger. The environmental document also radically changed the the permitting process for stocking private fishing lakes and ponds without any public review or input, and without direction from the State Legislature.

The DFW changed its fish stocking permitting process in the EIR by prohibiting all stocking which would have an adverse effect on "decision species." CARF and PLF studies and research proved that more than half of these so-called "decision species" are not listed under any statute or regulation, but were included by agency whim, Thompson said.

"The EIR also required private hatcheries to engage in continuous and expensive monitoring for invasive species, the results of which must be reported to the Department for use in its investigations and permitting decisions," he added.

But in the end, the Court of Appeals ruled in favor of fishermen and common sense and ruled against a Fish and Wildlife agency that no longer has the best interests of the fishermen and hunters in California as its core mission.

Fly of the Month— continued

Secure with three thread wraps and trim excess. Select two nice peacock herl and trim off the stiff butt ends about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch from the ends. (The barbles on herl from a tail are longer and better colored than some of the body feathers found in some strung packages of herl. Find a friend who raises peacock.)

Wrap the thread to the eye of the hook and back to the abdomen. Attach the peacock herl by the butt ends with the long sections extending to the rear. Wrap the thread up onto the red abdomen a 1/16-inch so that the herl will start at that point.

Before wrapping the thorax you need to attach the wings and hackle. Select two matched grizzly hackles from a quality rooster neck. Turn the feathers to be shiny sides together, curved tips out. Hold in your right hand with about a shank length exposed. The thread should be at a marker two eyes back from the rear of the hook eye. Tip - If you half hitch it at this point it will help prevent it sliding forward when tying down the wings. Match the tips again and hold up parallel to the hook shank with your fingertips near the bend. Measure one shank length and see the point on the hackles that needs to be tied down. Move your fingertips up if necessary to get close to that point. Move the hackle tips into position with one hackle one each side of the shank or at least on top of the hook. Carefully make two soft pinch wraps and pull down and back on the thread. The thread will want to slide forward on the slick hackles. This is the hardest part of this fly. If the thread slides forward, the wing will be too short and positioned too far forward for the hackle and head. Try to avoid the sliding by pulling back on thread into your finger pinch. Tighten the thread and make another tight wrap or two. Carefully pull up on the delicate hackle tips and make two or three thread wraps on the shank, against the wing quills, making a "small thread dam" to make the wings stand up. Use your fingernails to reposition and split the wings. If they are crowding the eye and not the right length, unwrap them and start over. AK Best says: "If you don't like the way the wings look, now is the time to fix them, you'll never be happy with them later." Trim off the butt ends of the hack-

les. Wrap the thread close to the base of the wings and then figure 8 wrap between the hackle tips to separate at about 60 degree. (Tip - If you don't start the figure 8 wraps very close to the base of the wings it will pull them forward or backward and will cause frustration.)

Select and size a premium stiff rooster hackle. If you are lucky you can use the bottom section of the hackle used for tips. The barbs should be sized to be $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch hook gaps. When wrapped around the shank they will be shorter than the wing tips and a little longer than the hook gap. I use one grizzly hackle on size 14 or 16 and sometimes one grizzly

and one red hackle for variation. Prepare the hackle by gently pulling back on the barbs to separate and trim off the fluff and stiff quill. Trim off about 1/16 inch for the tie down. Place the hackle on top of the hook, dull side up and tie down between the wings, wrapping thread to the rear to secure behind the wing. Wrap the thread forward to behind the eye and half hitch to secure.

Wrap the peacock herl forward. On this fly I did not marry the herl to the thread. Just wrap the two herl forward with some extra wraps as you move off the shoulder of the abdomen. Lift the grizzly hackle and make two wraps in back and two wraps between the hackle and wings. Make one or two wraps close in front of the wing. Do not crowd the eye. Make three wraps of thread to secure and trim off the excess herl. Half hitch to secure thread. Wrap the hackle 5 or 6 wraps behind the wings and three in front. Tie off behind the eye with three tight wraps while wetting and pulling back on any fibers sticking toward the eye. You want the eye to be as clean as possible. Trim off the butt end of the hackle and take a small half hitch tool to push any remaining fibers to the rear. Half the time I use a half hitch tool to make the three wrap whip finish. I may take a hackle guard to prevent catching the hackle fibers and make a standard whip finish.

Add a small drop of thinned head cement to the thread wraps for durability if de-

sired. Tip – turn the hook up side down to reduce the head cement running into the eye of the hook. Make sure the eye of the hook is clean while the hook is still in the vise. It is much easier to clean the hook eyes now than to do it later on the water. A small feather quill passed through the hook eye takes removes excess head cement – or just use your bodkin needle. The bodkin is a great tool – half hitch tool on one end and needle, pick, head cement applicator on the other. Tip: Make a bodkin cleaner by filling a plastic film canister with fine steel wool or brass wool and poking a hole in the top. A few passes will clean super glue, head cement and epoxy from the bodkin.

I first used this fly about three years ago in Bishop Creek for stocked trout. It works about the same as the Butt Ugly Hopper for Golden Trout at Horseshoe Meadows and has worked in many of the Eastern Sierra streams and even in New York. I usually fish it in the early evening when the reds and oranges are productive colors. I treat and retreat the tail and hackle with fly floatant. It seems to be a very durable fly. Just wash off the fish slime, blot it a few times and your back in business, at least until that tall willow tree or hemlock claims it.

-submitted by Lucky

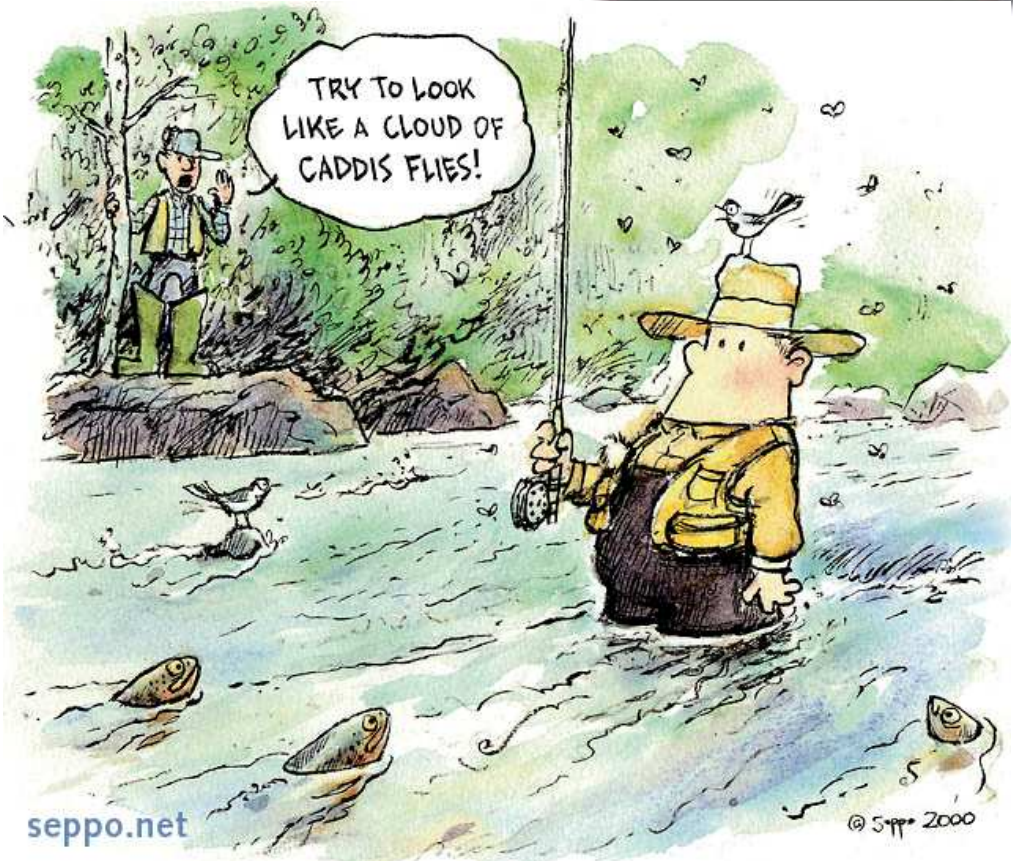
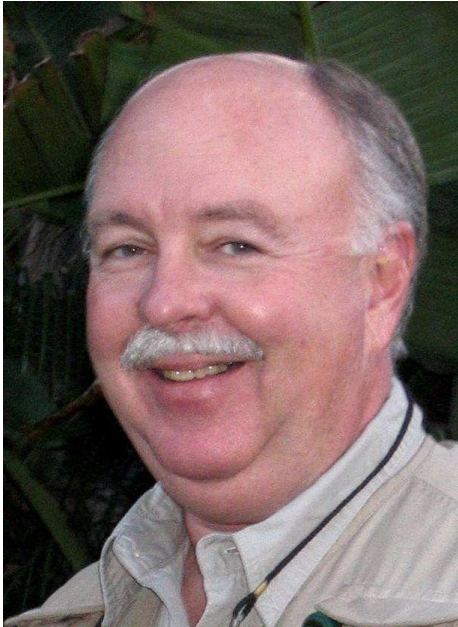


Funny Page

Separated at Birth ?

Lee McElravy

Phil Silvers





EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations

are gratefully accepted
Make checks payable to
Eileen Stroud Conservation
Fund

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

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

Recipients of the STROUD AWARD

Jim Brown.....	2004
Allen Greenwood.....	2005
Hugh Marx.....	2006
Mike Rivkin.....	2007
Bill Van Wulven.....	2008
Larry Bottroff.....	2009
Gary Strawn.....	2010
Bob Fletcher.....	2011
Bill and Eileen Stroud.....	2012
Paul Woolery.....	2014

LIFE MEMBERS

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

HONORARY MEMBERS

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

Recipients of the:

GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service to
the fly fishing community

1991-Ned Sewell	2004-Joe Bain
1992-Bob Camp	2005-Jim Reeg
1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud	2006-John Kasten
1994-Ed Velton	2007-Lucky Ketcham
1995-Bob Wisner	2008-Louie Zimm
1996-Gary Hilbers	2009-Warren Lew
1997-Jack Bentley	2010- Paul Woolery
1998-Gordie Zimm	2011-Gary Strawn
1999-Gretchen Yearous	2012-Lee McElravy
2000-Tom Smith	2013-David Collins
2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki	2014- Lee Anderson
2002-Larry Sorensen	
2003-Jim Tenuto	

Cut-off date for April
Finny Facts is Friday-
March 13, 2015

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

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

Alan Reoch
Sandiegoflyfishers.com

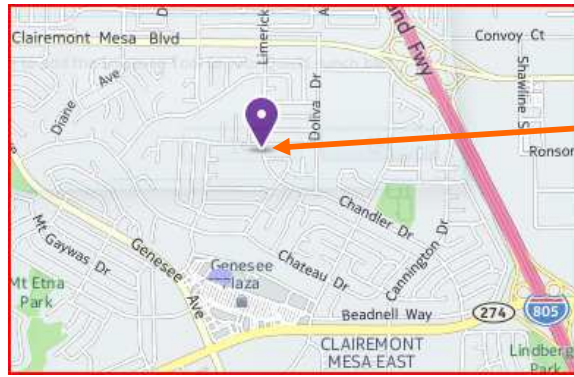
Also, Visit our club's website today for new
pictures, articles, and other useful information.

**San Diego Fly Fishers
2015 Directors**

- Alan Thompson..... **President**
- **Newsletter**
- Bruce Michael **Vice-President**
- **Annual Fund Raiser**
- Bruce Harris..... **Treasurer**
- Bob Blazer **Refreshments**
- Bruce Bechard **Programs**
- **Annual Fund Raiser**
- Don Davis **FFF Southwest Council**
- **Video & Library**
- Jack Duncan..... **Rod Building**
- Fred Gregory..... **Secretary**
- Preston Parrett **At-Large**
- Alan Reoch **Membership**
- Kurt Ruble **Programs**
- Gary Strawn **Conservation**
- Steve Vissers **Media Coordination**
- Lew Walsh **Door Prizes**

Other Chairpersons

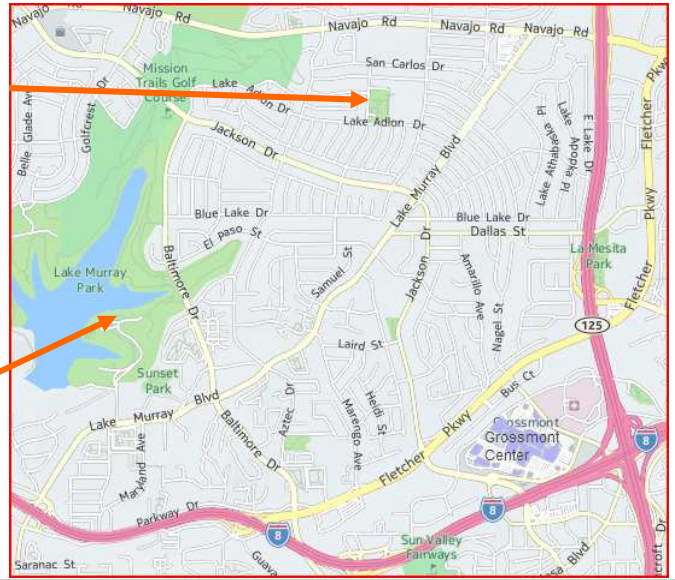
- Lee Anderson **Fly Casting Clinic**
- Lucky Ketcham **Fly Tying Clinic**
- David Collins **Web Master**
- Art Reifman **Project Healing Waters**



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

Fly Tying Congress
 Thursdays 6:30-8:30

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



Fly Casting Clinic
 Every Sunday 9 to
 noon.

Lake Murray
 Kiowa Dr.
 San Diego, CA 92119

San Diego Fly Fishers

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



San Diego Fly Fishers

Cleaner Water. Brighter Streams. Better Fishing

**Affiliate Club of the
 International
 Federation of Fly Fishers**

Since 1962