

FINNY FACTS

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San Diego Fly Fishers

Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing

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Please join us **Monday, October 5th**
7:30 pm for our next Zoom Club Meeting:

Russ Barabe



Matt Lucero

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
San Diego Lakes
Wild Trout in San Diego



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President's Message

Our SDFF group of resolute fly fishers braved the uncharted waters and flew down to La Paz from Tijuana over the CBX terminal in Otay Mesa. Our destination was Palapas Ventana, Baja Sur. This saltwater fly-fishing destination was everything John Ashley described at one of our last meetings at SWYC last winter. All of us new to Ventana found a beautiful beachfront resort facing Ventana Bay, with access to some of the best saltwater fly fishing you can find anywhere, only a short 90-minute flight from Tijuana. We all caught the fish we were targeting on the fly and then some. I was one of the few guys not to have broken a rod, although I put a pretty good bend on my Thomas and Thomas 9 wt fighting a bull Dorado who broke the 20 lb. flouro tippet at the Panga. Tom Rundlett got a pic of this beast on the surface.

Look for our full report from John Ashley in this issue of the Finny Facts. Also, I would like to thank John Ashley for introducing us to one of his favorite Baja destinations and for being a great co-host and doing his best to manage our diverse group of rod benders. John is as passionate a fly fisherman as anyone I have met over my 35 years in the SDFF club.

A group of our Board Members had a zoom conference call with Jim Brown last week to discuss the complex issue of the management of our City and County Lakes. There is an interim plan in place to keep our lakes open through the end of this fiscal year, but a concerted effort is needed for a plan to fund the lake operations after June 2021. The BOD is reviewing a position paper and letter to the City Council and County Board of Supervisors expressing our position and advocating for keeping all lakes open to the community for all sports activities. I am hopeful that a long-term lakes management plan will be developed but this will take a concerted effort by all the stakeholders and our City and County representatives. We will keep you informed of our progress with this effort.

Kai Schuman put on a great outing at Cuyamaca Lake in June. We had a good group of kayakers, float tubers and boaters targeting Bass, Blue gill and trout. I went all in for deep trolling a bugger with a weighted line, no takers. Mel Oches and others fishing on the surface, were successful landing some good-sized blue gill. The water was warm, and I expect the fishing to improve as it cools off a bit. Kai's next outing is Saturday Oct 17 at Tidelands Park. This is always a productive location. Most guys are on the water at first light.

Finally, keep in mind that our member Erik Helgason has generously offered his house on Hat Creek in Burney, Ca. for a week in Oct 8 and November 6. This is a great opportunity to fish several trophy trout streams, including Fall River and the McCloud, in Northern California. See the June Indicator for details.

Jim Castelluzzo
October 5, 2020

president@sandiegoflyfishers.com



Join us!

Speaker Programs

Zoom!

Monday, October 5, 2020 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Russ Barabe and Matt Lucero
California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Join Zoom Meeting :

<https://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com/zoom-directory>

Meeting ID: 978 3656 3051 Password: SDFF-4U (**remember to use all caps**)

A few ground rules so that this call will be enjoyable and we do not interfere with the Speaker's presentation or questions from participants. Please review the following before you login:

- Find a place to participate where there will not be lots of background noise or activity. Please be sure that you have a good connection to the internet.
- Please test your camera, speakers and microphone before joining the meeting to be sure they are working on your end.
- If you want to share your image have a light source in front of you rather than behind you.
- If you do not wish to share your image just turn off or cover your camera.
- Everyone who connects to the call will have their audio muted by default. The moderator will control the audio and unmute your microphone when you are going to ask a question or make a comment.
- Please Learn the controls at the bottom of the Zoom Meeting window (scroll over the bottom to see the toolbar).
- If you wish to ask a question please send a message to the moderator using the chat function or raise your hand using the participants function (this can be done at any time).
- The Speaker and moderator will coordinate on responding to anyone who wishes to ask a question.

We will wait until the end of the presentation to allow people to ask questions and comment. We will call on you and allow you to speak.

Mike Gilroy,
Media Coordinator

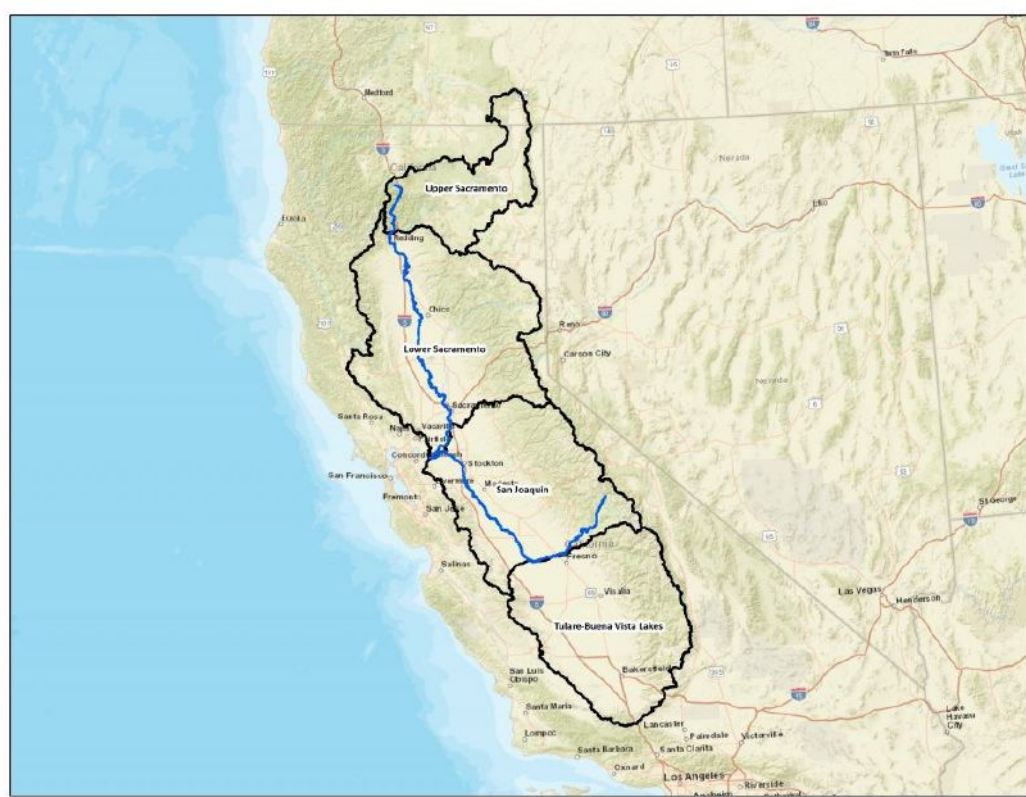
Know of someone who would be a good candidate for speaking to the club?
contact either [Jim Castelluzzo](#) or [Tim Huckaby](#)

Happenings

Notes from the September Club Meeting (video conference)

Our club meeting on September 14 featured Steve Schalla (Steven Ojai), from Fly Fishers International Southwest Council who provided some background on the FFI, and an interesting presentation on the native trout of the Kern River drainage. He detailed the history of the three existing heritage trout found there: the Kern River Rainbow, the Little Kern Golden, and the Volcano Creek Golden.

Amazing fact that all three species evolved from steelhead that made their way from the San Joaquin River. At one time, long ago, the area between Bakersfield and Fresno featured streams and marshes that allowed for the migration. Hard to imagine when you drive that stretch now!



Happenings

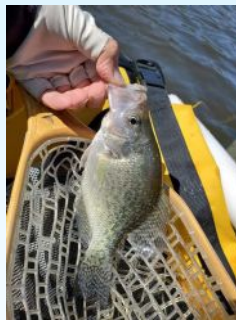
The SDFF annual Montana Trip Sept 3-7, 2020



Club members Tim Huckaby, Fred Marks, Steve Vissers, Tom O'Connell, John Wylie, Tom Rundlett, and Jack Gibbons converged in Montana for the annual club trip to the Clark Fork River Outpost for three days of guided fishing from drift boats with Missoula's best guides. Located in the middle of nowhere 60 miles north of Missoula on the fabled Clark Fork River, this year's trip did not disappoint. 40-60 take days dry fly fishing were common. The food and drink prepared by master chef, outfitter and lodge owner Mike Hillygus was spectacular.

The September 20th outing at Lake Cuyamaca was pretty much void of trout (the lake was stocked with 3000lb the *following* week) but conditions were beautiful and some crappie cooperated to keep things interesting. Once again, Kai provided a delicious lunch for all.

Join the group on Saturday, October 17th at Tidelands Park, Coronado.



Feature Article

Palapas Ventana in Southern Baja

By John Ashley

"Gallo! Gallo! Dorado! Rooster! Dorado!" the captain called out the fish as they exploded on sardinas right up against the panga. We were being schooled by an angry beehive of roosterfish when the neon green dorado came cruising in. Their heads pushing bow waves like miniature submarines. The dorado were a prime target. If you could get your fly past the roosterfish and barrilete (black skipjack, aka rod breakers) as well as the green jacks, needlefish and pompano you might be treated to one of the wildest fighting fish out there. It was a swirling, angry mess of predators zipping and jumping and splashing and macerating a handful of sardina, turning those baitfish into a shimmering cloud of scales suspended in the cobalt blue water. Man, I thought... Baja RULES!



Feature Article, cont.

The first ever SDFE excursion to the fishing resort Palapas Ventana in Southern Baja concluded on September 3rd following four full days of panga fishing, gourmet dining and warm water swimming in the world greatest natural aquarium. We had been planning the trip for a year, little did we know that worldwide travel restrictions, along with Covid precautions would throw roadblocks in our way. We started with ten participants and when it came time for us step onto the plane, four SDFE members remained to shoulder the fly fishing responsibilities: James Castelluzzo, Tom Rundlett, Kai Schumann and me, John Ashley. Also coming along were my brother and my Pops who is to fishing what Liza Minelli is to batting clean up in the World Series. More on that later.

Travel ended up being the easy part of the trip. We all met at the gate of our non-stop Volaris flight having breezed through the Cross Border Express (also known as the CBX) walking into Mexico over a beautifully clean and well managed pedestrian bridge directly into the Tijuana Airport terminal. There are many options for getting yourself down to Southern Baja and all methods end up at Palapas Ventana but, in my opinion, a direct flight from TJ to La Paz on an early (6:00 am) Volaris jet is the way to go.

At the airport we were met by Dorian, Palapas Ventana's shuttle driver who loaded us up for the thirty minute drive to the resort. If you haven't been in Southern Baja in September or October you will probably be shocked at how green and tropical the place is; it's almost junglelike. Even better is the water: it's the gin clear, warm water that feels like a warm blanket when you jump into it – there's no shock, no edge or shiver when you decide to go for a swim to cool off.

Once we'd arrived and unloaded, we each moved into our casitas. Tim (the owner of Palapas Ventana) offers us a fishing package where each flyfisher is paired up with a partner who will share both a casita and a boat, two fly fishers per boat per day – awesome (for next year's trip

I'm requiring that participants sign up with a partner to help smooth out pairing issues). The casitas are sparkling clean, spacious, they come with their own showers, purified water, modern bathroom and importantly they are air conditioned! Each casita has three beds so for most, there was an extra "gear bed" to spread out your reels and flies. The rooms are cleaned each day by P.V. staff. From the casitas, it's a two minute stroll to the nucleus of Palapas Ventana, the restaurant/bar/pool, El Anzuelo ("The Hook"). You will spend lots of time here chatting with other fishermen and just relaxing. It fea-

tures a billion dollar view of your fishing grounds, delicious cold beer on tap, mango margaritas and enough types of tequila to keep your personal party going for as long as you need it to be. Best of all is the cool infinity pool which is THE place to be once you get off your boat and climb the steps up to El Anzuelo (pro tip: order a mango margarita for "the pool" and they'll put it in a plastic cup for you to enjoy while partially submerged).



Our fishing package includes three meals a day on a fixed menu of the chef's choice. If you think that's going to be a couple slices of WonderBread framing a piece of baloney, you're in the wrong country amigo. Our dinners featured appetizers of wahoo sashimi, dorado sushi rolls and on one day a group of friendly spearfishermen sent us over a big bowl of fresh ceviche. Main courses included, coconut breaded dorado with mango salsa, wahoo stuffed chili relleno, pargo zaraneado, foil wrapped wahoo, lasagna and out of nowhere, barbecued ribs, mashed potatoes and a nice salad. All the food is made fresh in the PV kitchen by a talented and amiable kitchen crew. Breakfasts are served before the sun comes up so that you can be on the water as soon as possible. We ate huevos mexicanos, huevos rancheros, pancakes and bacon and huevos con chorizo. If you needed something less spicy for a tender stomach (or boring palate) you could order plain eggs any way you liked them. Of course, every meal is accompanied with different fresh salsas (be careful) and hot fresh corn or flour tortillas. Importantly, El Anzuelo has delicious, strong, hot coffee ready each morning to get your motor running properly.

Feature Article, cont.

And now the fishing. Late September, early October is a FISHY time down there. The water is warm, the exotics (dorado, rooster, wahoo, pompano, trevally) have arrived, and the locals (pargo, cabrilla) are ready to eat. A set of stairs and a walk across a twenty-yard beach puts you at the bow of your panga for the day's fishing adventure. Your captain will load you up and immediately make for the sardina grounds where they'll cast net a load of live sardina to prime the eating pump of the day's target species. This year the most common comment amongst our group was, "Everybody got the fish they wanted." And it was true, Tom got his Rooster, Kai got his dorado (and his wahoo x2), The Animal (Jim Castelluzzo) got everything six times over. I got to see everybody happy with the day's adventures and catches, the classic phrase after Day 1 coming from The Animal, "You know what, John's not full of sh#\$, this place is awesome".



Each of the boats is specially outfitted for fly fishing with a large front bracing area that the captains call the "tenedor" or fork. If you're fishing on the bow, you can brace yourself against the tenedor and make your casts. This is especially helpful if you are not as spry as you used to be or if last night's tequila has affected your equilibrium (hey, it happens). From the bow guys like Jim Castelluzzo earned his nickname "The Animal". The Animal feels no pain or fatigue, this guy fishes hard every minute he's out there and when the boat has to head in, he stops at every buoy that might hold something with fins. The Animal landed one of my favorite fish, The Lady Fish, also known as Sabalo. It's related to the tarpon and is just as acrobatic. You know you've hooked a lady fish by the way it hits the fly, like an Irish cop's sap to your dome, the ladyfish puts a fly's lights out. Ask the Animal what else he caught that day and out

comes his phone filled with pictures of Jack Crevalle, pompano and on and on. I'm sure that if The Animal woke up one morning with his foot in a bear trap, he'd gnaw it off to get down to the pangas and fish – the guy's borderline feral.

Tom Rundlett, "The Marcial Master" (a marcial is a needle fish) lazer beamed sardinas to buzzing rooster fish, fooling them on small sardina flies (we had to clip them down this year) and even deadlier gray over white EP bait flies. Tom came into camp and explained, "All I want is a rooster fish." Well, after Day 2 he had checked that off of his list and probably added 30 or so assorted jacks including the beastly black skipjack (barrilete), the strong fighting green jack and assorted snappers (pargo) and small bass (cabrilla)... and a million marcial, earning him the nom de guerre, "Marcial Master". Tom's descriptions of the way the Animal would fish and behave on their boat had us all laughing. I hope that someday when I'm 125 years old I'll be able to jump onto a beached panga and fly fish all day long for four days in a row – this guy's a tough cookie.

Kai Schumann was definitely living the dream, landing solid, big, bull dorado, at least ten rooster fish, multiple Jack Crevalle (called Toro because they are like bulls) beautiful gaffe topsail pompano and many, many pargo and cabrilla. After two full days of fly fishing, Kai channeled Babe Ruth, pointed at the left field fence and claimed, "I want a wahoo". As previously mentioned, my Pops fishes about as much as Bill Gates messes around with ditch digging so we had set up a "Gear Boat" for him to learn to conventional fish, Kai hopped on and spent a day trolling monster diving plugs. He ended up hitting grand slams, landing TWO wahoo. He provided fresh wahoo for the entire restaurant and still had fish to take home to his smoker.



Feature Article, cont.

My trip was characterized more by what I didn't catch than what I put in the boat. Haunting my Baja dreams will be the six or so shots that I got on a big, beautiful Blue Trevally- a fish I have always wanted to catch but have never seen in Baja before. Our captain, Wahloo put me right in the spot- I just couldn't get the job done. I was too mesmerized by the ultra-blue neon, the thick shoulders, the big black eye and snubbed head. The fish probably coming in around fifteen or twenty pounds, was sizzling across the bow. It was RIGHT THERE. Fly change after fly change resulted in nothing but a couple of heart stopping second looks. It did eventually happen, a little sideways flick and I was on! For about .5 seconds I was as they say in Australia, "tight to the fish, mate". It was my final, I-don't-know-else-to-throw fly that got the trevally interested. For a heart stopping second, long enough for me to yell like a kid, "I got him!", I was hooked up. And then I wasn't.

Baja still has its secrets. It's full of surprises. I'll keep that trevally fly on the hush-hush until I can get back down there next year. I've reserved and secured a week in early October in 2021 and I'm hoping (praying?) to get another chance at that fish. Until then, I'm just going to dream about it, probably waking up with my arm instinctively setting the hook and my mouth yelling... Baja RULES!



Planned Trips 2020

Future Outings Planned for 2020:

Review: September 20 – Plan on joining us for the next outing:

October 17 – Saturday: Tube/Kayak – Tidelands Park for Spotted Bass & Halibut

November 15 – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Lake Murray for Trout & Bass

December 12 – Saturday : Tube/Kayak – Coronado Cays, Grand Caribe for Spotted Bass Slack, then Falling Tide, 6:50am High 7.2'; 1:52 Low -1.0'

For more information Please contact **Kai Schumann** or look for details in the Indicator.
Questions? Contact us at outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com



SDFF Women's Program

Lady fly fishers of San Diego Fly Fishers:

Given the current situation we now find ourselves in, I'm looking for ideas on how we can get together, perhaps virtually, to share news and information, as well as plan future events.

If you have suggestions, feel free to email me at: womensprgram@sandiegoflyfishers.com and let me know your preference for events we can plan for the remainder of the year. I have some ideas we can discuss via Zoom. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!



More information about future events as they become available. It will be posted here and on Facebook and the Indicator.

Contact Sherry Ashbaugh, [Women's Program](#)

Fly of the Month

Dragon Fly by Norb Spitzer (2020)



Hook: Heavy #8 2xl or 3xl
Thread: Brown 6/0
Eyes: Small black glass beads on burned mono
Legs: Flat brown silicon (6 of them)
Abdomen: Brownish orange or brown and orange coarse dubbed and brushed out
Shell back: Brown Turkey
Wing Case: Spot of UV cure cement blackened with a Sharpie

I asked Norb Spitzer to share some of his favorite flies. Big dragon flies are great patterns to start the day on our local waters. Skip Morris always recommends a dragon fly fished over weed beds and in the channels between the weed.

This fly is easy for beginners. Cut a turkey wing strip as wide as the hook gap and the length of the hook. Tie it down at the bend of the hook. Make the long body by adding some coarse orangish brown dubbing on the hook up to the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark. Make some glass bead eyes with black glass beads strung heavy 30-pound mono. Melt the ends of the mono to hold the beads. Tie the eyes on just behind the eyes with cross wrapping winds. Pull the turkey wing strip forward and secure behind the eyes. Bring the thread back to the $\frac{3}{4}$ body length and make a few wraps creating a body segment for the thorax. Now you add three silicon legs of each side. Norb likes to use flat or square sided legs to help keep them in the proper position. Round legs often move around on you.

Tie in the legs at the body segments, add a drop of head cement on the threads at the legs. Norb makes the thorax wing case stand out by adding a drop of Loon UV cure cement on top and then darkening it with a black Sharpie pen.

You could add weights to some of these dragons, or keep them lighter.

Rod Building

Stay tuned for when classes will resume. Space will be limited to ensure quality time for each student. Dates will be announced in the Finny Facts.



In the interim, if you are beginning your own project and would like some advice or recommendations please free to contact [Jack Duncan](#)

Rod Building help is an important benefit of being a San Diego Fly Fisher. In the coming editions of Finny Facts and on the Website look for "Tips from Jack" to help those who want to build their own rod.

"The greatest 5 weight of all time... that will never be matched in 100 lifetimes, which has literally bagged hundreds of trout in its short 9 month lifespan.... has the words "Tim Huckaby" painted on the butt section and was built on Winston boron III LS blanks by the world famous Jack Duncan."

Contact: [Jack Duncan](#)

Casting Corner

San Diego Fly Fishers Casting Program 2020

We are please to announce our casting instruction program for 2020. Led by our certified casting instructor John Wylie, we hope that this will provide a more focused approach to help improve your casting skills.

Note: These lessons replace our legacy "intermediate sessions". The Sdff beginners casting sessions held at Lake Murray on Sundays remain unchanged. These lessons are intended to build skills over a two class course. Participants will gain the most by attending both class sessions per focused area.

These classes are open to all members of San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters. Sign up early to reserve your place.

All sessions are pending the easing of physical distancing requirements.

Times and dates to be announced.

Notes from John:

We continue to be on hold at Lake Murray and should remain that way through September. I have been offering small group/semi private lessons for those who have pending trips and are new to fly fishing. I have done four of those this summer so far, with one more scheduled in September.

I have been holding Intermediate Casting at Ski Beach notifying a smaller group of people that have been 'regulars'. Attendance has been two to five people. I do plan to move the location as Ski Beach has been a mess. Going forward:

Intermediate Casting Clinic: I will plan to hold it in October/November and limit attendance to 10. Times and dates will be published when determined.

Lake Murray: Alan and I have discussed a few ideas to move forward. Limiting attendance being the primary one. Will continue to monitor.

For questions please contact: [John Wylie](#)

Conservation & Education

From Gary Strawn, the Conservation Chair:



We will be going back (as soon as possible) with a smaller crew to drop the fence. October fishing is always excellent but it can be cold.

I talked to the DFW *Trout in the Classroom* coordinator. She is checking with our regular TIC teachers to see if any of them want to try running the program online from home. If so, we may need some help setting up their tanks... any volunteers?

San Diego River park Foundation hopes to have a meeting (virtual?) in November or December to plan the trout display at the new "River Center". Bruce Harris and I plan to participate and there is probably room for another... any volunteers?

Please continue to support SDFF and our conservation, education and outreach programs with your participation and donations at our fundraising events. You make all this possible.

If you know of good conservation project that needs some support, please share you ideas with the committee.

Gary Strawn
conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com



Due to current restrictions, program is dark until further notice

Project Healing Waters (PHW) Fly Fishing is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. San Diego Fly Fishers (SDFF) is proud to be a local affiliate of PHW. Our San Diego based program, serves veterans locally by providing opportunities to learn fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing. We are a service organization and are pleased to offer opportunities to our veterans to help them find out more about the arts associated with fly fishing. If you are looking for a good way to contribute to our veterans and your Club, please let us know.

Help us find Veterans in Need!

Our Club has an exceptional team of dedicated volunteers who commit time to helping disabled Vets learn about fly fishing, tying and casting. Over the course of the past year our program has struggled to gain reliable access to Vet's from the VA, etc. Currently the program leaders are working with local VFW's and American Legions to let people know about this service.

If you know a disabled veteran who would benefit from spending some time with us please contact [Lee McElravy](#)

Please look at our Club's PHW Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/PHWFF.SDFF/>

Join in and help the Club support our PHW program. Lee McElravy is now running this page and has indicated he will be doing regular updates. Share it to any one you know who may benefit from our programs or would like to help. Contact: Lee McElravy for more information

Fly Tying

PHW leaders are revisiting the fly tying location and time. Expect a new schedule when available to include an evening tying session.

Fly Casting

Where: Santee lakes, Santee CA

When: third Saturday at 9 AM



Southwest Council FFI

Southwest Council Fly Fishers International

Who or What is the Southwest Council?

The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International represents all of Southern California and Nevada. Fly Fishers International is a 54 year old international non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through Conservation, Restoration and Education. Fly Fishers International and its Councils are the only organized advocate for fly fishers on an national and regional level.

For more information Contact [John Wylie](#) our Representative for FFI

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

<https://www.swcffi.org/shop>

San Diego Fly Fishers is affiliated with the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International (FFI). Look for more happenings in the SW region in future editions of Finny Facts.



Membership

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It's never too late to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers.

Unlike a California fishing license, your membership is good for a year from the time of renewal.

We have a very active year planned with lot's of opportunities to fish and have fun. Don't miss out! Join or renew.

You can renew your membership on-line though the website: www.sandiegoflyfishers.com; or you can renew in person at our monthly programs; or you can download an application on our website and mail a check.

[Renew online](#)

Contact: [Alan Thompson](#)

Or Renew at the next Monthly SDFF Meeting

SDFF has four membership levels

Individual.....\$40

Family.....\$50

Individual Military.....FREE (Active Duty Only)

Family

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Renew your membership (or your family's). It's simple.

1. On-line at sandiegoflyfishers.com then follow the instructions.
2. A check by mail to:

San Diego Fly Fishers,
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd. #327
San Diego, CA 92124
3. In Person at the next club meeting.

Thank you,
Alan Thompson
Membership



Volunteers are needed

San Diego Fly Fishers is a service organization.
So please ask yourself...

“What service can I provide to my Club”?

Service Opportunities

Fishing Outings

This is a chance to help run a fishing outing for Club members. We are seeking volunteers to organize a day of fishing on our local waters. It's fun and easy. Pick your favorite water and contact [Kai Schumann](#) or [Mike Gilroy](#) and we will help you get started.

- ◆ Pick a local lake
- ◆ Pick a location for the bay
- ◆ Pick a location for the surf

The whole idea is to involve more members in creating fishing events and get us on the water monthly.

Fundraising

- ◆ We need 2 or 3 more volunteers to help serve on the committee
- ◆ Contact: [Sherry Ashbaugh](#)

Greeters are needed at our Monthly meetings!

We are planning to have 2 or 3 greeters at each event to help new people into our Club. It's a great way to serve the Club and meet new Flyfishers.

Please contact [Jim Castelluzzo](#)

Project Healing Waters

- ◆ Help with this important program that serves Veterans in need.
- ◆ If you know of a Veteran in need Please let us know!
- ◆ Contact: [Lee McElravy](#) to learn how you can contribute

Women's Program

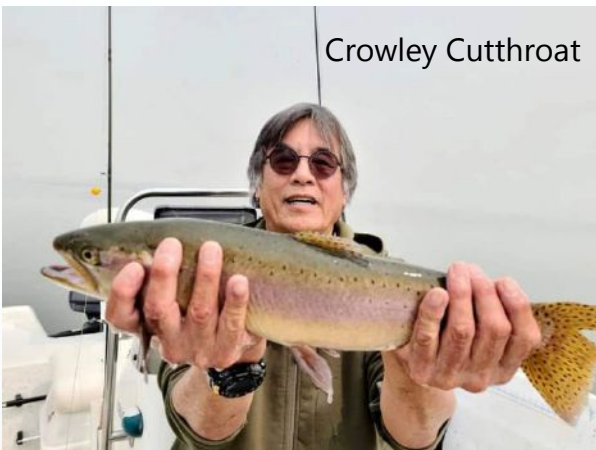
- ◆ Please contact [Sherry Ashbaugh](#) for information and way to get involved

Fishing!

Photos from the SDFF Facebook page



Crowley Cutthroat



Yellowfin Croaker



Montana Squawfish

Guides and Resources

San Diego Fly Fishers does not endorse or recommend any particular Guide or Business. This Information is intended to provide the reader with known providers of services related to fly fishing in our local area and in California. This is not intended to be a complete list of available services.

Guides

Eastern Sierra's

[Sierra Drifters](#)

[Sierra Troutdoorsman](#)

[Pat Jaeger Fly Fishing](#)

[Kern River Fly Shop](#)

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Bob Berry Fish Carvings



**GRETCHEN YEAROUS
CERTIFIED CASTING
INSTRUCTOR**

We need your help getting rid of Carp at Lake Cuyamaca!



CARP ANGLERS WANTED, CONVENTIONAL ROD AND REEL, SPEAR, OR BOW
• KILL A CARP and FISH FOR FREE!

Tailing Loops

San Diego Fly Fishers
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The Board meets at 6:30 PM on the last Monday of each month at the San Diego River Park Foundation Office on Pacific Hwy.

For Directions to all Club Meetings, Clinics and Fly tying classes visit our website at:

[Activities Maps](#)

The Indicator

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