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San Diego Fly Fishers



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A NEW UPDATED WEBPAGE For SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS



Our September speaker will be **Aaron O'Leary**. He is the owner and head guide with **Angler's Obsession** located in Forks Washington which is near Seattle.

He will be talking to us about fly fishing for Steelhead in the rivers of the Olympic Peninsula.

Aaron inherited his first fly rod at age nine and never looked back. At age 18, Aaron's first guide job took him to Alaska, where he spent two summers with Bristol Bay Lodge and two summers with Reel Wilderness Adventures. Aaron has fished across the globe and most recently spent six months in New Zealand, where he bounced back and forth between islands hunting kiwi browns. "My time in New Zealand taught me about precision, persistence, and patience; but most of all I realized I wanted to devote the rest of my life to fly fishing." Upon his return to Washington, Aaron started **Angler's Obsession** and now focuses primarily on Olympic Peninsula Steelhead and Yakima River Trout. Aaron currently spends just about every day of the year on a river somewhere.

Thanks to the combined efforts of **Jim Tenuto**, **Bruce Harris**, and **David Collins** along with the student team from **CSU San Marcos** our website has entered the 21st century. The inclusion of such features as on-line registration for new and returning members makes it fast and convenient to renew memberships. Plus there are photos, past issues of the **Finny Facts**, articles, calendar of events listed by month, a contact page to link you directly to various club functions such as

Conservation with Gary Strawn.

Take some time and "play" with your newly updated website and equally important please be a contributor by sending your photos, fishing logs and notes to be uploaded to either **David Collins** or **Bruce Harris**. There are links for Twitter and Facebook. And for those who may have forgotten what the address for the club's webpage, it will be listed again sandiegoflyfishers.com. Your club, your webpage, with your friends.

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, Sept. 8, 2014

7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School
4690 Limerick Avenue
(See map on back page)

REMINDER

Volunteer hosts
for this meeting
(report at 6:15 PM)
Sherry Ashbaugh
Scott Penwell

Thank You, Bob Blazer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: SEPTEMBER 2014

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

*"A trout is a moment of beauty,
known only to those who seek it."*
Arnold Gingrich

Hot Creek near the town of Mammoth Lakes is my **Home Water**. My very first day of fishing with a fly rod, nearly 40 years ago, probably with a Royal Wulff tied on, was at Hot Creek. Of course I didn't catch a fish. In fact it may have been well into the following season that I caught my first Hot Creek trout. But that first day changed my life because I found our sport, which I've never tired of doing, and I was in a place I loved to be. I've fished Hot Creek hundreds of times since, always with dry flies. I've fished both the public areas and in more recent years, most often at **Hot Creek Ranch**. The Ranch has about 1.5 private miles of the Creek, and can only be fished by ranch guests (dry flies only; no wading).

In all the years I've fished the Creek, I only remember for sure, two 20" or bigger fish (I've seen much bigger). But there have been many more in the 16" to 18" class, and dozens and dozens of 12" to 15" fish: all wild, healthy and very strong. In the early years it was almost all Brown Trout, now it's mostly Rainbows. No one has ever explained to me why the Rainbows have replaced the Browns as the dominate species. Based on the reputation for ferocity

of the Browns, you'd think it would be just the opposite.

Along with Club member **Bruce Harris**, I was at Hot Creek Ranch the first four days of August. Bruce and I had a very enjoyable three plus days of fishing and enjoying the Eastern Sierra. The Creek was low, weed choked, very difficult, but fishable. Nonetheless, in spite of enjoying our stay, Bruce and I ran headlong into what we already knew: California is in an historic, extremely serious drought. Saturday August 2, due to the low water, decaying marine vegetation, and an 85 degree air temperature, the water temperature reached 71 degrees! That is a killer temperature for trout. They have to find the cool places, the deep holes, and then just hover. They're unable to use any energy, so they don't feed. And I got skunked! Although I know it happened in the early days, and I know there have been many days with few fish, I can't remember being skunked at Hot Creek. I'm glad I was skunked.

In retrospect, I wish I would have stopped fishing when the water hit about 69. But I didn't raise a fish anyway, so I suppose I was saved from being a fly fishing jerk; and probable wild trout kil-



ler. Luckily, late that afternoon it started raining. It rained all night, all day Sunday and most of the day Monday. By Sunday morning the water had cooled to the mid 60's and on the day we caught a few nice trout.

From the Creek I went to **Lake Tahoe** to join my family for the rest of the week. The Lake is down what appears to be three to four feet. Who knows how many acre/feet of water that must be. I spent a morning scouting the Truckee River from Reno all the way to the town of Truckee. Of course the Truckee is also very low. Places where it usually runs 500 to 700 CFS is now running about 100 CFS. My usual four favorite spots still look pretty good, but the high water temperatures have also had serious negative effects on the Truckee. I found a fly fishing class at the mouth of the Little Truckee breaking up mid-morning after fishing early. The class of about 10 anglers caught two fish, both before the water reached 68 degrees, when they called it a day.

Visit the Updated website
sandiegoflyfishers.com
New and Improved

San Diego Fly Fishers Commitment to Conservation

Casa Viejas Golden Trout Recovery Project



We had fifteen volunteers for our Golden Trout Trip in June, and they were a hard working group. Not only did we get the barbed wire put back up, but Kurt and Preston built a new gate with two perfect “H” braces.

The “Bruces” teamed up with Don Davis and Alan Styles to rebuild the North was quadrant. We had three guests. Two professors from my water management course at CSU San Marcos, Alan Styles and Lee Brown, and the San Diego City Watershed manager Jeff



Pasek. They are all avid fly fishers and added a lot to our discussions about stream restoration and fisheries conservation. I hope will be seeing them at more club events. We also had 5 wives and girlfriends join us, so the campfire stories were a little tamer, but we all had a wonderful time.

The fishing was epic, with the beautiful little critters leaping out of the water to take our dry flies before touchdown. Once again the Supervising U.S.F.S ranger



expressed her gratitude for all of our good work. The fence and the meadow are in better shape than they have been in at least the last 10 years. She also made our job easier by providing a key so that we can store our tools in the U.S.F.S. storage shed in the meadow. We will no longer have to haul our tools up and down the trail each trip.

Although the stream is healthy, the water level was lower than it usually is in October. So depending on summer rains we may not want to fish this area in the Fall.

I will keep you all informed and hope to see more new faces on our next trip.

Gary



Gary Strawn—Chair

Volunteer Opportunities

- Casa Viejas fence –
Down for winter
Early October
- San Luis Rey River Steelhead Project
Measure important biotic and abiotic factors in the river.
Mid to late November

Youth Fishing



Summer 2014 Youth Fishing

Members from San Diego Fly Fishers supported 4 youth fishing derbies or Tournaments this summer.

Lake Murray Kiwanis kicked off the summer kids fishing season on June 14th at Lake Murray. The fish cooperated but unfortunately the anglers did not! It's not certain just why the derby was poorly attended but the Kiwanis want to try again next year.

The STAR/PAL annual youth fishing derby was held on June 21st. at Chollas Lake. The day before the derby club

members assembled over 250 rods and reels. Added to those rods and reels were 100 that were left over from last year making over 350 rods and reels available for the kids. All children get to keep there rods and reels.

On June 27th the first through third grade students from La Mesa United Methodist Children's Center gathered at Chollas Lake for a morning of fishing. For many of these children it is the first time they have ever fished. All these children fish with just a cane pole, hook, line and sinker

The 12th annual I.G.F.A. Youth Angler Tournament was Saturday August 9th. on the Shelter Island Pier. This was the first year the club was asked to participate. Members cut bait, rigged rods and checked off the kids score cards.

Thank you to the following members for volunteering their valuable time to help out the youth of San Diego:

Sam and Mona Morebello, Alan Thompson, Barry Pechersky, Bob Stafford, Art Reifman, Russ Barabe, Lew Walsh, Gary Strawn, Lee McElravy, Larry Sorensen, Paul White and Paul Woolery.



Federation of Fly Fishers

ANNUAL FLY FISHING FAIRE

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. - The annual Southwest Council IFF Fly Fishing Faire - Sept. 19-21 - may look like just a dot on the horizon, but it's getting closer every day. With Connie Bullock of the Santa Clarita Casting Club at the helm and charting a course, a full slate of fly-fishing fun is filling the event calendar.



Headquartered at Cerro Coso Community College, 101

College Parkway, Fly Fishing Faire activity venues range up and down the mountain from Hot Creek to Lake Crowley and beyond. a virtual sunup to sundown potpourri of the sport.

Faire hours are Fri., 9-5; Sat., 9-5; and Sun., 9-3 and admission is \$15 adult with ages 16-years and younger free; \$20 per family. Eastern Sierra resident admission is \$10. A single admission is good for all Faire days. Some workshops and seminars are included in the admission; other classes will have separate registration, materials or participation fees.

Fly Fishing Faire registration opens July 13 for club members with classes and seminars on a first-come-first served basis.

About 100 International Federation of Fly Fishers volunteers plus local professional guides will conduct hands-on education sessions ranging from beginning fly-tying and fly-casting classes, conservation seminars, entomology, techniques, rod building, area tours, just for women outings to on-the-river activities.

"With 90% of the fish caught by 10% of all anglers, the educational elements of the Faire will level the playing field," said Bullock. "Fishing without catching is just standing in the water and shivering - our classes and seminars will teach you to tie flies that bring fish to the net," she added.

Tenkara USA will provide hands-on seminars and on-stream classes to introduce anglers to that form of fly-fishing.

The Sat. night dinner and fund raising auction is slated for the Mammoth Event Center, 452 Old Mammoth Road in the shopping center on the second floor above Mammoth Sporting Goods.

Bullock promises "thousands of dollars" in raffle and auction prizes - primarily fly-fishing tackle, guide trips, clothing and artwork. Proceeds from the raffle will be utilized for local IFFF projects including fly-fishing with Boy Scouts, conservation and education including Trout-in-the-Classroom; and Project Healing Waters with wounded veterans in cooperation with VA Hospitals.

"This is a great event to bring a relative, co-worker or neighbor who always wanted to learn to fly-fish, but never had the time," said Southwest Council president Michael Schweit. "In a few classroom hours they will get all the basics without you needing to do anything - except maybe lend them a rod and reel," he continued.



SDFP Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Midyear Report
August 11, 2014

This year the Club's Project Healing Waters program expanded from, the Naval Medical Center San Diego, to include veterans at the San Diego Veterans Administration Medical Center in La Jolla. This has resulted in a huge increase in the numbers of disabled veterans we are able to serve. We are now running our fourth fly-fishing class of the year and have another scheduled for October through November. The interest has been so great at the VA that the class to begin in October and the first class of next year in January are already filled. We are planning to begin an additional evening Fly Fishing program at the VA beginning in 2015, tentatively scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month.

The increased number of classes and students has increased the need for volunteers to help with the program. So far this year **club members have donated over 200 hours** of their time. I want to especially thank **Jim Behrend, Jack Duncan, Fred Gregory, Barry Perchersky, Larry Sorensen, Don Smith, Gary Strawn, and Paul Woolery** who have been coming out

to help with the classes regularly. I would also like to thank **Hugh Rosen** for his recent donation of 36 dozen flies and 12 fly boxes, and **Commander Joel Steward** for setting up our Project Healing Waters Facebook page. I would also like to extend the offer for others to volunteer to help the veterans in our program. For those of you who cannot come and help during the workday, I hope you consider helping out in the evening program that is being developed for next year.

Check with the Club's event calendar for time and place of future Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing classes and join us serving these veterans who have given so much.

Art Reifman

Volunteer Opportunities

- October– November VA Class
 - January 2015- VA Class
- 2015– VA evening class

See Art Reifman for more details;

GREAT JOB ART !



6th Annual SWCFFF Interclub Tournament

← See
Bruce Michaels
For Details

(Bring Your Best 5)

Date: Saturday November 8, 2014

Place: Kern River

Purpose: Fund raiser for SWCFFF

Participants: 5 members per club
(**Controllers no longer required**)

Entry Fee: \$125 per club, \$35 per non-IFFF member or \$25 per IFF member.

Each club selects their best 5 fly fishers to this event, based upon their own criteria. The tournament format is fashioned after the U.S. fly fishing trials: there will be defined beats, controllers, points and an awards banquet. Two (morning & afternoon) 2 hour sessions. Separate beats in the 20 mile section on the upper Kern. Switching club participants with club controllers is allowed for the afternoon session.

Rules:

1. Barbless flies
2. No split shot (or sinkers)
3. No indicator



4. 3 flies permitted, minimum 18" between flies

5. No tying off the bend of the hook.

6. Flies must be fully dressed **

7. Single visible beadhead no larger than 4 mm or 5/32 inch.

Controllers are no longer needed, take a picture of your fish instead.

Each participant needs a camera.

For those of you that want to brush up on your techniques on the Kern, **Guy Jeans** will be conducting a workshop Friday morning, November 7st, starting at 8 a.m.

There is no cost for this clinic but it's only being offered to participants in the tournament.

The Southwest Council has reserved The Kern Lodge and other hotels in the area securing a good rates for all of the rooms/cabins. They can accommodate anything from a single to 6 people in style.

We will be having the awards presentation/dinner at Kernville Golf Course Clubhouse, 9472 Burlando Rd., Kernville on Saturday evening, starting at 6 pm. You can also participate in the Southern Sierra Youth Fundraiser Poker Night on Friday evening at the same golf course clubhouse. Buy-in is \$25.00. Clubs may send up to 2 teams. Deadline for Inter-Club Tournament application is October 31, 2014. Also, please RSVP attendance to the Awards Presentation Dinner by October 31, 2014

CDFW Asks Trout Anglers to be Mindful During Drought

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is asking trout anglers to be mindful about fishing in the state's waters and the effects their catch can have on the populations.

As the summer progresses, the effects of the current

drought on California's wildlife continue to mount.

Aquatic wildlife are especially vulnerable as streamflows decrease and in-stream water temperatures increase, exposing cold water species such as trout to exceptionally hostile habitat conditions.

August 11, 2014



From The Board of Directors

Gary and the board at SDFP,

Thank you very much for your generous gift to the Hubbs Sea World Research Institute!

As you may know, i am on the HSWRI board. Your gift has generated a huge amount of good will, at the Institute, towards anglers .Bob Fletcher and I have been emphasizing the need to get back in touch with the angling community.

Your donation couldn't have come at a better time, as it demonstrates that the fact that anglers started HSWRI and that anglers continue to be our core constituents.

Your donation will be put to good use, as the hatchery at Carlsbad really needs some repair to its aging equipment.

Once again, thank you very much!

Louie Zimm

SPECIAL NOTICE: As this is my first effort producing the Finny Facts, I have experienced many difficulties. Please let me know if you find errors or inconsistencies that need to be addressed. I will make an effort to correct these problems (if I feel like it). Thank You.

Separated at Birth ?



Recipients of the
Stroud Award
 2004-Jim Brown
 2005-Allen
 Greenwood
 2006- Hugh Marx
 2007- Mike Rivkin
 2008- Bill
 Van Wulven
 2009- Larry
 Bottroff
 2010- Gary Strawn
 2011- Bob Fletcher
 2012- Bill and
 Eileen Stroud



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 fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San
 Diego County.

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 the flyfishing community

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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	
2002-Larry Sorensen	
2003-Jim Tenuto	

Cutoff date for October FINNY FACTS
 articles---Friday September 12th.

Send articles to:
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 E-mail at finnyfacts@gmail.com
 Thanks!!

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 Club membership renewal to:

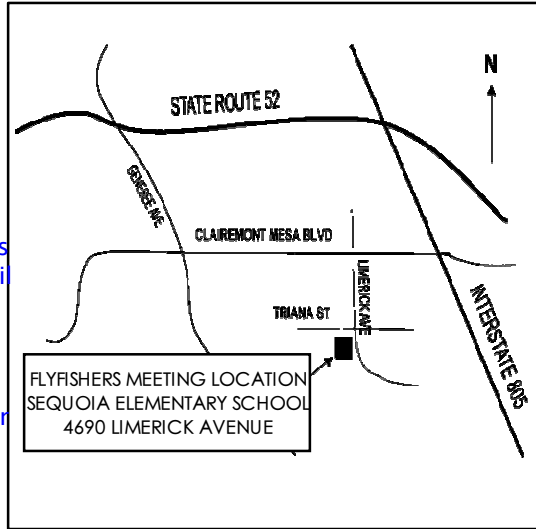
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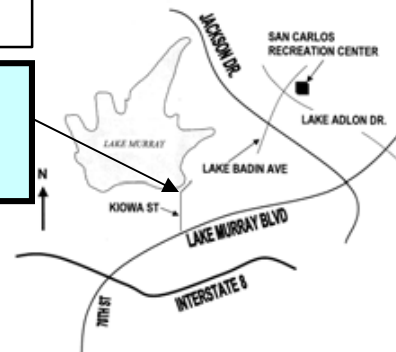
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**Fly Casting Clinic
Sundays
9am-Noon**

Meeting place For Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 1.6 miles. When you come to Lake Adlon Drive, (first corner past Jackson Dr.) turn left. Go down three blocks and the recreation center will be on your right. It is on the corner of Lake Adlon and Lake Badin.



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