

FINNY FACTS

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San Diego Fly Fishers
Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing

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Next Club Meeting

Monday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Tim Hatler



**Flyfishing Southern Baja:
A Tale of Two Coasts
*Baja on the Fly***



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President's Message



Jim Castelluzzo
October, 2022
president@sandiegoflyfishers.com

This has been another amazing year of youth projects, conservation work, life saving, local outings local and destination trips to the eastern Sierra, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Salmon Idaho, Estero coyote Baja sur and Palapas Ventana, also Baja Sur. All participants had a great time, caught once in a lifetime fish, won and lost epic battles.

- Mel Ochs and Frank Beatty have restarted our outreach with the Scouts Merit Badge program at Lake Murray Sunday mornings. We will include general youth training out there as well.
- Also, our club was awarded the San Diego River park foundation 2021 Founders award for the clubs conservation work that to Gary Strawn's leadership.
- Brooke Sargent has managed some great women's outings this year in spite of very busy work schedule, and we look forward to great outings with Brooke next year.
- Tim Huckaby and his well prepared team saved the life a young man who sustained a snake bite on the forks of kern area this past summer. Were it not for the efforts of Tim and Ryan Tracey and others along with their Garmin reach devices, the young man would never have been picked up by life flight. This could be "I never should be alive" episode.

Think about where you want this club to go in next five years. Contact any of our Board members if you'd like to make suggestions or have outing ideas.

I'm pleased to announce We are adding two new Member At Large positions in 2023. Capt. Joel Stewart and Stan Perry will be helping out with our BOD activities. From our new BOD, I am confident we will have a couple of members who will step up to our vacant President and VP positions in 2023.

2023 Board of Directors Vote: Please review our 2023 BOD and contact me if you do NOT approve our 2023 BOD. If you approve, you don't need to message me.

1. President- Vacant
2. Vice President- Vacant
3. Treasurer - Andrea Rae
4. Membership- Alan Thompson
5. Monthly Programs - Tim Huckaby
6. Outings - Kai Schumann
7. Conservation - Gary Strawn
8. Casting Program and SWYC Rep- John Wylie
9. Mark Hedderson - Editor and Media.
10. Brooke Sargent - Women's Program
11. Bruce Harris - Member at Large
12. Stan Humphrey - " " "
13. Capt. Joel Stewart " " "

DECEMBER 12 Banquet And Stroud Award, 5:30 -8:30 pm

Please sign in and use the 'pay now' button to register you and your family members. All the information is on the [web site](#). Get your payments in early. This will be a great meal with many quality door prizes.

Speaker Program

Monday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.

Tim Hatler

Flyfishing Southern Baja: A Tale of Two Coasts

Southwestern Yacht Club

2702 Qualtrough Street, San Diego, CA 92106

[Map](#)

Tim Hatler grew up cleaning boats in a sailboat dealership in SF Bay Area then went on to study Chemical Engineering at UCSB before returning to the water in a career of Captaining vessels in offshore So Cal for fishing, diving, and sail training education.

He followed the fish to Baja in 2003 and built an Ocean Adventure Resort focused on fishing and diving adventures, amazing local foods and a relaxed social atmosphere for like minded travelers to explore a waterman's paradise. He chose the waters of Cerralvo Island for its excellent reef species and being the southernmost island in the Sea of Cortez for the influx of pelagic species that leak around from the Pacific side.

Tim loves all types of fishing, spearfishing, diving and surfing and above all helping others to live their personal Baja Ocean Adventure daily and return to the pool at happy hour to share stories. He still guest star captains sailing catamarans for liveaboard island hopping trips and loves exploring new areas of Baja and beyond.



Have a suggestion for a guest speaker?
Contact: Tim Huckaby [Speaker Programs](#)

Happenings

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Registration [Link](#)

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Attention Members

We received a generous donation of new fly fishing gear from a member. We are making these quality products available to you at our Monthly Meeting (November) along the back wall, examples:

- 1- Powell 2 piece 9 ft 3 wt custom built fly rod by Dave Hendrickson with 2 piece rod case!
2. Stripping Basket Net Style - \$15 each - (20 available)
- 3- Cabelas Medium Fly Fishing Vest - \$25
4. Large fly boxes \$15 each - (20 available)
5. Small Fly Boxes - \$10 each - (20- available)
6. Waterproof dry bags - \$15 each (20 available)
- 7 .Catch Release rubber Landing nets 18 x 12 on aluminum frame - \$20 each - 20 available.
8. New Bucks Bag Float Tube - \$100.
9. Aluminum Boca Style Grip with Aluminum Pliers w case - \$20 - 20 sets available.
10. Quality Fly Fishing Back Packs with built in fly boxes- \$90 each - 20 available.
10. Numerous fly tying material - all priced as marked

Our **women's program** is in need of gently used fly tying vices and tools. If you have any gear you no longer use, please contact Brooke Sargent: [Women's Programs](#)

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](#)

Please send news, updates, reports, notes, tips, etc., to be shared on this page.

Editor: editor@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Happenings



Alex, Andrea, Jim and Scott.

The San Diego Fly Fishers received the 2021 Founders Award from the San Diego River Park Foundation at the grand opening of their new facility in Mission Valley. I attended the event along with Alex, Andrea, and Scott Rae and accepted the award for Gary Strawn and the club for his leadership in the River Park conservation and outreach programs (Jim Castelluzzo).



Jim, Jennifer, Ed, Kim, Mark, **Tim and Bob**, and Harry, before the "dry" run van ride back to the airport.

If you share a ride in a van from the La Paz airport to the Palapas La Ventana resort with **Tim and Bob**, you will arrive happily after consuming several cold cervezas!

(Mark, the editor, missed the first night's briefing in the restaurant while sleeping off the experience.)



Drinks before dinner at El Anzuelo restaurant (Palapas La Ventana) with (clockwise from lower left) Mike, Tim, Jennifer, Kim, Kristina, Kai, Bruce and Doug.

Happenings



Enjoying a drink on the patio, counterclockwise from left, Ed, Jim, Jennifer, John, Bruce, and (partially obscured Steve, Tim and Kristina), and Stan. The gent in the blue shirt—who was a wealth of local knowledge—used to run a tackle shop in the San Francisco area.



Ed with an armload of sashimi!
(Catch and release was standard, but the captains sometimes asked for a fish, and this big boy was one of them.)

Feature Article

Fly Fishing Baja in La Ventana

By Tim Huckaby

Click [here](#) to see Tim's full article

For the 2nd straight year, I got to go to the SDFE annual Baja trip at the Palapas Ventana Resort an hour south of La Paz. And for the 2nd straight year I had an awesome time. This year, though, I wasn't a total beginner.



But, I'm no expert for sure. I'd call myself an intermediate, which might even be generous. It took me 25 plus years to be comfortable calling myself an expert at the trout thing. It's going to take much more experience in the salt water before I can claim expertise in Baja. You can read about my introduction to Baja fly fishing from my trip last year [here](#) if you'd like. In that article I documented a number of guidance items I learned the hard way from a beginner's perspective. It is my intention to add to my lessons learned from this trip in this article.

Feature Article, cont.

John Ashley, mastermind of the annual SDFF trip to Palapas Ventana, in the pool just outside the bar/restaurant after railing dorados all day.



And this is what I learned on this year's Palapas Ventana Trip:

Fly Design – Tying and selling thousands of flies each year... Well, let's just say I know my way around a fly-tying vice. My mistake last year was designing and throwing hugely, weighted clouser style flies that worked great on a kayak in the mangroves of Punta Abreojos... totally different fishing; totally different fish. But, did not work so well at all off Cerralvo Island in the Sea of Cortez (La Ventana). Last year I did catch Dorado, Jacks and Roosters. But, not in abundance like this year. Last year I found my fly being stripped just below the water column I needed to be in—no matter how fast I stripped the fly. Depending on leader length, I found my fly cruising anywhere from 1-3 feet under the surface. To be totally successful catching Dorado (and conceivably Roosterfish) in this world, I found you need to be in the top of the water column; like in the first 1-3 inches of it. Which explains why poppers work so well (for Dorado). Success also means throwing unweighted flies typical of a Deceiver. Lastly, it also means the casting is so much easier double hauling an unweighted fly. And of course, I still haven't met anyone that doesn't adore fly fishing on top.

So, in the weeks before the trip I started "inter-web studying" the Mexican sardina (Flathead Herring) in all it's stages of life and the fly designs out there for the Mexican Sardina. I knew I wanted to design a fly with congo hair (poor man's EP fibers). I just love the way congo hair saturates and moves in the water. Then

dries in the air on the double haul. Congo hair doesn't shape as well as bucktail when you haircut it. But, congo hair does take shape in the water well. And it is durable. I also have this thing for tying in a bleeding gill plate. It might be psychological thinking that it helps. Lastly, I have just become enamored with these modern-day thin epoxies that are cured with an ultra violet light. I used Loon thin for this batch of sardina patterns I designed. But, there are plenty of worthy competitors. Epoxy provides a durable head to the fly...which is really needed because these fish have teeth and bite hard. It also provides a great way to "cement in" the eyes securely.



But my epiphany came when watching Guy Allen tie his sardina pattern for Baja. It wasn't his pattern that caught my attention as much as it was two of his tying techniques that struck me as absolute genius:

Feature Article, cont.

- **Technique 1:** The first thing Guy Allen does is tie 5-10 strands of crystal flash on the back of the hook for the entire length of the fly. He lathers those strands in epoxy then cures them rigid in line; in parallel with the shank of the hook. Why? With that rigid line of crystal flash running down the middle of the fly in line with the hook it helps tremendously in not fouling the hook. I had a ton of trouble last year fouling hooks with congo hair. When it doubles back, it catches easily on the hook (or barbell eyes as was the case last year) causing the fly to swim improperly. Genius. Oh yea, a little flash in a salt-water fly never hurts.
- **Technique 2:** Shaping the first third of the fly body with epoxy. It's a totally messy process. But, this technique gives the fly the form and structure of the natural sardina, yet allowing it the free flowing movement of the last 2/3rds of the fly, imitating the tail movement of a fast swimming sardina. Guy Allen is a Genius. You can watch the YouTube video of his sardina fly construction [here](#).

I also caught plenty of Dorado on poppers. I used the Crystal Popper by Solitude Fly company in both small and large sizes with both silver and yellow bellies and both worked great for me and Kai.

My favorite story from this years trip: Our Captain yelled "Dorado! Big dorado!" and pointed directly out the stern (back) of the boat. I could see the dorado in frenzy feeding about 50 feet away. Well, Kai was screwed because he was on the bow (front) of the boat. But, I was screwed too because that fish was directly behind the boat 50 feet away. And I had a popper (heavy) on. I'm left-handed. If I casted from the port side, my not so tight loop would whiz by and hook kai in the face. If I casted over my right shoulder on the starboard side my not so tight loop would hook the radio antenna which goes about 10 feet tall next to the console on a panga. So, I roll casted as hard as I could... almost like throwing a fastball. The popper, mostly because of the weight, only made it about 20 feet. A feeble attempt. But, it plopped on the water from about 10 feet high with a thud. Strip, strip, Whack! The thud on the water (maybe because these fish are used to these panga captains throwing sardines in the water) caught the dorado's attention. They are so lightning quick, that fish made it from 50 to 15 feet in as fast as I could make two fast strips. Unbelievable. I believe Kai saw the whole thing and said something sarcastically like, "Oh my god..."

I also caught four dorado on a few of the kinky mud-dlers I tied (on another absolute expert, John Ashley's advice) for the cherished and protected fantail grouper from the mangroves of Punto Abre Ojos on the annual Baja camping trip.

And lastly, just because I wanted to prove it would work... I did catch a dorado on the Huck Huna I designed for the Fly Fishing in Hawaii. I tie and sell a ton of them. It imitates the Banded Coral Shrimp (Opea Huna), which is the most common of the reef shrimp in Hawaii. – a shrimp that the blue finned trevally love. Unfortunately, my Huck Huna is not durable enough for the jaws and teeth of the dorado. That dorado I caught on the Huck Huna just destroyed it. Making it one of those "one fish flies". Huck Hunas are a pain in the ass to tie with expensive materials so I didn't throw any more at the dorado.



Me and Kai, hooked up on another double!

Let me elaborate a caveat: Kai and I saw very few Roosterfish this year. I can only remember casting at a couple of them. One of them I hooked and it immediately came unbuttoned. So, the flies and techniques I describe above for the top of the water column may just be successful for dorados. I'm told dorados are the only fish to take poppers which would support the argument. Only next years' trip will tell—assuming the roosters show again.

Feature Article, cont.

Observation – This year I spent a lot more attention watching the experts and watching those who were not doing so well. Even at the expense of my own fishing. Of course, it helped a lot to be fishing in the same boat as an expert for 4 days (Kai).

Luck – As in any type of fishing there is a component of luck & karma to this type of fly fishing. And it starts with the captain finding the fish. If you get a clear shot at a dorado or rooster without pelicans (pinchi patos) or needlefish or other fish in the way consider yourself lucky.

Naivety – on one of the particularly good days, I hooked and lost 7 dorados in a row before I realized a prior landing of a dorado straightened the hook on me. Duh. I guess that is ignorance, not naivety. It was on the little sized poppers... which is a bit disappointing. Another lesson learned. Just like in trout fishing you need to check the fly after catching a fish. Duh.

Line Strategy – When the Dorados weren't around... which was few and far between when we were hunting for them... we did fish the reefs a little and did blind cast bouys that held fish like green jacks. In those times Kai was outfishing me 2 maybe 3 to 1. I didn't think anything of it at the time. He's an expert. It wasn't until the last day that I found out he was throwing an intermediate sink line in those scenarios. I was fishing the top of the water column with a floating Rio Outbound tropical. Those smaller fish don't really dig coming up on top with so many predators in the air above them.

Leaders – Of all the thought leadership from the experts that I listened to, read, etc. the fly was first and foremost discussed and the leader was 2nd. But, the most NOT agreed on was the leader. I found the discussion and disagreement fascinating. On this trip I heard John Ashley asked how long the leader should be. I listened intently when he said, "this much." as he stretched your arms open to max. I'm much smaller than John. So, I settled on between 4 & 5 feet of straight 30 lb flouro. Many, if not most, use a tapered leader in much larger lengths. I don't need a tapered leader because I'm a pretty good cast. I don't need a tapered leader because I use such a short leader (4-5 feet). I don't need a tapered leader because I concentrated on that first strip as soon as the fly hit the water.

"An 8 weight is Stupid." – It's just not enough for this type of fly fishing. But, after breaking both my 10 and my 12wts, I had no choice for my 2nd rod. I caught four

dorado on my ancient Sage Fli 8wt rod. But, each time it bordered on calamity. With anything lighter than 30 LB flouro as a leader there would have been no way I could have landed those fish. And that is because I had to straighten the rod so many times to prevent it from snapping. In particular I did catch and release a big dorado on an 8 wt. but it wasn't pretty. After wrangling it to the boat after a battle that had me drenched in sweat and huffing and puffing, the captain missed landing it by trying to grab it by the tail. That pissed the dorado off and it dove straight down. I had no choice but to point the rod straight down and tighten up the drag to max. I then literally reeled him up, rod pointing straight down saying to myself, "if he breaks me off then that is fine. Because using an 8 wt. for this is stupid."

Rod & Stripping techniques – I have already elaborated how much success is generated by stripping the fly as quickly as possible. This year I found I could out strip the speed of the needlefish. Any needlefish I did hook this year was foul hooked. Last year I caught a ton of them. And I caught a ton of pelicans last year. This year I only caught one pelican and that was a cast that struck a pelican in the air. I cannot out strip the pelicans. They are too fast. But if a pelican grabs your fly and you stop stripping, it's smart enough to drop your fly. To my discredit there were drastically less pelicans this year. I cannot help but think they may have been terminated at the hands of the local commercial fisherman. I hope not.

Also, this year I worked really hard at stripping the fly immediately when it hit the water. And that paid dividends in spades. I don't typically do that when I'm making big casts over 50 feet because, obviously, if the line is shooting across your hand instead of dangling freely there is going to be some friction causing the fly not to go as far. But, I found great success with a strip immediately on impact. If you think it through, a sardina flying through the air doesn't lay there stunned after it hits the water. It immediately darts away.



Planned Trips 2022

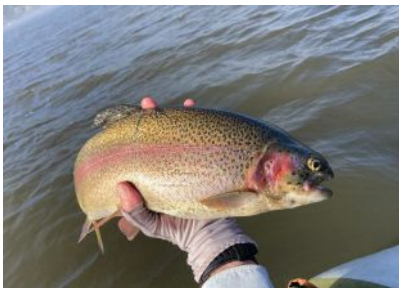
Saturday, November 19, 7:00 am Shelter Island

Next Trip: December 17, Otay Lakes

Recent Outing: Lake Cuyamaca, Saturday, October 22



The club's October outing to the cozy confines of Lake Cuyamaca yielded plenty of action from palm-sized crappie, and a few fat hatchery trout. There was the unpredictable nature of mountain weather; at 7:00 a.m., conditions were perfect for float tubing and remained so until a patch of thick clouds and wind blew across the lake around 10:30, chasing us off the water. But by noon, the sun was back out, the eagles were soaring, and the burgers were sizzling on Kai's grill.



A hatchery-fattened rainbow.



Jim casting the north shore.



The predominate catch, crappie.

For more information contact [Kai Schumann](#)

or look for details in *The Indicator*.

Questions? Contact us at outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Fly of the Month

Grey Ghost



Carrie Steven's **Gray Ghost** is arguably the greatest feather wing streamer ever produced. Invented at her home at Upper Dam Maine, it has caught fish everywhere in the country from the early 20th century to today. The step-by-step sequences here shows it tied using a vise, but Carrie Stevens never used a vise. The video shows the fly done "in hand", as she might have done it.

Click here for tying instructions: [Video](#)

Materials

- Hook:** Partridge Carrie Stevens 10xl Size 4 streamer hook or similar
- Thread:** White throughout, black at head with an orange thread band
- Tag:** Flat silver tinsel
- Body:** Orange floss
- Underbelly:** White bucktail under the shank, 4-6 strands of peacock herl over the shank
- Throat:** Bunches of white schlappen followed by a golden pheasant crest
- Wing:** Golden pheasant crest, then four gray hackles; crest and hackles are of equal length
- Shoulders:** Silver pheasant body feathers
- Cheeks:** Jungle Cock
- Head:** Black with an orange band

Written by: Eric Austin
Photographed By: Eric Austin
Creator: Carrie Stevens

To Join the **Thursday Night Fly Tying Congress** Zoom meeting, 6:30 pm [Click Here](#)

Casting Corner

San Diego Fly Fishers Casting Program 2022

Sunday fly casting instruction at Lake Murray with [Alan Thompson](#) at 9:00 am.

In the meantime, if someone has a question or a trip planned and needs some assistance please email me at the email address below to discuss. I am often able to provide private or semi-private instruction.

Casting Skills Challenge Program: The FFI has reintroduced a program they call the Casting Skills Challenge. It is designed for the experienced beginner caster as well as intermediate and advanced fly fishers. It is meant to be a fun way to study, practice and challenge oneself in a progressive fashion. We will be offering this program to SDFP membership in 2022. More information on the program can be found on the FFI website.

Several of our club members have been working on completing the FFI Fly Casting Challenge Program.

Intermediate Casting Clinic: Activity continues with clinics at Mission Bay on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.



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

Conservation & Education

On October 7-8, a crew from SDFF camped at Blackrock Trailhead in the Golden Trout Wilderness, and then hiked down the two-mile trail to Casa Vieja Meadow to take down the wire on the obstruction fence around Nine Mile Creek. Given the time of year, the weather was mild, mid-40's at night and high 60's on Saturday when the work was done. Of course, there was time for a little fishing too.



Scott and Sherry packing Lady for a trip down the trail to Casa Vieja meadow.



Chad and Jessica and their agile youngsters, Claire and Shane are busy in the meadow behind Scott and Lady,



Small, but worth the effort of saving.



Don, Scott, and Sherry ready for a day's work.

If you know of a good conservation project that needs support, please share your ideas with the committee. conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Women's Program



Stay tuned for upcoming events!

Questions or suggestions? Contact Brooke [Women's Programs](#)

Project Healing Waters

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Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is a nationwide non-profit dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education, classes and outings. The Program has been in existence since 2006. Our San Diego Program is one of 200+ such programs in the U.S. Each Program is organized and maintained through a local fly fishing club. Our San Diego program is actively supported by the San Diego Fly Fishers.

We currently have eleven SDFP Volunteers and thirteen PHW Veteran Participant. Our summer programs are currently meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Santee Lakes in Santee. This is a fee lake, but if you wish to join us, simply advise the gate guard you are with PHW and entrance is free. All disabled military, active duty or retired, are welcome to join us as a Veteran Participant. If you are a member of SDFP, an experienced fly fisher, and want to join us as a Volunteer, we would love to have you. For our Veteran participants, no prior fly fishing (or any fishing) experience is necessary. There is no charge for this program and all fly fishing and fly tying equipment and material are available free of charge.



Please RSVP to our San Diego Program Lead, [Lee McElravy](#) We are happy to address any questions you may have to help you get started.

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

SWCFFI



The **DOUBLE HAUL BALL** SAVE THE DATE!

FLY TYING | FLY CASTING | SEMINARS | GEAR | TUTORIALS

Long Beach Casting Club
SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, 12/10/22**, 9am to 4pm
for directions please visit: longbeachcastingclub.org

The Double Haul Ball is an educational all day event designed to promote and teach the basics of saltwater fly fishing. Net proceeds from this event will be donated to Youth Programs: Southwest Council FFI Youth Program & The MayFly Project.

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The Double Haul Ball Saturday, December 12

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the LARGEST gathering of saltwater experts and fly fishing information on the West Coast, right here in Southern California. The Double Haul Ball will be held at the Long Beach Casting Club and will feature panel discussions about beach, near shore and off shore fishing, along with knot tying, flies and gear selections. Over 20 regional experts will be on hand to help you get started in this great aspect of fly fishing or to help you up your current game. Plus casting demonstrations and lessons! Watch for more details and schedule of panels coming soon.

For more info, click: [The Double Haul Ball, 2022](#)

Presented by Love2FlyFishMedia and the Southwest Council, FFI

On **Saturday February 04, 2023** the town of Bishop and the Eastern Sierra will welcome anglers from California, Nevada and abroad to take part in the **2nd Annual Bishop Trout Rodeo**. The Bishop Trout Rodeo is an open competition targeting trout on some of the most scenic and productive waters in California. The tournament will be held rain or shine and will be open to both fly and conventional anglers (in separate divisions) of all ability levels who will compete for the prizes of longest stringer landed and released and the largest single fish. For more information, including times, location, rules and when to sign up, please visit: [Rodeo](#)

For press info general questions, or sponsorship opportunities, please contact:

Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International
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specialprojects@swcffi.org

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.

The **SDFF** is affiliated with the **Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International**
[John Wylie](#), Representative
For more information or to join FFI visit: <https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

Membership

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

**Ready to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers?
Please support your club by planning to renew for 2023!**

[Renew online](#)

We are all about fishing and having fun!

Don't miss out! Join or renew!

You can renew your membership on-line through the SDFF website, or you can renew in person at our monthly programs; or you can download an application on our website and mail a check to

**SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS
C/O Stroud Tackle
1457 Morena Blvd
San Diego, CA 92110**

Questions? [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)

Renewing your membership (or your family's) is simple.

Click here to [Join](#) then follow the instructions.

Volunteers 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](#) 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**, please consider helping out. No volunteers, no fundraiser!

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 Fly-fishers. 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 Brooke Sargent [Women's Programs](#) for information and way to get involved.

Fishing!



Kelly with a Kern River Rainbow!



Jennifer with a La Paz dorado!



A nice bass on the fly!



Alan points the way if you want to follow Tom at the Lake Cuyamaca club outing in October.



SoCal Women were on the bay and catching fish!



Kim getting it done!

Please send us a picture from your trip! Sandiegoflyfishers.com

Guides and Resources

San Diego Fly Fishers does not endorse nor 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:

[Sierra Drifters](#)

[Sierra Troutdoorsman](#)

[Pat Jaeger Fly Fishing](#)

[Kern River Fly Shop](#)

[Wild Fly Anglers](#)

Northern California:

[Acosta Fly Fishing](#) (Steelhead)

[Fine and Far Fly Fishing](#) (Steelhead/Spey Trips)

[Baiocchi's Troutfitters](#)

San Diego Bay/Surf/Lakes:

[Conway Bowman](#)

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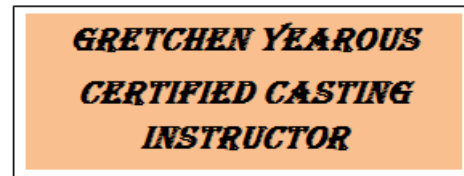
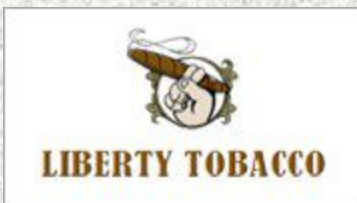
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Tailing Loops



It is always my intention to bring a little fishing-based levity to this back page, and the folly of my own experiences usually provides plenty of material, but all I can come up with at this time is a few seasonal observations:

It's almost Thanksgiving, the only celebration where we kill the mascot.

Why did the turkey cross the road? To prove he wasn't a chicken.

My wife insisted that I not eat Thanksgiving leftovers, but I couldn't just quit cold turkey.

What are turkeys thankful for on Thanksgiving? Vegans.

What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter on Thanksgiving Day? Quack! Quack!

I shot my first-ever turkey for Thanksgiving this year. Sure scared everyone in the grocery store!

A new survey found that 80 percent of men claim they help cook Thanksgiving dinner. Which makes sense, if you consider saying 'that smells good' to be helping.

One Thanksgiving morning, a farmer walks into his house with a turkey under his arm. "This is the pig I've been sleeping with," he says. "That's a turkey," his wife says. The man answers, "I wasn't talking to you."

(This might be better told switching the spouse's gender, at least in my house.)

When I was a kid, we thought it would be fun to get a turkey a year ahead of time and raise it for Thanksgiving. But when the big day arrived, we sort of thought of the turkey as a pet, so we ate the dog instead. (Only kidding... It was the cat!)

A group of fly tyers went in on a big batch of turkey biots from an online source. When the feathers arrived the tyers inspected them and determined they came from a bird other than a turkey. They suspected fowl play.