

FINNY FACTS

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San Diego Fly Fishers

Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing

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**Next Club Meeting begins with
Our *YARD SALE FUNDRAISER*
at 4:00 p.m.**

Monday, September 13th

Southwestern Yacht Club

at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker:

Sandra Jacobsen, PhD
CalTrout



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Club Meeting [Zoom Link](#)

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President's Message



Jim Castelluzzo
September 1, 2021

president@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Gone Fishing! See you at the September 13th meeting!



The Prez with a nice Corbina taken from shore at Abreojos, Mexico, while the devilishly handsome Tim Huckaby in the background tries to keep pace (see Feature Article).

Join us!

Speaker Programs

September 13, 7:30 pm

In-person meeting at

The Southwestern Yacht Club

Following our

Yard Sale Fundraiser

Guest Speaker Sandra Jacobsen, Ph.D

From

CalTrout



presentation will also be carried live via Zoom! [Zoom Link](#)

Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough Street, San Diego, CA 92106

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

Happenings

Check out this US Forest Service Press Release:

Volunteers Help Restore Wilderness Trail

SPRINGVILLE, Calif. – July 1, 2021 Over the Juneteenth holiday weekend, six members of the San Diego Fly Fishers club helped two employees from the Sequoia National Forest repair damage to the Forks of the Kern trail caused by the 2020 Castle Fire.

The trail was cleared of burned trees and other fallen debris. The trail tread was treated to help mitigate increased erosion that can occur following a wildfire in steep terrain. Trash, previously obscured by vegetation, was gathered, and removed. A new Golden Trout Wilderness sign, purchased and donated by the club, was installed.

Founded in 1957, the San Diego Fly Fishers club promotes the sport of fishing with a fly rod through education and conservation. Forest officials and the club hope to partner on additional projects.

National Forest System lands surrounding the Forks of the Kern trail remain closed for public safety and to allow for natural fire recovery. While the area is closed, Forest officials are working to repair fire damaged trails so they may be available to the recreating public as soon as possible.

A Student Conservation Association (SCA) crew supported these efforts as well. “Support from these partner organizations, and others, makes a big difference on the Forest’s capacity to get this work accomplished” stated District Ranger Eric LaPrice. “I would like to personally thank these two organizations for their time and effort.”

Members of the SDFF provided fly fishing instruction for the youth program at **Southwest Yacht Club**, including fly casting, fly tying, and knot tying. About 30 youngsters were instructed by Mel, Sherri, Lee, Paul, Steve, Alan, Lars, Barry, and others!



The SDFF Board of Directors supports the following proposed change to the California fishing license regulations.

<https://ccacalifornia.org/california-assemblymember-jim-wood-introduces-ab-817-to-establish-a-365-day-state-fishing-license/>

Please send news, updates, reports, suggestions to be shared on this page. We want this media to serve the club in any way it can.

Editor: editor@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Happenings

Silverlake, The New Adventure for Kids by Alex Kilian

From June 14th through June 18th of this year I was able to take an exciting trip to June Lake and participate in the highly sought after Silver Lake Fly Fishing Academy. But, before I go any further I need to explain something about this article. While all of the recounting of events and feelings about the trip are mine, I needed my dad to act as the glue for these things and put them in an article form. I hope to learn how to do this some time in school. I think my dad hopes for this as well.



Okay, back to the Academy. I first learned of this opportunity through a member of the San Diego Fly Fishers, Ed McCheese. His son, Luc, participated in a prior year and had a great time. What interested me the most about this opportunity was a chance to get out in the wilderness and fish. So, after filling out the application and getting accepted, then waiting a year due to the pandemic, my family made the trek up to June Lake.

The drive up to June Lake was beautiful. My favorite parts of the drive were the view of June Lake, Mammoth Mountain, and Gull Lake. If you haven't had a chance to make this drive, I highly recommend it.

We arrived Monday, June 14th and the Academy started on Tuesday, June 15th. On Tuesday, the first day, I loved the introductions of the guides and teachers that would be helping me throughout the academy. They are funny people. All of the bugs I saw at Silver Lake were another highlight of Day 1 of the Academy. And finally, the training and practice on casting was really fun.

On Day 2, we learned a lot. But of all the things we were taught, learning how to wade in a river, rigging the rod, and advanced knot tying were my favorites. Thanks to help from all of you fellow fly

fishers at meetings and outings I had a head start on all of this.

On Day 3, the final day of the Academy, we spent the day fishing the Owen's river with a guide. As you can imagine, fishing was my favorite part of that day. Well, second favorite. My actual favorite was catching a fish...a rainbow trout! I was the only one in my group to catch one. It was a very exciting experience!



Alex on the Owens

We did get to take a bit of a break from fishing and I was able to skip some rocks, another pastime I enjoy very much. At the end of the day, all 20 members of the Academy graduated! And, as a graduate, I have the opportunity to be a junior guide at future Academies. I am still thinking about whether I want to do this or not. I will definitely consider it.

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Alex on Gull Lake

All the kids left the Academy with all the gear needed for fly fishing including, vest, pole, waders, boots, flies, and a bunch of swag- t shirts, sunglasses, hats, a water bottle etc. Everything in the camp was funded by a donation from Mr. Perrin, I didn't get to meet him in person because he was busy celebrating his 105th birthday! He attended some parts virtually which was really cool.

I did have some time away from the Academy and it was fun to explore the small town of June Lake. We swam in the lake, it was freezing. Also, we were able to visit Devil's Post Pile. This was an amazing experience. Oh, I also recommend playing car bingo during the drive.

As I think about the Academy, I realize that this has only enhanced the value I place on fly fishing. San Diego Fly Fishers have welcomed me and I've been "hooked" ever since. Going to the Academy has created more excitement and passion for fly fishing. I also feel grateful. I am grateful to Ed for letting me know about the Academy and to the

Academy for providing fly fishing experiences to kids every year. I highly recommend that young fly fishers like me attend. You'll learn a lot and make friends just like I did.

The Silver Lake Fly Fishing Academy:

[Silver Lake Resort](#)



The Author, ready for the next adventure!

Feature Article

Fly Fishing the Mangroves of Punta Abreojos, Baja

By Tim Huckaby, June 5-12, 2021

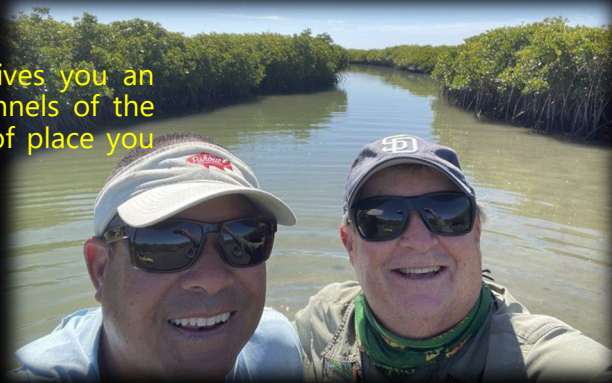
I'm sun-burned. My lips are so chapped they are bleeding. I have been stung/bitten a dozen times from god knows what; swollen and itchy. I have cuts, bumps and bruises. And it is all from an epic eight day fly fishing adventure 600 miles south of San Diego in Punta Abreojos, Baja. It was the most expensive free vacation I have ever taken (because I bought a kayak for it). It was totally worth it. I can't wait to do it again next year.

This trip is an annual *San Diego Fly Fishers Club* (SDFF) trip led by Kai Schumann and John Ashley. For a long time these guys and a few others in the club would say things like, "You, of all people, would love this trip." They were right.



One of the many large corvinas I caught.

This selfie with me and John gives you an idea of how tight the back channels of the mangroves get.... Not the type of place you want to get disoriented and lost.



Feature Article, cont.

On a trip like this you want to go with fun people. And this trip did not disappoint. I already told you about our fearless leaders, John Ashely and Kai Schumann. Also on the trip was SDFF club president Jim Castelluzzo. And Tom Rundlett who I have fished with a number of times in Montana. Both Jim and Tom are cagey veteran fly fishers and fun to be around. Also, on the trip were three I had not met before... and now they are friends. Tom and Marta Phillips, a retired married couple. Yes, there was a female on the trip and she was, without a doubt, a trooper. She fished and hung with the guys and still managed to get q-time with her artwork. There is no way my wife Kelly could hang on this trip. And joining them was their lifetime long good friend, Larry. Now Larry and I are cut from the same mold. Let's just say we enjoyed a few cocktails together.



The SDFF group from Left to Right: John, Larry, Marta, Tom, Tom, Kai, Jim, me

Before I get started on how epic the fly fishing was, let me set expectations. This trip is not for everyone. And here is why in no particular order:

It's primitive camping.

- Since I'm a backpacker this part was pretty easy. I spend a tons of nights in the wilderness primitive camping. But, all that primitive camping is on a river with a water source. This was different. because the campground was closed (COVID) there was no access to water. You had to bring your own water. I totally depend on my sun showers for backpacking trips so that was not a problem at all. I "showered" every day. There was no bathroom....well, until Tom and Marta negotiated a deal to use a restroom in the campground ¼ mile away that didn't have running water.... You poured a bucket of sea water in it to flush it.... still, quite the luxury when you are primitive camping.
- You sleep in a tent or truck or camper. Again, I spend so many nights in a backpacking sleeping bag on the ground in a backpacking tent this was not an issue for me. in fact, because of the warm weather sleeping in the shell/topper in the back of my truck with a pad with the ocean breeze was quite the luxury compared to the sleeping on the ground of backpacking.

Feature Article, cont.

- You do a lot of prep. You bring a lot of "stuff". You can't forget anything....well, this is a trip you can because with the group someone always has your back...and backups.
- Ice is a premium. There is a little town 15 minutes away where you can resupply...and we did. But, you really need a 7 day cooler like a yeti.

It requires a kayak

- And not just any kayak. You are most efficient with a kayak that goes backwards. Many of the predators you are targeting hide in the roots of the mangroves. They'll shoot out to grab your perfectly placed fly. But, then they run back in and snap you off if you are not quick enough to pull them out of there. That means a hard strip set while pedaling backwards. It's an art form that needs practice. I'm not very good at it....yet.
- I did a ton of research and had all the fly fishing kayak experts in the club to lean on. Ultimately the Hobie kayak I wanted...and put a deposit on... just wasn't available in time. Hobie had a myriad of production problems with it. It was a new model of a Hobie inflatable. So, I ended up with a "hard hull". It's a Hobie mirage sport. It's a "little one". but, I'm a little guy. I love it. I'm a 35+ year float tuber so the luxury of how fast these things go with so little effort is really hard to describe. Plus, you are on top of the water; not in it. no waders needed. I have used it in Agua Hedionda lagoon a number of times now, in addition to using it on this trip. But, ultimately I will purchase an inflatable that is big / long enough for the open ocean so I can wander out through the surf to the kelp beds in Carlsbad one day.

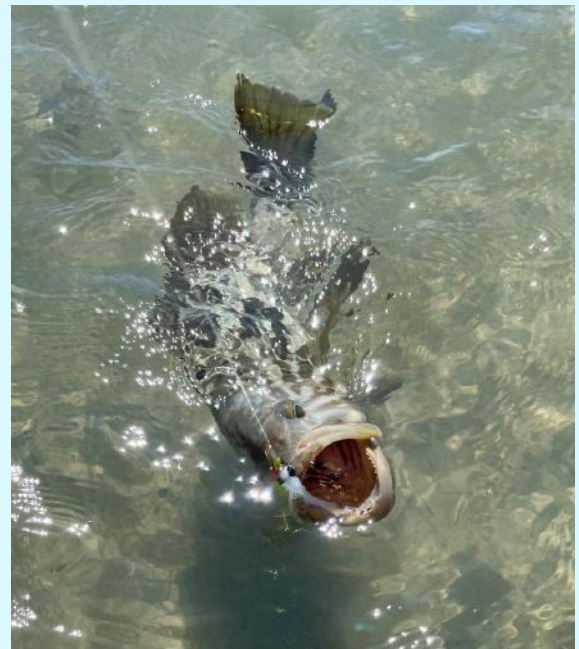
It's Mexico

- And sh@#\$t happens; calamities happen. And we were not short of calamities. See my top 5 calamities list below. In one of the planning meetings before the trip John said, "I usually bring \$1,000 dollars of pesos just in case." Sheepishly, with bribing in the back of my head I asked him, "Just in case of what?" His answer was trite and to the point: "Just in case your car breaks down and the mechanic doesn't take a credit card." That makes sense. Well, I left with a wad of pesos and came back home with a wad of pesos. and that is just

fine. I'll use them on other Mexico trips. Like the SDFF club trip coming up to Palapas Ventana in October. So those are the reasons for why you might not consider a fly fishing trip like this. Here are the reasons for why you want you do want to do this trip:

The fishing is ridiculous awesome

- Fly fishing for 30+ species. Many times I'd catch a fish only to turn to John and say, "What the hell is this one?"
- Dry fly fishing! On top of the water! Well, technically they are not dries, but you throw tarpon, permit and roosterfish flies that swim on top of the water column as you strip them back and the groupers and corvina come out of the mangroves and attack with vicious strikes on top...and you watch the entire thing go down almost in surreal awe.
- I'm a trout guy. So, this whole mangroves fly fishing experience was new. I learned so much from these experts. John personally took me under his wing and showed me the ropes.



You gotta yank the groupers out of the mangroves quickly or they'll break you off in the roots.

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The Journey

On John and Kai's recommendation I handled my Mexican Tourist permit, Mexican fishing license Mexican car insurance through discoverbaja.com. it was super easy and all done electronically and through email in advance. Of interest my Mexican car insurance was pretty darn expensive because of my truck. For two reasons: 1. It's fairly new and popular. because of the pandemic (a number of reasons) there is a shortage of cars. So, the insurance was calculated on a value that was a few thousand dollars more than I paid for it. At the time my 2020 tundra was only 6 months old. its value was more than I paid for it. there have only been a few times and a few cars that actually appreciated in value after purchase. 2. The tundra with a shell/topper is the most stolen car in Mexico. It's pretty obvious why....you can stuff a lot of humans in the back of that huge truck.

For this trip to Baja...because you are going so far south (between Guerrero Negro and La Paz) I learned there is a strategy to where you cross the Border. We crossed into Mexico at the Tecate Crossing. The Tecate Crossing is a tiny border crossing compared to the other border crossings in California. But it has weird hours and it does not have Sentri (to get quickly back into the US). It's a beautiful drive that gets very close to the world famous Barrett lake. Now for reasons I still don't quite understand, even though you get your tourist visa well in advance, you have to get it stamped at the border. So, for this trip we drove across and were put in secondary for inspection (God only knows why). After checking our vehicles for bad stuff, we parked on the Mexico side, then found the office where we got our tourist visas stamped. I am still not even sure why we had to get tourist visas because I have flown into Mexico a gazillion times and never had to do it. But, when the leaders of the group say you need to do it, you don't question them. But, I have to tell you I am curious.

La Poma – From the beginning the plan was to break up the 600 mile trip into two days both on the way there and on the way back. I just assumed it was because 600 miles is too much for one day for the group. But, really it's because the campground at La Poma on the Sea of Cortez and it's restaurant are so awesome. The folks that run this place are friends of Kai's. Such a luxury to have a nice dinner and breakfast when camping on the beach. The wade fishing there was okay. Nothing exciting in terms of size. But

a bunch of small spotties on a fly rod from shore is still fun.

Punta Abreojos – For the most part the roads all the way there are outstanding. Much, much better than I remember from the last time I did it many years ago. Being that said there is a stretch from the Sea of Cortez side where you cross over to the pacific side where the highway is skinny and elevated. That stretch is also well travelled by trucks (see calamities below). So it might be a bit nerve racking to many Americans who are spoiled by huge lanes on the free-ways. The last few miles to where we camped outside Punta Abreojos are dirt roads... but, 4 wheel drive is not required. I didn't even put my truck in 4 wheel drive. Of interest, where to put the trucks and campers on the banks of the lagoon takes some logistics because of the tides. You have to pick high spots. I would have screwed that up for sure and woken up to my truck in two feet of water had Kai and John not provided the parking guidance.

When we returned home, we crossed back into the US at the Mexicali crossing. I have Sentri (Global Entry) so that process took 30 seconds. But, I was shocked when I crossed because the Mexicali crossing is so far east. I had many more miles to go to get home.



(To be continued next issue... Don't miss it!)

Kai working his green mountain pellet grill...that slides out of his camper on a shelf... not kidding.

Planned Trips 2021

September 11th, Shelter Island, San Diego Bay

Email [Kai Schumann](mailto:kai.schumann@sandiegoflyfishers.com) with any questions,

- Oct. 3-9** La Ventana, Baja Sur
- Oct. 16** Lake Cuyamaca
- Nov. 14** Tidelands, San Diego Bay
- Dec. 18** San Vicente Reservoir



See Kai about getting your very own SDFF mug!

For more information Please contact **Kai Schumann**

or look for details in *The Indicator*.

Questions? Contact us at outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com



Fly of the Month

The Matuka

*Back in the day, the **olive matuka** was a popular choice for members of the SFFF working the waters of Lake Cuyamaca for trout. Tie some up for October?*



List of materials

Materials Hook: TMC 5262, 300 or similar. Size #2 to #12. Weighing (optional): lead wire. Thread: 6/0, black. Body: Dubbing (combed). Ribbing: very fine tinsel oval, silver or gold. Wing: one or two pairs of hen or rooster feathers (As similar as possible). Collar: Rooster feather.

1. Bind the oval tinsel or copper wire along the top of the hook's shank, projecting off the hook's bend. Build the body (dubbing, chenille, whatever).
2. Tie a lower body in a spindle shape along the hook shank, securing the lead wire. Tie the tinsel oval over the lower body (this should not go further than the hook barb), and then place the dubbing material on the thread.
3. Shape the body of the fly with dubbing. Dubbing colors may be combined.
4. Remove the fibers from the lower part of the feathers. These should have the same length as the body of the fly, and should be tied next to the hook eye.
5. Place the feather fibers against the body.
6. Use the ribbing material to secure the feathers along the body of the fly.
7. Tie a feather to shape the collar.
8. Wrap the feather like a collar. Use the thread to shape the head of the fly, whip finish and cement. Comb the body.

Casting Corner

San Diego Fly Fishers Casting Program 2021

We are pleased to announce our casting instruction program for 2021. 2020 was a challenging year in many respects and as we look forward to this coming year, we appreciate everyone's patience as we have had to make adjustments to our casting programs.

Sunday fly casting instruction is back 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 2021. 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. Recently **Keith Darlington** successfully complete all three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Also, **Rick Johnson** completed the requirements for Bronze. Congrats to both Keith and Rick!

Intermediate Casting Clinic: I will plan to hold it later in the year. We will limit attendance to ten. Times and dates will be published when determined.

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

Conservation & Education

Fall Fundraiser to support Conservation and Education!
Yard Sale starting at 4:00 pm, at SWYC on Monday, September 13,
before our regular club meeting!

Gary is planning a trip to Casa Viejo Meadow the first weekend in October to drop the fencing you see at the top of this picture. There currently is no access due to fire restrictions. Check with him for updates if you are planning to go on this trip.



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 a good conservation project that needs some support, please share your ideas with the committee.

Gary Strawn
conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Other Programs

Women's Program

Plans are being finalized for a women's all-day fly fishing faire on October 23rd. More information about this awesome event will be posted here and on **Facebook** and **The Indicator**.

Contact Brooke Sargent, [Women's Program](#)

Project Healing Waters

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!

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/>

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](#)

SWCFFI



WANT TO
CATCH

SOME NEW SPECIES?

CHANNEL ISLAND
FLY FISHING EVENTS!

DATES:
July 31 - 1 spot open
August 31 (Tues)
October 30 (Sat)



LIMITED LOAD:
Anglers - trip is limited to
six (6) anglers and the host.

COST:
250.00 per person

CONTACT:
Michael Schweit
SpecialProjects@swcffi.org
818-601-9702

Check out programs on <https://www.swcffi.org/>

The **San Diego Fly Fishers** is affiliated with the **Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International** (SWCFFI). [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 2021**

Regardless of current conditions we still plan an active year with monthly outings
zoom meetings talking about fishing and having fun.

Don't miss out! Join or renew!

You can renew your membership on-line though 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**

[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)

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

On-line at sandiegoflyfishers.com then follow the instructions.

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](#) 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: Warren Lew [fundraising](#)

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

Fishing!

Please share a picture of your catch at: Sandiegoflyfishers.com



Jennifer's redfish!



Jim with a Green River brown!



Jen's Colorado Cutthroat!



The Wednesday bunch ready to float!



Mel's double at Liberty Station!



Thomas's Crowley Cutthroat!

What a great summer of fishing it was!

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:

[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](#)

[Alex Cady @ Fly Stop](#)

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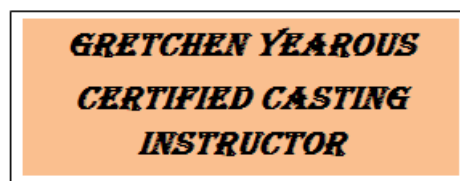
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Bob Berry Fish Carvings



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



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with updates and break-
ing news!
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and news our FACEBOOK
page. Post your own
adventures and
pictures.
[San Diego Fly Fishers](#)

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. (Currently held on Zoom.)

For Directions to all Club Meetings, Clinics and Fly tying classes visit our website at:
[Activities Maps](#)



Tailing Loops

I went looking on the internet for some humor to grace this page, and I found a few jokes that were okay, but these are maybe better in that they combine humor with the small truths we all encounter as we cast away our problems with a fly rod.

The solution to any problem -work, love, money, whatever -is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be.

—John Gierach

You don't learn fly fishing as much as you survive it.

—Tom Davis

There are lots of ways to catch a trout. Maybe that's why there are so many experts.

—Bud Lilly

The more you fly fish, the less flies you will use.

—Bob Granger

Rivers and their inhabitants are made for the wise to contemplate and for fools to pass by without consideration.

—Izaak Walton

What a tourist terms a plague of insects, the fly fisher calls a great hatch.

—Patrick McManus

"Really, the only thing a psychiatrist can do that a good guide can't is write prescriptions."

—John Gierach

Angling is extremely time consuming. That's sort of the whole point.

—Thomas McGuane

I still believe that people who catch a corbina on a fly are tipping their hooks with sand crabs.

—Mark Hedderson (Okay, my quote doesn't deserve to be with this pantheon, but I couldn't resist.)

A bad day fishing is better than.... (No, it's not, whoever came up with this one hasn't had a *really* bad day.)