

FINNY FACTS

San Diego Fly Fishers

November 2019

Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing

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SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS

Join in the fun!

Nov 4th at 7:30 PM

@ Southwestern Yacht Club

Speaker Program:

Doug Rodricks Owner/Operator of
Sierra Drifters.

Topic: Eastern Sierra fly fishing and potential impacts from the proposed new fishing regulations.



Ryan Favorite fly tying demo @ 6:30

Come early and have a drink, eat some good food and socialize. Don't be shy, introduce yourself, you will be welcome

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Don't Forget

Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2019.

President's Message

We just returned from our week-long vacation, including a few days of attempts to attract steelhead on the Feather River. Our day trip with a local guide yielded a few fish (hubby and I would both have preferred several more!), a few of which escaped without setting the hook (can I blame the barbless hook?); that only served to remind me that I definitely need more casting practice!

On that note, one of our resident Certified Casting Instructors and Board of Directors member, John Wylie, will be revamping our club's Casting Program for next year, with some great ideas to improve the program and benefit you as students of the program. He will present more details at a coming club meeting.

And, since I mentioned it last month - the Southwest Council's Women's Fly Fishing Workshop gave me some good ideas for our own Women's Program, in concert with some of the ideas we will be using to revamp our local club casting program. We have confirmed the date for our first half-day introductory workshop on Saturday, November 16th, so ladies, please RSVP to women-sprogram@sandiegoflyfishers.com to reserve your space. The nominal \$20 fee can be paid in person at the workshop. It's an awesome deal, at that price!

Our trip north also served to remind me of the importance of two other things.

Number One - Our emphasis on conservation is necessary. We learned about the salmon and steelhead life cycles, and saw salmon egg processing at the Feather River Fish Hatchery, while touring the facility. Our trip guide also provided more education on the local issues with those two species. While the hatchery and egg processing is clearly human intervention, this provides a significant improvement in the success rate for the annual spawning of both species.

Number Two - We also need to continue two other tasks, as a club, and as individuals. As a club, the first is education of future generations on the importance of conservation and the science behind it. Our participation in Trout In the Classroom is one example of ways we can accomplish this goal. There is still much to learn but we have made significant progress, compared to days gone by. As individuals, the second is for each of us to stay up to date on current legal issues affecting our sport and the target species we seek. Since we are all citizens in a democracy, we have both the freedom and the responsibility to contact our elected officials and express our concerns and opinions on these issues. They need to hear from us.

Wishing you good fishing,
Sherry Ashbaugh
2019 President
San Diego Fly Fishers

president@sandiegoflyfishers.com



November Events

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Membership meeting
@ SWYC on Point Loma

Nov 4th @7:30 PM

Club Outings

Women's Program @ Lake Murray

Nov 16th @9AM-1PM

Lake Cuyamaca

Nov 20th @ 0630

Fish the Bay (watch for details on Facebook)

TBD @ 6 AM

Project Healing Waters

Fly Casting At Santee Lakes
Contact: [Lee McElravy](#),

Nov 16th @9 AM

Casting Clinics

Basic/Beginners Class

- ◆ Every Sunday At Lake Murray @ 9 AM

Intermediate Class

- ◆ First and Third Sundays at Ski Beach on Mission Bay
Contact [John Wylie](#)

Fly Tying Congress

- ◆ Every Thursday at San Carlos Rec Center @ 6:30 to 830PM
- ◆ **No Tying on Thanksgiving**

Contact: [Paul Woolery](#)

**SDFF is a service organization.
Ask yourself
What service can I provide?**

Speaker Programs

Upcoming Programs

November - Doug Rodricks - Sierra Drifters will discuss new fishing regulations.
Ryan Favorite fly tying demo @ 6:30

December– Garage Sale - Fly Tying demos.

If you have items that you wish to donate please contact us :

geardonations@sandiegoflyfishers.com

We need several volunteers to help with this important December event.

January– Annual Awards Banquet

February- Wyoming Outfitters, Liz and Ryan Anderson

March– Sam Vasily– Eastern Sierras and Pyramid Lake

If you know of someone who would be a good candidate for speaking to the club let us know.
For information contact [Jim Castelluzzo](#) or [Tim Huckaby](#)

We look forward to seeing at our next meeting!

Happenings

Women's Program Workshop– Casting

Attention, lady fly fishers of San Diego Fly Fishers! We are very happy to announce the date for our inaugural Women's Program Fly Fishing Workshop. Please see the information below on this exciting event, and send your registration email. Registration will be open through Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

WHO: SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS - WOMEN'S PROGRAM

WHAT: WOMEN'S FLY FISHING WORKSHOP - Geared to beginners, with some info for lower intermediate skill levels. We will cover these topics: Knot tying and rigging, fly casting, gear, and some strategies for different types of fly fishing.

WHERE: Casting instruction will start at Lake Murray, near the boat ramp and concession building (look for SDFP flags); parking is available near the boat ramp. The remainder of the program will move to the San Carlos Recreation Center, for the class room sessions. We will send out map links to all confirmed attendees.

WHY: Because we want to share our love of fly fishing with you!

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

If you can stay a bit longer, we will offer a brief presentation on Tips & Tricks to Catch More Fish. Feel free to bring your lunch, if you would like to stay and join a round table discussion on this presentation.

HOW: Register by sending a confirmation of your attendance to womensprogram@sandiegoflyfishers.com. The \$20 workshop fee is payable by cash or check, on the morning of the workshop or on Monday, November 4 at the general club meeting. Club meetings are held at the Southwestern Yacht Club in Point Loma, beginning at 6:30pm with the social hour.

WHAT TO BRING: Your favorite rod and reel! We will have extra leader and lines, and yarn for casting practice. A few extra rods will also be available, but it is best to practice with one you use often. Materials for knot tying practice will also be provided.

A notebook and pen to take notes; a folder may be helpful, as handouts to take home will be provided.

The L.L. Bean Fly Fishing Handbook, available for \$12 at Stroud's Tackle Shop, located on Morana Boulevard.

Reusable water bottle for drinking water.

Hat and sunscreen for the outdoor casting; dress appropriately for the weather.

This is going to be great!!!!!!

Contact: womensprogram@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Happenings



Let's Go Fishing: Lake Cuyamaca

When: Wednesday Nov 20th starting at 6:30 am.
Bad weather back-up date:
Tuesday, Nov 26th at 6:30 am

Where: Lake Cuyamaca located about an hour east of downtown San Diego.

What: Fishing for: Rainbow Trout, Bass, Crappie, and Killing Carp!

Brief description: Lake Cuyamaca is at 4600 feet elevation and can hold trout year-round.

Due to the altitude, it may be cold so dress accordingly. Also expect wind. You can bring your float tubes, kayaks, pontoon boats, boats, or rent their boats.

The club will provide food and hopefully hot fresh coffee.

For more information, contact Alan Thompson at athompson64@hotmail.com or outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Fishing the Bay in November

Stay tuned for a local bay outing in November. We are working on dates and will post info on the [Facebook page](#).

SDFP Bishop Rendezvous Feb 20 to 23

Make the reservations for a hotel. The Club usually stays and gathers at the Elms Hotel. If you prefer a different hotel no problem. We have nightly dinners and tell lots of stories of lost fish. Great Fun. Stay tune for more details. Contact us at outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Happenings

Let's fish in December

All we need is someone to suggest a location and help lead the event. It is very easy to do and takes almost no time.

There is a lot of good water to hit in November in California.

Please set up! Contact us at outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Stay tuned for dates for a local fishing outing on the bay. Follow us on Facebook for announcements



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

[Jim Castelluzzo](#) 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: [Jim Castelluzzo](#)

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](#) or [Sherry Ashbaugh](#)

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

Fly of the Month

October 2019



The lowly Soft Hackle

The soft hackle fly has stood the test of time.

It's simplicity in no way effects the versatility of this fly. In it's simplest for it is nothing more than thread or floss wrapped around a hook with a sparsely palmered hackle at the front. More elaborate patterns extend this basic design concept but may not necessarily improve it's effectiveness. Take the Japanese Tenkara fly or Kebari for instance, thread or herl wrapped around the hook with a very soft hackle at the front. Simplicity at it's best. The soft hackle can be dead drifted, where it can imitate an emerging insect. Fished down stream and across on the swing is most likely the deadliest method of fishing this pattern. There is no incorrect way to fish this fly.

The Basic Pattern

Hook: Standard Dry or wet fly hook, size 12 to 16.

Body: Thread or Floss. Color of your choice.

Thorax: Peacock herl. (optional)

Hackle: Partridge or Hen from the neck of the bird.

Crimp the barb if you are not using barbless hooks.

Begin by attaching your thread or floss one eye gap behind the eye of the hook.

Wrap the thread or floss to the bend of the hook and return to about 2/3 point of the hook.

Continue to wrap down and back until you have created a slightly tapered body.

Select a hackle feather of the appropriate size and tie it in by the tip in front of the body with the shiny side up.

Wrap the hackle twice around the hook and tie off.

Create a small head in front of the hackle and whip finish.

NOTE: To create a Kebari pattern tie in the hackle by the tip shiny side up with the stem forward before creating the body.

Note: No Fly tying on Thanksgiving

For more information contact [Paul Woolerly](#)

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Rod Building

We will plan another class in March of 2020. Stay tuned. Space will be limited to ensure quality time for each student.

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.

JACK'S TIP OF THE MONTH-

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness" was first coined by a Babylonian rod builder about 2,000 years ago



Contact: [Jack Duncan](#)

Casting Corner

San Diego Fly Fishers is happy to offer two free clinics each month to help you learn to fly cast or improve your skills. Several of our instructors are certified by the FFI and can help anyone develop the skills that will help you get the most out of your casts.

- **Basic fly Casting Lessons**

This Clinic is best suited for beginners and novice fly casters. The clinic will help you develop the basic techniques necessary for successful casts with a fly rod. No experience is required to participate.

Where: Lake Murray (Kiowa Drive entrance)

When: Each Sunday (weather permitting) at 9 AM

What to Bring: You may bring your own equipment or use rods provided by the Club. No fishing license is required.

Intermediate Fly Casting Instruction (This clinic is run by FFI Certified Casting Instructors Dennis Panish and John Wylie and is intended to aid fly casters in enhancing their skills and learn to cast efficiently in different conditions. One goal of the clinic is to help fly casters solve problems with their casting strokes. If you suffer from "wind knots", learning how to "double haul" or increasing your distance this class is for you. Tell our instructors what you want to work on and they will help.

We provide single hand casting as well as basic double hand spey cast instruction.

Where: Ski Beach on Mission Bay

When: First and Third Sundays (weather permitting) at 8 AM (class typically lasts 1 hour)

What to bring: Bring your rod and let's work on your casts!

Questions? Email [John Wylie](mailto:John.Wylie@sandiegoflyfishers.com):

Casting Corner

Tip of the Month

Do you enjoy the process of casting as much as fishing. If so, please consider becoming a Certified instructor. Contact [Jon Wylie](#) for more details

Tip of The Month: Practice Makes Perfect-almost

As I write this I am up n Glendale at the SWC FFI Faire. I am helping out teaching some of the casting classes.

It's really a great event and it's fun to be at the Pasadena Casting Club's casting pool seeing so many people with a fly rod in their hand working on casting!
Talking to participants a common refrain is "I wish I had more time to practice".

- ◆ Practice is critical to improving our casting, here are some thoughts on making practice more useful and practical.
- ◆ Practice more often but for a shorter period of time. Keep a rod to practice with in your car and try to practice in 15 to 30 minute chunks of time. During your lunch break, on the way home, while the kids are at soccer practice...any time you have a few extra minutesstring a rod and get a few minutes of practice in.
- ◆ Practice with a focused objective. Pick a skill and just work on that one skill until you are happy with the results. Loop control, slipping line, reach casts, roll casts....the list can go on. When you check one off...move to the next.
- ◆ Practice at your desk, or in a chair! Any time you find yourself sitting, grab a pencil or other imaginary rod, and practice your casting stroke. I have been known to work on my casting stroke while listening to a conference call! Anytime you can build that muscle memory counts as practice time!

Don't wait till your next fishing trip to work on your casting! Grab a rod, or a pencil, and get that practice time in!



Casting Corner

In an attempt to create a more focused and structured course of instruction the Club's Certified Casting Instructor John Wyle has created the following new program.

Look for more information regarding sign up's etc.

This is going to be great and you don't want to miss this chance to learn how to make an 80ft cast!

SDFP 2020 Casting Program Proposed Classes and Timeline

***All Sunday Activities at Lake Murray remain the same.**

Casting 101 February/March
Learn/Review Basics of Fly Casting
Will cover Equipment, Knots and Basic Fly Casting
Two 3 Hour Classes
Limit to 20 participants

Teach the Teacher Review March/April
Review and Practice Teaching PULD and Roll Casts
Instructing Best Practices
One 3 hour class
No limit/Open to all
NO Cost

Intermediate Casting Skills May/June
Review/Learn Line Control/Loop Control, Accuracy and Presentation Casts
Two 3 hour classes
Limit 20 participants

Casting Big Flies September
Equipment and Technique in casting big flies
1 3 hour class (Possibly combined with fishing on Mission Bay?)
Limit 20 participants

Advanced Casting October
Learn/Review the Double Haul and Casting for More Distance
Two 2 hour classes
Limit 10 Participants
Cost Yes

Conservation & Education

San Diego Fly Fishers is a service club with a long history of supporting a variety of conservation, habitat and educational programs. The Club's primary focus is to support projects that serve our local habitats, fisheries and schools. We also support other conservation organizations with projects in California. Our activities are supported by Club members through "boots on the ground" volunteer work and via the donations received at Club fundraising events. We work closely with a number of local, regional and national organizations to support research, improve habitats and foster a conservation ethic for future generations. We are very proud of our work and the ongoing support from our membership. If you wish to join us in this service work please contact the Committee Chair, [Gary Strawn](#)



In early December we will need volunteers to assist with the kid's releasing their fish. Stay tuned for more details.

Please continue to support SDFE 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.

conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Southwest Council FFI

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.

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>



Project Healing Waters

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

Where: The Aspire Center (in Old Town, San Diego)

When: first and third Tuesdays at 9 AM

Fly Casting

Where: Santee lakes, Santee CA

When: third Saturday at 9 AM



Follow all the action on the Clubs [Facebook page!](#)

Fundraising

December is approaching. That's Garage Sale time.

Well, We have a committee formed to help run this years event. Thank you !!

The event is going to be held DEC 2nd at 7:30 PM at The Southwestern Yacht.

We are continuing to accept goods that will be sold at bargain prices. Please go look in your garage or closet and use this as an opportunity to thin out your collection of things related to fly fishing.

Your donations are critical to making this successful. Please be generous.

Contact us at: geardonations@sandiegoflyfishers.com

If you want to help at the event contact us: fundraiser@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Membership

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR 2020 dues soon.

2020 is just around the corner and time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers. From Alan Thompson:

I'm too tired and lazy to list all the great things this organization does for our members, for the youths of our community, for the conservation of San Diego County and beyond, and yes, we even have time to have fun.

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

Please welcome our newest members!

FAMILY

Greg Borman

Andrea Rae, son Alex Rae &
Father

Ed Winczowski and son
Luke

INDIVIDUAL

Riley Mazariegos (mil)

Caroline Jones

Jim Lindstrom

Leyla Kelter

Ryan Clark

Eric Dupree

David Hoffman

Frederic Marks

William Perry

Ian Cole



Feature Article

We welcome anyone who wishes to contribute an article.
Send to [Mike Gilroy](#)

The Total Package
By
Joel Stewart

I was very fortunate to have ended up in an assignment that had a trout stream right outside of my quarters. My back porch over looked Letort Spring Run as it cuts through Carlisle Barracks. It is not the marshy spring creek that flows on either side of the base. Here, it is a disciplined and regimented waterway, hemmed into a man-made channel of stone and mortar. No undercut banks, no tree roots, nor any other structure to provide fish with security. It runs for about a half mile further beyond my quarters before it exits the base and joins the other branch after flowing under Post Road. In the stretch below my home there was a bit of cover, in the form of some deeper pools formed at bends in the flume. These were the places I have seen a few small trout, though one source assures me that in the fall there are bigger fish in there. Personally, I'd not seen a fish over six inches long in this stretch. I'd seen big fish above and below the base but not here. Still it is lovely water and nice to know that I could look out my window at a famous trout stream.



Figure 1 Letort Spring Run

Feature Article

I attempted to fish it several times, to no avail. I stalked its banks looking for fish but only saw a few small fish. I fished nymphs, streamers, and terrestrials only to be rewarded with one strike. That strike came from swinging a streamer on a moonlit night. With so many other options within 30 minutes, I gave up on the Letort. Until a cool winter day.

I was returning from research at the library and walked along the creek to go home. I didn't normally take this route, but just felt like doing it on this chilly February afternoon. It was a bit above freezing but the wind was not blowing so despite the overcast being outside was not miserable. It was nice to feel the sun and listening to the babbling of the crick. I wasn't really looking but I heard a splash and saw a ring. Trout, I wondered? In reply another rose further down the same run. I then knelt and looked closely at the water. There was a mayfly dun, about size 18. A blue winged olive to be more specific. As I looked, two more trout rose. I knew I did not have any BWOs in my fly box. I hadn't really been tying anything but nymphs on an as needed basis. Now I needed dry flies, and fast. I had a research paper that was due the next day, but it was practically done. I just had to insert some foot notes and proof read it. I could certainly tie a couple flies and see if I could fool a fish...yeah, that sounds like a good plan.

I went home and into my basement lair. My bench was neither organized nor prepared for tying, but I found some hair, dubbing, yarn, and hackle. I have been using Firehole Sticks for my trout flies and I really like them. I also like that they are from a Montana company that is family owned. I used a Firehole 413 competition hook in size 18 to tie on a tail of 4 white moose hairs, a body of fine synthetic olive dubbing, counter wrapped with a loop of thread, a wing of grey poly yarn, and a Whiting dun neck hackle. I prefer a parachute style fly most of the time and that is what I turned out. I also tied a soft-hackle, spinner, and cripple with that same materials while I had them out. Six flies in 30 minutes, I could still fish a bit before I wrapped up my paper. I can type when its dark out and these fish would not be rising all day.



Figure 2 Basic BWO Parachute

Feature Article

I really only fish about five dry flies: a dubbed body mayfly, Adams style, in grey, olive, tan, brown, purple, and rainbow; an elk hair caddis in tan, brown, rust, white, and black (sometimes with rubber legs like a Madam X); a foam Crazy Jimmy Hopper; a Humpy in red, yellow, and green; and a black ant with a white wing. Sure there are times I fish other flies, but 90% of the trout I catch are on one of these five flies. Now add in the colors and sizes and I still carry a lot of flies, but I believe presentation is more important than a perfect match. Flies are impressionistic. If fish were that picky, why do they ignore the hook that bends out of the fly's body? I think color and basic shape are all you need, just present it well.

I put my freshly tied flies in a box, collected my lanyard and TFO Finesse 7'9" 3wt with a BVK I reel, and headed out the door. It was not even a five minute walk from my quarters to the stretch where the trout were rising. Luck was with me; they were still feeding! Some of the takes were subtle but most were sloppy and loud, indicating the fish were taking duns or emergers. I put on a new leader, tied up by my buddy Chris Fave. Chris makes the best hand-tied leaders you can buy and he'd made me some spring creek specials that I was excited to use. My hands were shaking a bit as I tied on the fly. I picked the BWO parachute based on the aggressive feeding.

I decided to make a downstream drift, as the narrow channel would force me to keep part of my leader on the bank and reduce the distance I could drift a fly drag free. The water was crystal clear and I knew the fish were spooky, so I stayed well up stream and limbered up a cast. I laid it out, pulling up short to cause the line to puddle and give me the drift I wanted. It worked, but the fish missed the fly. I presented the same cast and this time the hook found purchase. It was a wild brown trout of maybe 5 inches. Not a trophy in size for some, but certainly in all respects a prize for me. I'd been looking at this creek for months and fished it without success a dozen times. Now, on a dreary winter afternoon, I held my quarry. The barbless hook slipped out with ease and the fish darted off for cover. I no longer felt the chill in the air; that first little fish warmed me right up.



Pennsylvania Wild Brown

Feature Article

I continued to work my way down stream, casting and letting my fly drift over likely spots. Another small trout smashed my fly just as it started to drag at the end of a drift. He made a couple of jumps and spit the hook. Soon after that another sipped my offering and darted into the water. I worked him out and brought him to hand before giving him back to the water. One more small fish grabbed my fly and made two leaps before tossing the hook. Man this is fun, I thought!

I spotted a sloppy take in the corner of a deep hole. It required a long cast that would have to quarter across the current. The current had a number of seams so I used an "S" cast to place multiple mends in hopes of a good drift. The fly settled into the surface and swirled around in a small eddy. Just as it exited the swirl it disappeared with a splash. I set the hook and felt a fish a bit heavier than the other fish I'd hooked. It surged up against the pressure of my line and gave me a great acrobatic display in a shower of spray. Another leap showcased golden hues with black spots. Soon the gorgeous wild brown was in my hand. Not a huge fish but 11 inches is twice the size of the others I caught. Moreover it was the culmination of all that is fly fishing.

I'd seen activity, identified a food source, tied a representative imitation, presented it, and landed a fish. It was a singularly satisfying moment. All my skills developed over more than four decades allowed me to fool a creature with a brain the size of a pea. Still, I felt accomplished.



My Trophy

Fishing!!!!

Fall Montana Fly-fishing "Bonanza" on the Madison and Big Hole Rivers
By Sam & Mona Morebello

Late summer fishing on these two popular rivers was very productive. We spent two days on the Madison and several days on the Upper Big Hole out of Twin Bridges and on the Lower Big Hole they call "The Cottonwoods". Due to the thin, warm waters, the guides must respect the "Hot Owl" curfew time restrictions that say you must be off the river by 2:00 PM or pay a fine. The fish were taking Hoppers despite the unseasonably warm temperatures. Our catches included countless Rainbows, Browns and White fish ranging in size from 10-18 + inches. In addition to the great fishing, the wildlife was amazing...we even had 2 days with not a single other boat on the river...can't beat private waters for catching!

Drift boat rigs were mostly Hoppers with Nymph droppers or indicator with Girdle Bug and Prince Nymph dropper...easy to see with our old eyes! The guides were very knowledgeable and sensitive to our limitations. Below you will find the contact information for some great places to stay and Fly Shops that are reliable.

Ennis close to the Madison River:

Trout Stalkers (flyshop@montanatrout.com) ...put in at Story Ditch and out at Varney Bridge or Madison River Fishing Company (www.mrfc.com)

Stayed at Rainbow Valley Lodge. (RainbowValleyLodge.com)

Big Hole River area: Four Rivers Fishing Co. (4RiversMontana.com) Stayed in Sheridan at Moriah Motel, phone: 406-842-5491

For Questions Contact Sam and Mona @ morebello1955@gmail.com

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Fishing!!!!



Louie Zimm Guiding



Intermediate Casting Class

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Fishing!!!!



Dave McGraw
On Crowley.



Mel Ochs getting it done on the
Bay.
Guess he needs a new rod!



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Fishing!!!!



Jack Gibbons with a nice E. Walker river fatty.



Bob Pharaoh on the Bay



Jim Castelluzzo has the fishing jumping into his hands.

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Board of Directors 2020

Below is a list of the proposed Board of Directors for 2020. This list will be presented to the Club at the November for consideration and affirmation.

President - Jim Castelluzzo
VP- Vacant
Secretary - Mel Ochs
Treasurer - Bruce Harris
Membership - Alan Thompson
Fundraising-Sherry Ashbaugh
Media- Mike Gilroy/Mark Hedderson
Conservation-Gary Strawn/Mike Gilroy
Programs- Tim Huckaby
Outings-Kai Schumann
Events- Paul Woolery
Casting-John Wylie
PHW-Lee McElravy
At Large-Warren Lew

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SDFF Financial Report 2019

Below you will find a report of revenue and expenses for our 2019 budget year which ended September 30th. For more information or questions regarding your club's financial resources Contact [Bruce Harris](#) or [Sherry Asbaugh](#)

San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Financial Statement

For budget year 10-1-2018 to 9-31-2019
by Bruce Harris, treasurer

Operational Income	
Dues	\$ 11,750
Banquet	\$ 1,740
December Auction	\$ 1,689
Misc.	\$ 205
total	\$ 15,384
Operational expenses	
Fishing days	\$ 451
Rent	\$ 2,399
Insurance	\$ 450
Banquet	\$ 3,563
Speakers	\$ 2,287
Administration	\$ 1,981
total	\$ 11,131
Conservation Income	
June Auction/Raffle	\$ 12,033
May Picnic	\$ 550
total	\$ 12,583
Conservation and Outreach Expenses	
June Auction/Raffle	\$ 5,457
May Picnic	\$ 550
Conservation Donations	\$ 7,659
Outreach	\$ 1,338
Trout in the Classroom	\$ 1,373
total	\$ 16,377
Yearly Total Income	\$ 27,967
Yearly Total Expenses	\$ 27,508

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San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Banquet

Your Club is in the planning stages for our annual
Celebration and Awards banquet

The gala event will be held in January so stay tuned for more details. Last years event was Attended by 60 folks and the event was reported by all as a fun and successful evening. This year we are hoping for a 100. [Jack Duncan](#) is leading the effort supported by other members of the Board. Please contact Jack and see if you can help.

Hopefully Detail will be firmed up soon. Look for more information on Facebook, the Indicator and the website.

SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS ANNUAL STROUD AWARD NOMINEE APPLICATION FORM

PURPOSE: To recognize individuals, or organizations for long term, or lifelong achievement in the sport of fishing, and/or conservation, and/or environmental causes that benefit the sport of fishing.

QUALIFICATIONS: Nominees qualify if they have made a significant contribution (s) throughout life or career, to sport fishing, conservation, or environmental causes that directly benefit sport fishing of all types.

NOMINEES: The Stroud Award was designed in 2004 to recognize individuals or organizations from outside the Club that meet the Club's criteria. Club members may also be nominees, and several members have won the Stroud Award. All nominees must be endorsed by two members of the Club.

DUE DATE DEADLINE: All nominee forms must be completed, signed and submitted to any Past President by December 15.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: The selection committee made up of the Club's current president and the two most recent presidents, or their appointed past president chairman, will screen all nominees for eligibility and select the top five candidates. The winner will be selected by cumulative vote of all Past Presidents.

WHEN: The Award will be presented at the Annual San Diego Fly Fishers Banquet.

<https://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com/stroud-nomination>

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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](#)

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](#)

Fly Fishing Equipment

[STROUD TACKLE](#)

[THE FLY STOP](#)

[Flies by Favorite](#)

River Flows and Reports

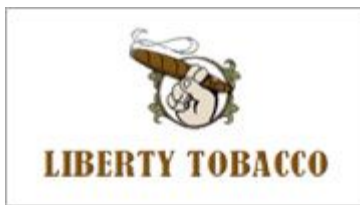
[Dreamflows](#)

[USGS Flows](#)

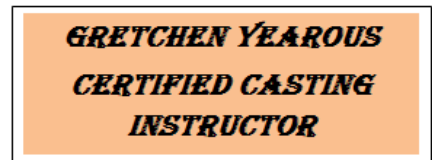
[California Data Exchange](#)

[Lower Owens River](#)

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- James Castelluzzo.....[Outings/At Large](#)
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- Lee McElravy[Project Healing Waters](#)
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- Alan Thompson[Sunday Fly Casting](#)
- David Collins[Web Master](#)

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](#)

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Cut-off date for the Finny Facts is the 15th of each month
 Send submissions to:
media@sandiegoflyfishers.com

