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The end of 2017 is rapidly approaching and time to prepare for the new year. For San Diego Fly Fishers this means a new Board of Directors begins their job and the Annual Stroud Award Banquet.

This year's banquet is **Monday, January 8, 2018 at 5 pm.** and will be held at **Naval Station Point Loma.** For more information, see page 3.


This year the baquet has made some changes that you must be aware in order to get your tickets. First, **you must buy your tickets prior to December 29th.** Second, **you must purchase your tickets on-line at :**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-stroud-awards-banquet-tickets-39718905315>

Trout in the Classroom was a huge success with over 7 classrooms from 4 different schools releasing their trout fry. SDFF had volunteers that had a fly tying station and a fly casting station. Volunteers included **Lars Sorensen, Lucky Ketchem, Fred Gregory, Gary Strawn, Bob Stafford, Jim Behend, Bruce Harris, and Alan Thompson.**

Great job guys and thank you.


Don't Forget
 Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2018. Use the form provided in this publication to mail a check
OR Renew on-line



January Schedule
 Every Thursday- Fly Tying at San Carlos Recreation Center 6:30-8:00
 Jab 13- Santee Lakes- ASPIRE 8:30-12:00 noon
 Jan 19- NMCS D Santee Lakes- 9:30 -noon

There may be more activities. Which will be in the INDICATOR.

Thanks for the generous Support.




Trout in the Classroom was an overwhelming success this past November as over 7 classes from 4 schools released their trout at Lake Murray.

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Annual Stroud Award Banquet
 Monday, January 8, 2018
 Naval Station- Point Loma



**Read
The
Indicator

E-mailed
By
Sherry
Ashbaugh**

It was a great honor to have served the members as President of **San Diego Fly Fishers** for 2017. The accomplishments and events that we all enjoyed were the result of many volunteers, behind the scenes workers, the board of directors, our patient spouses and family members, vendors, and donors who all chipped in unselfishly to make it a terrific year for all.

Wounded Warriors, Star Pal fishing Derby, Day @ the Docks, Kids Discovery Day, SWCIFF, Casting for Recovery for breast cancer survivors, and Living Coast Center.

SDFF had monthly events that go unheralded but they are the glue that keeps our club humming along: Finny Facts newsletter, Indicator news flash, weekly fly tying congress, fishing the lakes, bays, surf and the mountain trips, project healing waters wounded warriors coaching and events, water quality improvements and monitoring, fish habitat improvements, having adult beverages with fishing buddies, coffee gatherings to swap stories, Sunday morning casting clinic and more.

Our Veterans in the Project Healing Waters Program—Fly Fishing for wounded warriors were served well by our members Lee McElravy, Ray and Sheri Mehl, Barry Pechersky, Art Reifman, Larz Sorensen, Alan Thompson, and Paul Woolery and others.

Looking back as 2017 closes, I can't help but remember that some of our club members are no longer with us. I want to extend my deepest sympathy for the survivors and their family as their departed love one helped make our organization a leader in local conservation, education, and a better community for all San Diegans.

Fred Gregory
President
San Diego Fly Fishers

In 2017 our volunteers, members and families helped us raise monies and worked tirelessly in support of Hubbs/Sea World Research, San Diego River Park Foundation, Cal Trout, Boys Scouts of America, Trout in the Classroom, Project Healing Waters for



Thank you for your support.

Bratwursts are available for purchase at COSTCO Warehouse stores.

For the second year in a row, Larry George provided the fresh hamburger meat and Bratwurst for our Casting Event held at Tidelands Park

Annual Stroud Awards Banquet

Event Information

Date: Monday January 8, 2018

Location: Oceanview Room at Ballast Point on Naval Station Point Loma

Cost: \$25.00

Description

It is a night to honor those that serve our club as well as a night of food, drink, fellowship, and story telling of the fish that was this big! Come and enjoy time with friends on the beautiful deck



overlook Point Loma and Cabrillo Monument, and the Pacific Ocean.

Itinerary

5:00 to 6:00 Cocktail Hour

6:00 to 7:00 Dinner and short award ceremony after dinner

The Menu:

Baja Street Taco Bar (Carnitas, Diced Chicken, and Carne Asada) with all the fixin's

Beef Empanadas

Chips, salsa and guacamole

Mini Desert Station with creme puffs, raspberry, pecan, and Lem-

on bars

Coffee, tea, and lemonade PLUS a Cash bar

FAQs

Are there ID requirements to enter the event?



Gov-

ernment issued ID to get access on base. I will email you to confirm guest names (if you purchase more than one ticket), provide more detailed directions, and my contact phone number once you purchase your tickets.

YOU MUST PURCHASE TICKETS ON LINE AT ADDRESS BELOW BY DECEMBER 29, 2017.

Ample parking right next to the venue

What can I bring into the event?

Yourself, a great attitude, and maybe a fish tale or two to share with friends

How can I contact the organizer with any questions?

Please contact Jeremy at swcffi_rep@sandiegoflyfishers.com
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-stroud-awards-banquet-tickets-39718905315>



Trout in the Classroom



November 29, 2017 saw 7 classroom and over 200 students released over 400 trout fry into Lake Murray. This marked the end of the fall session that saw more students participating than ever before. Here are some photos of students and SDFF volunteers. Thanks to **Nancy Thompson** for the photos.



Top left– Larry “Lars” Sorensen ties some flies. *Bottom left*– Lucky Ketchem also ties flies for the students. *Top Right* – Fred Gregory works with students on fly casting with help from Jim. *Middle Right*- A group of students from King-Chavez Neighborhood School releasing their trout fry. *Bottom Right*– More casting instruction from SDFF President Fred Gregory.



Gearing up for the Surf By Craig Smith

The surf zone is the most accessible fly fishing venue in San Diego. There are mile and miles of accessible shoreline that do not require permits to fish other than your California fishing license. To fly fish the surf you need the right gear to be successful. Fortunately, a wide range of products fall under that category of "right gear". You don't need to spend a fortune either. If you want to try the surf there is a good chance you already have a rod and reel that will work. Even some trout gear will suffice provided you have the right fly line.

Fly Rods:

The fly rod, matched with an appropriate fly line, is your primary tool for the surf zone. Most fly rods can be used in the surf but 6 wt. to 8 wt. rods work best over the widest range of conditions. Some anglers will use a 4 or a 5 wt. rod, but remember that powerful surf hydraulics can make a small fish feel much larger. Hook up with a three to four-foot-long shovelnose guitarfish or a legal halibut on a 5 wt. or 6 wt. and you may wish you had a heavier stick. Rods should be at least 9 feet long and of medium-fast to fast action. Slower action rods do make for a bit more work lifting heavy sinking lines from the surf. That nice Orvis Superfine full-flex 6 wt. rod may be great for dropping trico spinner imitations on a spring creek but will be less than ideal in the surf zone. A few years ago, I met an angler at the beach who was struggling casting the rod and line. He had an older 7wt graphite rod with an action that was on the slow side for a graphite stick. It was a nice rod, but just not suitable for the task at hand. I handed to him my fast action 6 wt. setup to try. Without any additional casting instruction, he was able to cast twice as far. Most graphite rods made today are suitable for the surf as are some of the faster modern fiberglass sticks. More and more anglers are experimenting with longer switch rods or even longer two-handed rods so don't be afraid of partaking in your own experiments.

Fly Reels:

Fly reels for the surf should hold at least 50 yards of backing plus your fly line. Just

about any fly reel will work. It does not need to have a sealed drag. However, if it does not have a sealed drag consider a reel that is easy to disassemble and clean out any sand that gets in the works. Even a reel with a simple clicker drag can be used though you may need to palm the spool or apply additional pressure to the spool with your fingers if you hook up with a nice fish. You can get a reel that will work in the surf for as low as \$50. Check with your local fly shop, friends, or online for recommended reels. I have seen many reels from across the budget spectrum that no longer work optimally due to corrosion. Regardless of how much a reel costs, I strongly recommend that you clean your reel after every usage in saltwater. A thorough maintenance regimen will lead to a longer lifespan for your reels. If your reel does not have a sealed drag and gets completely submerged in the saltwater consider disassembling, cleaning, and lubricating the reel, following the manufacturer's maintenance recommendations.

Fly Lines:

Most of the species we are targeting in the surf are hunting for food items stirred up from the sand so you want your fly on the bottom for maximum effectiveness. Sinking lines are the best options. Some anglers like full sinking line (a line that sinks at about the same rate along its entire length); others prefer integrated shooting taper lines or traditional shooting head systems. A fast sinking line will stay on the bottom while waves roll over it. I am only going to discuss lines for single handed rods here.

Floating lines are of limited usefulness in the surf. Currents and wave actions make it very difficult to keep contact with the fly except in the mildest of surf conditions.

Integrated shooting taper lines have a 24-30 foot fast sinking section factory mated to a thin floating or intermediate (slow) sinking running line. Traditional shooting head systems loop the sinking head to the shooting (or running) line. The shooting line may be of a floating or intermediate sinking type. For most situations, it is better to avoid any line with a floating section. Any type of floating line in your setup will im-

pair the ability of the sinking portion to stay on the bottom. Also, the churning surface wave action can lead to line management problems and make it difficult to stay in contact with the fly when you have floating sections in the fly line unless the surf is very small.

If lining up with an integrated shooting head lined sized in grains, get one that matches your rod and has a sink rate of at least 4 inches per second. Generally, a 200 grain line will match well with a 6 wt. rod, a 250 grain line with a 7 wt., and a 300 grain line with an 8 wt. rod. Depending on your casting skill you may be comfortable using a heavier or lighter line on your rod. When purchasing an integrated shooting taper line for the surf make sure that it has a fast sinking head. There are also integrated shooting taper lines with intermediate (slow) sinking heads. The advantage of using an integrated shooting head line over a traditional shooting head line is that you do not have a connection or splice in the line system. The advantage over using a full sinking weight forward lines is that the integrated shooting head line will be easier to cast for distance. The major fly line makers such as Rio, Scientific Anglers, Orvis, AirFlo, and Cortland market integrated shooting taper lines suitable for the surf. These lines retail from around \$55 to \$100. Note there are some integrated shooting taper lines that are not labeled in grains on the box. Instead they are labeled like a regular fly line. Examples are the Rio Outbound Short and the Scientific Anglers Titan Taper. These lines should be matched to the rod using the label on the line box. For example, an 8 wt. Rio Outbound Short line would be matched to an 8wt rod.

When choosing a full sinking weight forward line, I recommend going up two line sizes. For instance, use a WF-8-S line on a 6wt rod. The first 30 feet of a WF-8 line will weigh 210 grains, so it would load the rod about same as a 200 grain integrated shooting taper line.

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Gearing up for the Surf

By Craig Smith

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The rod will not be overloaded and will cast much better for you in the surf zone. The primary benefit of a full sinking line is that they cost less compared to integrated shooting taper lines at the expense of being a bit more difficult to cast. Full sinking lines retail from \$40 to \$60. The costlier versions usually have a density compensated tip that sinks a bit faster than the rest of the line. In deeper waters like lakes and bays the density compensated tip ensures that the fatter belly section of the line does not sink below the tip section. This is usually not much of a factor in the surf zone.

Traditional shooting head systems have fallen from favor except for a few die-hard users as a result of the convenience of integrated shooting taper lines. With a shooting head system, you can get a set of shooting heads with different sink rates (floating through very fast sinking) that can be quickly changed. This allows you to cover different depths and situations with only one rod and reel without needing a bunch of spools loaded with expensive full-length fly lines. You can also utilize different types of shooting lines. Shooting heads for single handed rods are much more difficult to find today with Rio and Scientific Anglers shooting heads being the most commonly available. With Scientific Anglers shooting heads you would select a head two line weights heavier than your rod. So, you would use a ST-9-S head (which would weigh 240 grains) on a 7wt rod. Rio has factored this into the weight of their shooting heads so you would use a Rio ST-7-S (head weighs 265 grains) on a 7 wt. rod. Traditional shooting heads excel at long distance casting.

Sink tip lines with 10-15 ft. sink tips commonly used for freshwater situations can be used in the surf but are not ideal since the floating portion of the line will cause the sinking portion to loft towards the surface and out of the feeding zone during the retrieve; however, they can be effective at times when the surf is very mild. The bigger the surf the less effective this type of traditional sink tip line will be.

Leaders:

There is no need for expensive tapered leaders. Just use 4 to 8 feet of 8 to 12 lb. test nylon monofilament or fluorocarbon monofilament. Tapered leaders are useful for accurate or delicate presentations for some types of fishing but in the surf hitting the water is good enough. I tend to use 8lb most often since it is easier to break off if I snag some floating kelp but many use 10 or 12 lb. line. Fluorocarbon is not necessary. In the turbulent surf with all the stirred-up sand and debris any supposed visibility benefit would be greatly reduced or eliminated. Also, the combination of sinking fly line, weighted flies, and turbulent eliminate any significant benefit in sink rate that fluorocarbon materials may possess. Fluorocarbon may provide some durability advantages with respect to abrasion resistance but I have not found that to be significant since I check my leader frequently and replace if there is something about it I don't like.

Flies:

Flies from about 1.5 to 3 inches long will suffice most of the time. These will be tied on hook sizes 6 through 1. Clouser minnows, crab patterns, bonefish flies, Lefty's deceivers, woolly buggers, and a host of other patterns will work. Fish in the surf zone are opportunistic feeders so exact imitation is not necessary. If hunting halibut then do not be afraid to go larger. I always crush the barbs on my hooks at the tying bench. Barbless hooks make it easier to release fish and often you do not even need to touch them. It is easier on a bird (or yourself or a buddy) if you happen to accidentally snag one.

Red and orange are good attractor colors. Many types of crabs have similarly colored roe sacs. I try to incorporate these colors into many of my patterns. Yellow and chartreuse are also good colors. Black or root beer colored flies are also productive. A black fly will have excellent contrast with the background in low light conditions making it easier for fish to pick it up visually compared to lighter

colored flies. Olive/white and grey/white match many of the baitfish found in the surf zone. In twenty plus years of fly fishing the surf I have probably caught more fish on chartreuse/white and red/yellow Clouser minnows than any other color. Maybe that's just because that's what I use most often. Lots of other colors work too.

Ancillary Gear:

Cool water and breezes can lead to a chill even during summer mornings and evenings. I wear a waders, booties, and water resistant/wind proof light jacket to keep dry but many anglers wet wade. Diver's booties when found on sale can suffice as inexpensive footwear and are much lighter than traditional fly fishing wading boots. If worn over neoprene wader feet buy a couple of sizes larger than your regular size. Boot foot waders are also a good option.

Most anglers like stripping baskets but a few don't. You want to remain in contact with your fly and keep from getting tangled up in line. Having waves wash the line around your legs can make surf fishing a frustrating chore rather than a relaxing time on the water. Good commercially made stripping baskets cost from about \$50 to \$80. Look for something that is rigid. Most of the mesh stripping baskets that are on the market can collapse under the pressure of a wave and tangle your line. You can make a serviceable basket for less than \$15. Plenty of examples can be found online with an internet search. Be sure to incorporate some sort of spikes, cones, or posts into the bottom. This will help keep coils of line from tangling.

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Bishop Rendezvous

What is the Bishop Rendezvous ?

The Bishop Rendezvous is a new name for an old outing that has occurred every mid-winter for more years than we can count. This is an event that is sponsored by San Diego Fly Fishers where we make some arrangements for the benefit of our members specially we will coordinate the evening meal for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night. This is also a time where the Owens River system is easily accessed for fly fishing due to low flows (*we hope*), the possibility of a daily hatch of Blue Wing Olives (dry flies- yeah!), and a variety of places to fish and friends to share fishing.

What your club will do: We have a connection with the Elms Motel who has set aside many rooms at a reasonable rate for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night (3/1/18- 3/4/16). **What is new this year, you will have to contact the Elms and make reservations. All information can be found on the next page.** There are 7 double rooms with two beds and 9 single rooms. Once we fill the Elms, there are rooms at the Travelodge located next door. The Elms offers free Wi-Fi and a continental breakfast in the morning Although many memnners will have breakfast down main street at Jacks Restaurant (not related to **Jack Duncan**). Those members that have made reservations with a local guide will be directed where to meet your guide.

After a strenuous day of fishing, we gather in the grassy area behind the Elms for some down time (**see above**). Remember to bring a comfortable folding chair, an adult beverage, snacks to share, and your Cuban stogies.

Later, **Lee McElravy**, will arrange for our group to enjoy an evening meal together, Thursday is Italian night at the Upper Crust, Friday is Prime Rib at the Bowling Alley, and Saturday is Mexican night.

What are you responsible for ?

You will have to arrange your transportation to Bishop. It is recommended that you ride share to make the trip more enjoyable. If you want to use a local guide, you will have to make the arrangement with the guide or guide service. **See the next page where there are two of the guides ser-**



vices that many members have used with success (see picture below).



Safety Concerns:

Don't forget that February is a winter month so plan accordingly. In the Picture of new club President **Lars Sorensen** it was a cold day and dressed appropriately (and he had all ten fingers and toes before he went fishing– now he has ??). I fished the next day and it was significantly warmer (beware of large hole I created when I fell in the mud). Bishop is about 3000 feet lower than the Upper Owens and the weather tends to be much warmer. It wouldn't hurt to pack for both conditions. Don't forget your sunscreen.

Join us for a great time.



Bishop Rendezvous 2018

March 1-4, 2018

Fly Fishing the Owens River System



Contact the Elms Motel and ask for Harry at: 760-873-8118 or 800-848-9226
There are 9 rooms with a one bed and 7 rooms with 2 beds (includes 2 smoking rooms)

Call the Elms directly to reserve your room.

If the Elms is not available , contact the Travel Lodge next door at
844-422-5811

Then Contact me at finnyfacts@gmail.com so we will have a count for the evening meals.

Area Guide Services (that we have used)

Sierra Drifters– Tom Loe– 760-935-4250

Eastern Sierra Guide Service– Pat Jaeger– 760-872-7770

Volunteer Opportunities

San Diego Fly Fishers has been supported local conservation efforts, leads the way in providing fly fishing education, supports local Boy Scouts and local schools, and we devote our time to better the lives of wounded veterans. Below is a few of the volunteer sites.

RECURRING EVENTS

Every Sunday Morning at 9am

Lake Murray Casting Clinic

Join **Alan Thompson** and his crew. We can always use additional help as the number of students can vary greatly from week-to-week. We are teaching two basic casts: the roll cast and the overhead cast. Bring a comfortable chair, your winning personality, and we will supply at the equipment.

Every Thursday Evening at 6:30 pm.

San Carlos Recreation Center

Meet a group of dedicated fly tyers that are giving instruction as to tying most of the popular flies. For more information contact **Lucky Ketcham**.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Casa Vieja Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness

Join SDDFF members as they make two trips annually, one trip in early summer to repair and set up the cattle excursion fence to protect the fragile mountain meadow. The second trip occurs in the fall to take down the barb wire fence to minimize winter storm damage. While in the meadows, look for the elusive Golden Trout that can be found in the small streams.

Trout in the Classroom

This event will become a recurring event as we continue to build increase participation by local schools. There is the possibility to raise and release trout three times during the academic year.

Updates to this rapidly expanding program will be listed here or in the *Indicator*.

Project Healing Waters- Fly Fishing-San Diego

San Diego Fly Fishers has increased the number and types of settings to help disabled veterans.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We have added a new group of veterans who attend the ASPIRE program and are scheduled to meet monthly the 2nd Saturday at Santee Lakes. If interested see **Lee McElravy**

We have returned to the **Naval Medical Center San Diego** after an extended absence. If you are interested, see **Larry Sorensen**.

An evening program of fly tying at San Carlos Recreation Center that meets weekly on Thursday from 6:30-8:00pm. If Interested see **Lee McElravy**.



Volunteers from San Diego Fly Fishers built this at Boulder Creek for the education of local school children. Great Job.

Extra—

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Keep a hook sharpener handy. The sand will quickly dull even an expensive hook. I check my hook point every 10 minutes or so or any time I get temporarily hung up on something. I prefer to use non-stainless steel hooks for flies I tie as they are easier to sharpen on the water. Many of the best quality hooks are not stainless steel – they are coated with a nickel compound or some other protective coating. I rinse my flies in freshwater after an outing. My flies last many outings. Usually the materials get chewed off or ground off by the sand be-

fore the hook goes bad. My favorite hook sharpeners look like a fat pen with a retractable diamond dust file. These have a clip that will clip onto a pocket just like a pen.

A pair of forceps (hemostats) or needle nose pliers will help with hook removal. Pliers can double as a line cutter. Waterproof fly boxes will keep your flies dry if you get dunked. A good pair of polarized sunglasses will protect your eyes and help you see fish.

Vests can be weighty and clunky in the surf. Waist packs will likely get wet except in the smallest of surf conditions. A small chest pack or sling pack will usually suffice to carry what you need for a surf outing. A small, inexpensive waist pack can be clipped to your wader suspenders instead of around your waist I often just put a small fly box with a half dozen flies and an extra leader in a shirt or jacket pocket.

FREE CASTING LESSONS EVERY SUNDAY starting at 9 AM

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at Lake Murray to cast or improve your skills. Free instruction is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors. DIRECTIONS--Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Boulevard. Go north on Lake Murray Boulevard to Kiowa Drive. Make a left and continue to the parking lot next to the boat dock. We are to the immediate right of docks under the large cabana. See you there!

Fly Tying Congress Every Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at San Carlos Recreation Center at 6445 Lake Badin Ave. in San Diego. Instruction to create your own fly is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors.

DIRECTIONS--From Interstate 8 take the Lake Murray off-ramp and drive toward Lake Murphy. Travel on Lake Murray Blvd. for 1.6 miles and turn left at Lake Adlon Drive (1st corner past Jackson Drive). Go three blocks and the Recreation Center will be on you right.

Thank You



Where Wonder Comes Naturally!

December 5, 2017

Mr. Gary Strawn
San Diego Fly Fishers
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Dear Gary,

Thank you for your loyal support of the Living Coast Discovery Center. Your generous gift of \$500 in support of the Living Coast will enable us to fulfill our Mission to inspire care and exploration of the living Earth by connecting people with coastal animals, plants and habitats.

As you know, the Living Coast welcomes over 70,000 visitors including 20,000 school children. Your support enables us to provide guests with a living interpretive-experience while promoting coastal resource conservation and environmental stewardship through education.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, I thank you for your generous support. We are grateful for your dedication to the mission of the Living Coast Discovery Center.

Sincerely,



Ben Vallejos
Executive Director



Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
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December 8, 2017

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Dear Gary,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,000 to Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute to support our expanding halibut enhancement initiatives! Your generous donation supports research that will allow us all to conserve and renew marine resources to ensure a healthy planet for the future.

In our rapidly changing world, our work is never complete. Whether it is deploying marine mammal rescue teams, replenishing depleted fish populations, protecting coastal habitats or simply better understanding life in our oceans, we are working towards a world where humans and marine life thrive together.

On behalf of the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute's Board of Trustees and staff, thank you again for helping us 'to return to the sea some measure of the benefits derived from it.'

Sincerely,


Eileen Sigler, CFRE
Vice President of Development

Details for your tax records:

Date of gift: 11/29/17
Amount: \$1,000
Payment Type: Check No. 1531
Tax-Deductible Amount: \$790
Value of Benefits: \$210*
*If exercised

Gary - it means a lot to have the Fly Fishers support of these important halibut enhancement initiatives! Thank you! - Eileen
P.S. Let us know if the club would like a presentation - E.

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Future Events

California Waterfowl Association

Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California

Saturday, February 10, 2018



Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves. Be prepared to help clean up as much of the river as we can.

Wear waders if you own them.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked good provided for all volunteers at 8AM &

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM

@ Pleasant Valley Campground.

2018 Sponsors include:

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California Waterfowl Association – Bishop

Caltrout – Sierra Headwaters Region

Ducks Unlimited

International Federation of Fly Fishers – Southwest Council

Inyo Recycling and Waste Management - Bishop

Preferred Septic and Disposal – Bishop

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Silver Lake Resort – June Lake

Tenkara Tanuki Fishing Rods

Trout Unlimited – Eastern Sierra Field Office

Talk it up. Bring family and friends.

This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information call Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.

Loung Tam of Tenkara Tenuki and Chris will have a clinic on fishing tenkara rods after lunch. Please join Loung and Chris after lunch. Rods provided. Clinic is free.

There is a raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away!

Future Events



2018 FLYBUY

Saturday, February 3, 2018
Benefit the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB 4901 East 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804

Great Buys on New and Used Tackle

Bring usable and sellable items originally priced over \$40.00, donate to the Garage Sale and get free admission.

\$10.00 for FFI members, lunch included in admission price, \$15.00 others.

Membership available at door

FLY TYING 9-4

Learn and watch award winning fly tiers. They will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques! Come and see a few renowned Buzsek Award winners and at least 22 tiers!

GARAGE SALE 9-4

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Eastern Sierra Report from Sierra Drifters

Quick Look Fish Report 12/18/17

A cold front is set to move into the Eastern Sierra over the next couple of days bringing high winds, with a chance for snow in the higher elevations. We are not expecting any measurable snow around Bridgeport or the Upper Owens River out of this one. Next possibility for anything major would be towards the end of the month around New Year's Day. The East Walker River has experienced some cold water coming from Bridgeport Reservoir. Flows are running great at 90 cfs. Some bigger fish are on the chew. Upper Owens River has a few more fish that have traveled up from below the bridge. There are a good number of school sized fish in the mix too. Middle Owens River looking good and holding at 350 cfs. Some bigger fish are biting the streamers well and lots of mid-sized browns too. Pleasant Valley Reservoir giving up some big fish by the boat ramp recently, while the Wild Trout section can be decent if you get your flies down and dirty!

Upper Owens River 12/18/17

Flows here are continuing to hold at 67 cfs. Fish are still spread out along the river. Some large quality rainbows have been found in the undercut banks and the deep slow pools as the water begins to get colder. You will find a slight stain to the water above the Hot Creek confluence. There are fish holding below the creek connection, but the water has quite a bit more color to it here. Keep your flies close to the bottom to get grabs on this winter fishery. Crystal Eggs, San Juan Worms, #16-18 Assassins (dark and light), #14-16 Crystal Leeches, and #16-20 Copper Tiger Midge, Zebra Midge, and Gillies have been good patterns.

Middle Owens River (Bishop Area) 12/18/17

Very happy to see the river at a constant 350 cfs. This translates to being able to cover all the holding areas thoroughly. Streamers are best for extracting the larger rainbows out of their favorite holding areas. We have been hooking and landing quite a few brown trout on most of our runs. It is still difficult to gain access to

many areas along the shoreline by foot, so fishing by drift boat has been the most effective way. The start of the Blue Winged Olive hatch has begun, and the first generation of larger mayflies are now showing up. We have had many fish following our streamers right to the boat, while the larger rainbows seem to be biting within the first few retrieval strips in the deeper water. Loebergs, Spruce-a-bu's light, and Crystal Leeches have been great patterns when the water is slightly stained. Scaling down in size to smaller perch fry patterns like our #16 Punk Perch in the afternoons during the BWO hatch is a good choice.

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Pleasant Valley Reservoir 12/11/17

Still water addicts can get their fix here all winter. This fishery is planted all winter, & can provide some excellent fly fishing opportunities from a float tube; or near the inlet section that feeds the reservoir proper. Full sinking lines fished along the steep shoreline drop-offs using patterns like Loebergs, Crystal Leeches, Parallel Punk Perch, Parallel Agent Orange, & Spruce-A-Bu's are good calls for "freeze tubers" during the winter. Locals call PVR "little

Crowley" as fly fishers in the know will use still water nymphing techniques to score big numbers during periods of stable water levels. Set your "Under-Cators" to suspend those broken back midges, crystal tiger/zebra midges, gillies, & Assassins around the 12-14 foot depth. The inlet section is historically the most consistent section to fish. This diverse fishery also allows you to move into the short river section that feeds the lake. Looking much like the East Walker, this short; but sweet section has plenty of pocket water and riffles that hold holdover rainbows and browns that move into the heavy brush during periods of lower flows. Dry/dropper rigs using para hi-vis BWO's, Stimulators, and hi-vis caddis patterns as your upper; with crystal tiger midges, crystal olive caddis larva, & assassins as a nymph. The transition area that dumps into the lake has slower moving/deeper water that requires the use of an Under-Cator, or longer dropper off your dry. This is perhaps the most fertile area of the lake, & competent roll casters can enjoy huge days here while making extended drifts in the foam lines. The trout will concentrate here to feed on the abundant chironomid, & mayfly that come off throughout the cooler months. Keep this fishery in mind if the weather gets nasty in the higher elevations.

The Gorge 12/11/17

Flows have dropped here. Now at 35 cfs. A good place to go and get away from angling pressure. The bite kicks into high gear during the BWO hatch mid-day. Use lighter weight rods here with a mayfly adult or go with a dry/dropper combination. Our Parachute hi-vis BWO is an excellent pattern as your dry. FB PT's, Assassins, & small midge emergers are good calls for the dropper nymph.

East Walker River 12/18/17

Flows up and now at 90 cfs. This has been flushing ice chunks down river and dropping water temps. When you encounter these conditions, it is best to fish the slowest water you can locate. The fish are sensitive to sudden temperature changes and rising flows. They will settle down after a few days and get back to feeding as usual. You will find thousands of small perch that have perished and washed out of the pipe.

Funny Page



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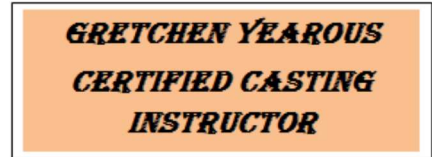


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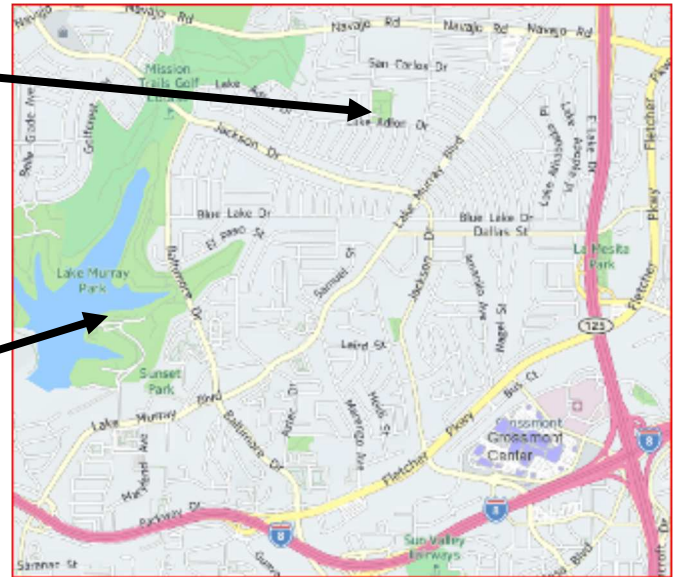
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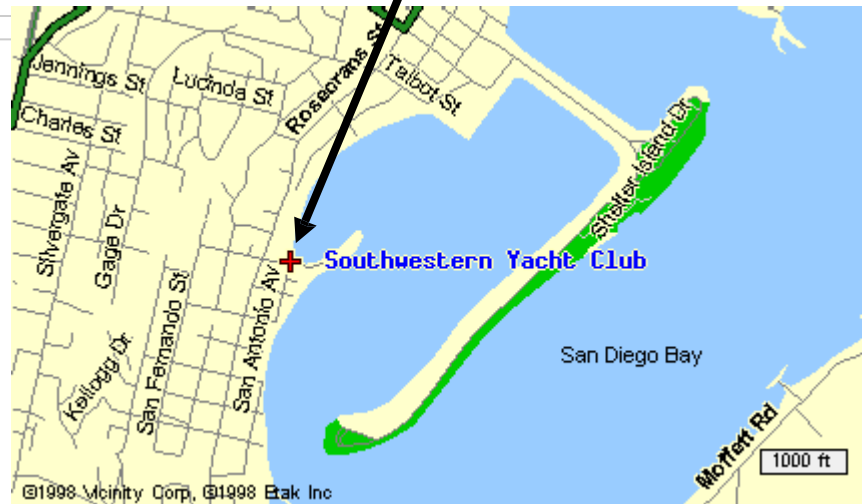


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