

FINNY FACTS



San Diego Fly Fishers

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This Month's Speaker



Denny Rickards

Please note the earlier start time as Mr. Rickards will have a fly tying clinic from 6-7 pm and all are invited to attend.

For the past thirty years Denny Rickards has had an opportunity to fish and guide anglers over some of the most challenging trophy trout waters in the Western United States. His simplistic approach and techniques on presentation have accounted for browns over 20 pounds, cutthroats to 15 pounds and rainbows in excess of 16 pounds.

Over 250 days a year are spent doing what he loves best: guiding, writing, tying flies, conducting fly fishing schools, and field testing developing tackle manufacturer's products.

As a professional fly tier, his suggestive patterns have appeared in various outdoor magazines and are on display at Cushners Fly Fishing Museum in Florence, Oregon. Based on past reviews, his books and companion videos are now considered the "bibles" for fly fishing lakes.

When he isn't fishing or guiding, many hours are spent studying trout behavior, their habitat, and the various insects found within their environment.

his knowledge and ability to teach others were a prerequisite to establishing his fly fishing schools/clinics which have become a priority for anglers seeking the ultimate from their angling experiences.

San Diego Fly Fishers celebrating 70 years of Service to the San Diego Community - Recent Records Indicates

Well maybe.



an original founder of SDFF ?

There has been some documents that has been uncovered indicating that the first group of fly fishers established this organization in the year 1945. This editor's attempt to verify with **Bob Pharoah**, who was a middle-aged man in the 1940's, have proved fruitless.

All kidding aside, I was given some old Finny Facts from the year 1980 by **Lee McElravy** and they listed their volume number at 4. So using some basic math, I calculated that this years' volume number should be 38. Please note the change in the upper right hand corner.

We will continue our effort to research the history of our organization. If the records are accurate, we are one of the oldest fly fishing club in Southern California.

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Next Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2015
6:00 pm
Sequoia Elementary School;
4690 Limerick Avenue
(see map on the back)

Reminder

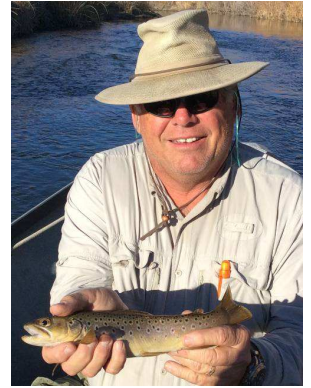
Volunteer host for this meeting
(report at 5:15pm)

Mike Frye

Barry Perchesky

Thank you, **Bob Blazer**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: “
 “There's a fine line between fishing and
 standing on the shore like an idiot.”
 Steven Wright



I can't tell you how many times I felt like an idiot standing on a shoulder of a stream, or a shoreline of a lake, or a sandy beach of the ocean, or floating in a bay. I am sure that many other fly fishers experience this feeling of inadequacy at one time or another.

Sunday March 15th the San Diego Fly Fishers and the Golden State Flycasters together fished the early morning outgoing tide at South Mission Beach. There was a great turnout from both clubs with some being members of both clubs. **Master Chef Paul Woolery** was on hand to prepare a hardy breakfast for the adventurous fly fishers and **Steve Piper** not only suggested a workable schedule but also provided a clinic after breakfast. His information was a great help to the few that have never fished the surf before and to occasional fishers like myself. After listening to his presentation, I realized I was very lucky catching 4 perch as I was doing many things incorrectly. There are photos from the event on **page 4** of this publication taken by **Craig Smith**. A big thank you to **Paul Wollery**, assistant chef **Fred Gregory**, contributions by **Mark Turner** of GSF, **Steve Piper** a member of both clubs.

What was said over and over, we need to do events like this more often and I agree. We live in an urban environment which many fly fishers would say there is little opportunity to fly fish in the area. This is poppycock! Weekly, you can find **Barry Perchersky, Bob Pharoah, Richard De-Busk, Richard Cullip, and others** somewhere on San Diego Bay catching a variety

of fish that will challenge your equipment. They constitute a new generation of the **Wednesday Group** and welcome all visitors. There are members that are dedicated to fishing the surf such as **Lee Anderson**. The local reservoirs can offer a variety of fishing experiences such as trout, bass, crappie, bluegill, and carp. This is where our next outings should occur.

My thoughts are to organize these activities as private outings to test the feasibility of adding this event to the club's calendar in the future. One morning a group of interested fly fishers could meet at the ponds of the Walker Preserve when it opens to the public this month and fish for freshwater bass. A Saturday late this month at Lake Cuyamaca for trout and a Saturday in mid May at either Lake Henshaw or Morena targeting carp would be two events in fresh water fly fishing. Watch for e-mail blasts from **The Indicator**. **Steve Vissers** contribution as editor of **The Indicator** and as media coordinator is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

The **Bishop Trip** in February is great annual event that the San Diego Fly Fishers sponsors which has a long history with the club. While walking to the bowling alley on Friday night, I heard some of the history of this dining event from **Lee McElravy**. Over seven years ago, the group was going to the local Indian casino for their prime rib dinner and was given a tip that the locals go to the bowling alley for prime rib and the rest is history. Does anyone know the history of the Elms Motel? The article and pictures of this event are found on **page 3**.

I am constantly amazed at all this club accomplishes in our community and the dedication of our volunteers. On March 5th, **Art Reifman** led another group of heroes from the VA Hospital as they fly fished the ponds in Fallbrook. He continues to deliver instruction for a day class and the new evening class for **Project Healing Waters** at the VA Hospital. **Lee Anderson** is the driving force in maintaining our Sunday morning casting clinic, **Lucky Ketcham** runs the Thursday night Fly Tying Congress and has helped numerous people learn this unique skill, **Gary Strawn** is our liaison to the **San Diego River Park Foundation** and coordinating volunteers for the **Kid's Day Event-River Bugs-r-cool** while planning for the Golden Trout Wilderness meadow recovery and water sampling for the South Coast Steelhead Recovery Program.

All these programs need **MONEY**. So what can you do as a member of SDF? **BUY RAFFLE TICKETS!!!** The annual raffle is almost here and the team of **Bruce Michael and Bruce Bechard** is working diligently to provide prizes for you so **BUY MORE RAFFLE TICKETS!!!** Support for the **Hubbs-Sea World White Sea Bass (and the new Halibut) Project** comes from your purchase of raffle tickets. The **Discovery Center at the San Diego River Park Foundation** can use your support. **Boulder Creek Center** has received your support (see **page 11**) and will need additional funding. **BUY MORE RAFFLE TICKETS!!!**

Activities

Bishop Trip February 2015

The annual club sponsored trip to Bishop saw 18 members experiencing incredible weather in the Eastern Sierras. The trip organizer, **Kurt Ruble**, did an outstanding job organizing this event. The base camp was the **Elms Motel** located 2 blocks off main street which was a quiet location away from the traffic on 395 and catered to the evening debriefing where the tales of the day's accomplishments were enhanced by adult beverages and wafting clouds of Havana's best export.

Previous editions of the **Finny Facts** made fun of fly fishers making this trek in the dead of winter. OPPS! This writer's main concern was making sure he could find his sunscreen to protect his skin from the intense sunlight. It was sunny, warm, and the wind was not a factor until Sunday. On the downside, the Sierras were in desperate need of snow.

There were several areas that members chose to fish including the Lower Owens, the power plant, and Upper Owens. As evidence of their success, the big fish are pictured below.



Art Reifman with his beauty !

There were short periods of hatches which allowed us time to use our dry flies, but most fish were caught on nymphs and streamers. The flow of the Lower Owens was running about 175 Cu. Ft. Wading was easy and some even wet waded. The Upper Owens was free of snow.



Art Mills with his catch of the day



Steve Hansen with monster #1 above and monster #2 below



The Bishop Trip is a major group event for our club and we encourage members to participate. There is good food (evening meals of Italian, Prime Rib, and Mexican), good company, available guides from Sierra Drifters, and a great time by all.

Mark your calendar! Only 10 months before the next trip.



The evening was full of fun and blank stares.....



Paul, Preston, Jack, and Bob— where is the Prime Rib !



Where the #@ \$ is the water !!!!!

Surf Fishing Mission Beach in Pictures

Pictures submitted by Craig Smith with our Thanks

Members of San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Fly Casters got together to have a fun morning of surf fly fishing, breakfast, and a clinic of the best techniques in the Surf. Thanks to Paul Woolery for breakfast with help from Fred Gregory, Mark Turner GSF coordinated with SDFF, Steve Piper for an outstanding clinic.



Barry pre-dawn casting



Mark Turner GSF with a pre-dawn fish



Fred Gregory casting



Paul Woolery- Master Chef



Two fly casters having a great time this winter morning



HOT FOOD and COFFEE !



Steve Piper addressing the members of both clubs and other interested fly fishers on methods that work.

Education

Port of San Diego's
DAY
 AT THE
DOCKS
It's Fun! It's Free!

SUNDAY APRIL 19th 2015
POINT LOMA 9am-5pm



Fishing Tackle
 Cooking Demos
 Seminars
 FREE Kids Fishing

Bay Boat Rides
 Entertainment
 Great Prizes
 Diving & Nature



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Sunday, April 19th, 2015 9 AM -- 5 PM Sportfishing Landings in Point Loma

San Diego Fly Fishers will once again will be represented at the San Diego Sportfishing Council's Annual Day at the Docks. The event takes place in the parking lot at H&M Landing. Admission is free! Free kids fishing, Fishing Tackle, Seminars,

*Cooking Demos, Bay Boat Rides, Entertainment and Prizes. **Fly tiers needed!** You are welcome to participate, whether you are a seasoned tier or a beginner. Ladies are especially needed. Show the public that fly fishing is not*

just a man's sport. Don't tie flies? That's Okay, come down and meet the public and answer questions about the club and fly fishing in general.



Boy Scout Fair

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 18, 2015 for this year's Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium parking lot. As in the past, **Lucky Ketcham**, is the coordinator for both the San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters.

Your help is greatly appreciated as the young boys embark on an effort to earn a Fly Fishing Merit Badge. We will focus on knots, fly tying, and casting.

This is a rewarding experience for both the Scout and the adult mentor who is guiding him. The event start at approximately 9am, but we arrive earlier to set up stations where the Scouts will work and share some coffee, doughnuts, and stories.



Raffle Information and Flyer

2015 Annual Fundraiser Monday June 1 6:00pm Southwestern Yacht Club

Check your mailboxes this weekend for your lucky opportunity tickets (\$5 each or 6 for \$25).

The continued annual success of this event allows you and fellow SDFF members to extend our outreach and education throughout San Diego county. Here is a brief, but not all inclusive list of some of our efforts your donations help support:

- Project Healing Waters: Rods, reels, fly-tying vises and materials for classes held at VA hospital.
- Golden Trout: Fence posts and wire for Casa Vieja meadow maintained in conjunction with USFW.
- Boy Scouts of America: Practice rods and reels, fly tying material to earn fly fishing merit badge.
- Local river water testing: Materials and processing with South Coast Steelhead Coalition.
- San Diego River Park Foundation: Purchasing land for saving and improving Boulder Creek in East San Diego County as a wild trout habitat and 'Trout in the classroom' facilities.
- Chollas Lake: Habitat enhancement project that provides fishing opportunities for inner city kids.

Fundraiser co-chair Bruce Bechard and myself have been greatly humbled at the exceeding generosity displayed by SDFF not only with your time but alsodonations.

An early example is having several members approach us asking if they could fill a fly box for the raffle. We thought it appropriate to find fly boxes worthy of their art and effort. Aluminum boxes from Orvis and AD Maddox (retail \$40) were ordered just to keep up with demand. A few are still left and will be available at March meeting if you wish to fill.

-submitted by Bruce Michael



Special Donation to San Diego Fly Fishers

Jim and Pat Behrend have donated their almost new, gently used Bucks Bag Head Hunter 2 person pontoon boat (retail \$2,400) and custom galvanized trailer (\$1,500).

This extraordinary fishing machine can be towed behind any vehicle. This vessel comes with front standing platform, rear trolling motor mount, rear deck for battery and cooler, easy access anchor system and anchor. Since I am too lazy to tow down to June event, kindly consider investing early as we are offering at the discounted rate of \$1,000 to keep in fly fishing family. If not purchased by April 30, it will be sold on eBay and Craigslist for fair market value of \$1,600 to a baitcaster.

BTW, this is a fish catching, chick magnet machine. While taking pics, my buddy LDR'd two bass. Unfortunately it will just put you on more fish, but can't make you a better fly fisher.



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 your right.



Fly of the Month



Small Smelt Pattern for lakes and rivers.



- Hook -** Streamer or similar hook size 2 to 12
- Thread -** black
- Tail -** squirrel tail
- Body -** silver mylar # 10 or #12
- Rib-** gold oval tinsel
- Throat-** White calftail and orange hackle tips
- Wing-** Crystal flash pearl, lateral line peacock herl, White bucktail and purple bucktail and with some peacock sword.
- Cheeks-** mallard flank white



Fly before adding the mallard cheeks and thread head. Photo shows layering of wing materials over silver Mylar body, ribbed with gold oval tinsel. Eyes can be painted on black thread head.

-Submitted by Lucky Kecham

Left Over

Special Offer

I have a nice, used Barracuda vise with attachments, light and video for sale. First \$250 gets it.

Thanks

Tom Lucas



**Don't Forget-
Visit your club's website.
The Address is located at the
bottom of each page.**

**New items are added
with new pictures.**



Fly Fishing for Elk
What's the limit? How do you remove the hook?



- Submitted by Fred Gregory

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Special Events



CALIFORNIA TROUT
 To purchase tickets [redacted] For more info, contact Tracey Diaz at tdiaz@caltrout.org

All proceeds from these shows go to CalTrout:
 SACRAMENTO **Wed., February 25**
 EAST BAY (Orinda) **Thurs., March 5**
 PALO ALTO **Thurs., March 12**
 MARIN (Larkspur) **Wed., March 25**
 SAN DIEGO **Thurs., April 2**


international fly fishing film festival

CalTrout
SoCal Outfitters present the IF4



San Diego

Thursday, April 2, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
 San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club,
 2606 N. Mission Bay Dr., San Diego, CA



fishermen's spot **FLY FISHING EXPO 2015** FREE ADMISSION!

FRIDAY APRIL 10 / Evening
 - Charles Jardine's Art Expo / Meet & Greet

SATURDAY APRIL 11
In Store Programs
 - Guest Speakers and Fly Tyers
 - Guides and Lodges
 - Show Specials
 - Captain BBQ Fundraiser

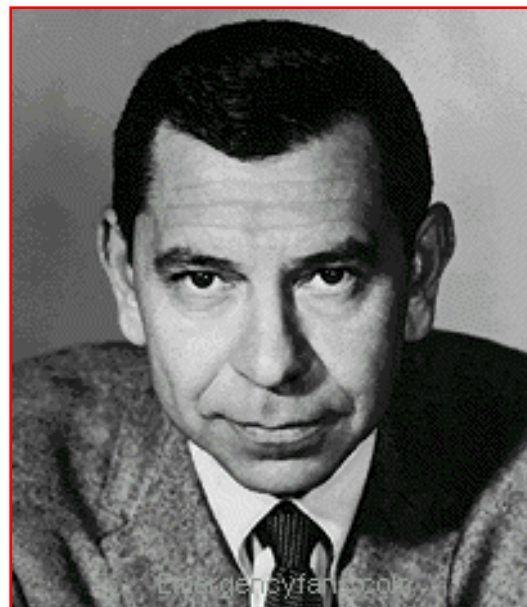
SUNDAY APRIL 12
Parking Lot Event
 - New Products from 30+ Manufacturers
 - Guest Speakers, Fly Tyers, Guides and Lodges
 - Show Specials

14411 Burbank Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91401
818.785.7306

Check out the event link for the latest details flyfishingexpo.net/

www.fishermensspot.com

Logos: TENKERS ROD CO, Hatch, ORVIS, ECFO, UMPQUA, SIMMS, fishpond, AIG, F.O., SAGE



Just the facts, sir.
**WHERE ARE
 THOSE DVD'S ?**

EXTRAS

Ordering Club Logo Clothing fro Cabelas

This is the exact process how I order logo items from Cabelas.

Step 1: Find the item

Go to the Cabelas home web page:

At bottom find a link called **corporate sales**. **And click.**

Next I find a link called **on-line catalog and click.**

Then search for the item you want, for example hats, and write down the item number (*hat- K5-95-6625 and the color I want for example black.*)

Step 2: contact embroidery department

Phone (877) 892-4424

FAX (800) 237-4401

On-line www.cabelas.com/embroidery

Step 3: Start the order

You will need to give them our customer number which is **40479874** to start.

Next give them the item number and color you want.

Then tell them the logo you want on your item as we have two to choose from:

Blue lettering for light colored items

No. 30016093

Gold lettering for dark colored items

No. 30015627

Note: there is a \$5.00 charge to apply logo and there is a discount from 0-10% off the price of item:

Example: if you buy a Bahama II shirt te regular price is \$34.95 each. If you order it embroidered, Cabelas takes off 10% making your cost \$31.46 plus embroidery for a total of \$36.46 plus shipping).

Step 4: Pay Cabelas

By phone– their customer service can take your credit card number to complete the order.

By FAX or on-line– **do not include your credit card number**. For security reasons, Cabela's will call you back for that information.

Step 5: Enjoy your logo Clothing !

The Stroud Memorial Trees Planted at Boulder Creek



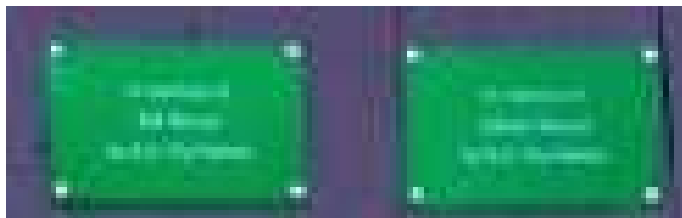
The San Diego River Park recently began planting some native oak trees on the banks of Boulder Creek, at "Fisherman's Camp". Two of the first new trees were planted in honor of Bill and Eileen Stroud. As the restoration work continues on the property there will also be a bench placed with a memorial plaque on it.

San Diego Fly Fishers helped to procure this 14 acres about 5 miles below Lake Cuyamaca. It is now part of the San Diego River Park and is being used as a research and education site for several local non profits, government agencies and universities. The drought has temporarily decimated the wild trout population but we are working with the San Diego River Park

Foundation, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board and others to restore the stream and the wild trout population. The Strouds loved to help promote kid's fishing. I think they would be happy with the work being done in their honor.

Submitted by Gary Strawn

Commemorative Board at Boulder Creek with enlargement below



Funny Page

Separated At Birth ?

Art Reifman

and

Truman Capote



FREE CASTING LESSONS
EVERY SUNDAY 9 AM--NOON

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. Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That's our bunch.



EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations

are gratefully accepted
Make checks payable to
Eileen Stroud Conservation
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Mail to:
Stroud Conservation
Fund 1457 Morena Blvd
San Diego, CA 92110

All funds collected in Eileen's name will be donated to fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San Diego County.

Recipients of the **STROUD AWARD**

Jim Brown.....	2004
Allen Greenwood.....	2005
Hugh Marx.....	2006
Mike Rivkin.....	2007
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Larry Bottroff.....	2009
Gary Strawn.....	2010
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Paul Woolery.....	2014

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the fly fishing community

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1994-Ed Velton	2007-Lucky Ketcham
1995-Bob Wisner	2008-Louie Zimm
1996-Gary Hilbers	2009-Warren Lew
1997-Jack Bentley	2010- Paul Woolery
1998-Gordie Zimm	2011-Gary Strawn
1999-Gretchen Yearous	2012-Lee McElravy
2000-Tom Smith	2013-David Collins
2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki	2014- Lee Anderson
2002-Larry Sorensen	
2003-Jim Tenuto	

Cut-off date for **May
Finny Facts** is Friday-
April 17, 2015

Send articles to:
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finnyfacts@gmail.com

Send change of address information,
or Club membership renewal to:

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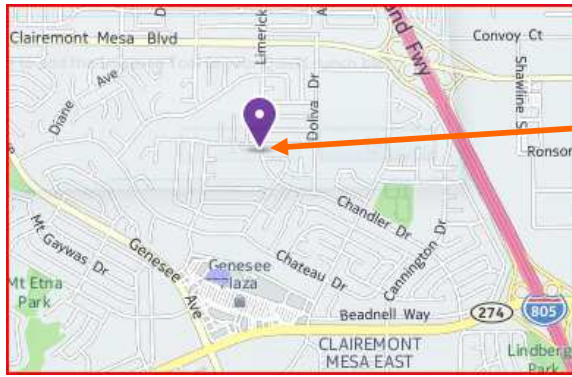
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WEB Address at bottom of this page.

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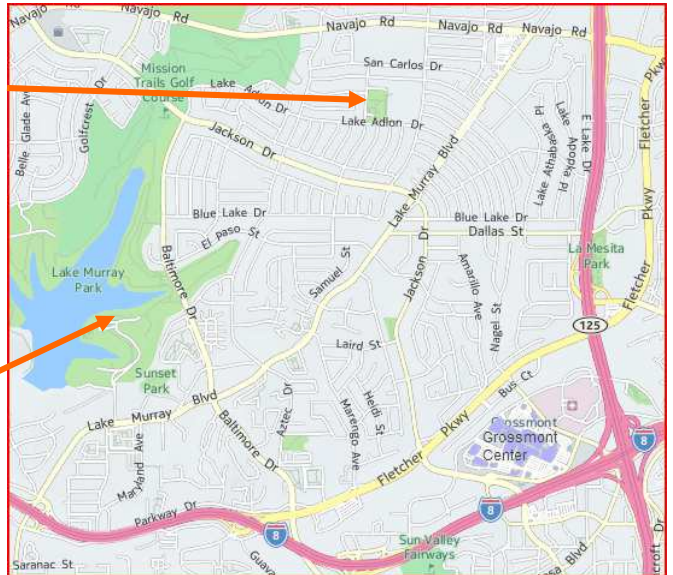
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- David Collins **Web Master**
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Monthly Meeting
 First Monday
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Sequoia Elementary
 School
 690 Limerick Ave.
 San Diego, CA 92117

Fly Tying Congress
 Thursdays 6:30-8:30

San Carlos Rec. Ctr.
 6445 Lake Badin Ave.
 San Diego, CA 92119



Fly Casting Clinic
 Every Sunday 9 to noon.

Lake Murray
 Kiowa Dr.
 San Diego, CA 92119

San Diego Fly Fishers

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