

# FINNY FACTS

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San Diego Fly Fishers



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Cleaner Water. Brighter Streams. Better Fishing.

## SDFF and GFS Volunteers at this Year's Scout Fair (see photos starting on page 4) story below Trout in the Classroom 1st Grade letters start on page 6

### This Month's Speaker



### Dayle Mazzarella Ten Myths of Fly Fishing

See Bio on Page 13



May

- 4th- San Carlos Recreation Center at 6:30pm
- 5th- Casting Instructions at Lake Murray at 9:30am.
- 19th- Fishing Outing at Santee Lakes at 9:30am

June

- 15th- Fishing outing at Santee Lakes at 9:30 am

Thank you all for your continued support.

The Annual Scout Fair was held on Saturday, April 16th and saw 19 members from the San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters were present to help the boys on their quest for a Fly Fishing Merit Badge.

Our crew provided a start toward their badge completion as we provided instruction in Fly Casting on the ponds of Blue Plastic Tarps. Another group was helping the boys tie flies, Chernobyl Ant and Woolley Buzzer/Worm and the last group, nicknamed The Knotty Boys by myself, was charged with seeing the boys tie 4 knots, the Arbor, Nail, Surgeon's, and Improved Clench.

As always, the boys were enthusiastic and learned skills that will set them on a course to become fly fishers in the future.

Make sure you take some time and view a sample of the cute letters we received from the 1st graders that participated in **Trout in the Classroom**. The young boys and girls also participated in the "Fly Casting" with the new practice rods our club purchased. They found new ways to cast a fly such as using a circle cast that looked like a cowboy twirling his lasso. The downside- *They never get tired!*

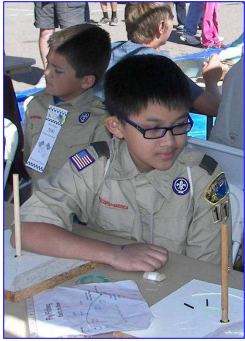
Lee McElravy and Jack Duncan is asking for your donations of slightly used fly fishing gear that would be offered at the **Annual Fundraiser**. The two programs listed above in this column are supported by your generous donations. We Make a difference in our community!

**Don't Forget !  
Annual Fundraiser  
On Monday, June 6  
And  
Casting Clinic  
With a Picnic  
Monday, July 11th  
Tidelands Park**

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**Next Meeting**  
 Monday, May 2, 2016  
 7:00 pm  
 Southwestern Yacht Club



# Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow



San Diego Fly Fishers are definitely a busy bunch. When not fishing, you are learning how to tie a new fly at the San Carlos Rec. Center or improving your casting skills at Lake Murray or Ski Beach,

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters teamed up to assist throngs of Boy Scouts in obtaining their Fly Fishing Merit Badge. Under the guidance of **Lucky Ketcham**, scouts started with a fly fishing orientation. **Robert Pharoah, Frank Beaty, Ray Mehl, Sheri Mehl, Don Davis, Alan Thompson, Bruce Harris, Bruce Bechard** and **Norb Spitzert** taught the knots required from reel to fly as well as the intricacies of tying 3 flies individually to each scout. **Don Smith, Denver Brownlee, Rod Hendrickson, Jimmie Cannon, Tim Hunt, John Grim** and **John Vogh** had the scouts roll and overhead casting tight loops up to 30’.

Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> was the annual Day at the Docks and the SDFF booth with **Paul Woolery, Shelley Wagner, Larry Sorensen, Lew Walsh, Alan Thompson, Lee McElravy** and **Barry Pechersky** promoting our sport to the salt water enthusiasts.

Our own **Jon Hee** was one of the featured speakers providing detailed demonstration in salt water fly fishing equipment and techniques. BTW, **Jon** is pretty adept in fresh water as well. Rumor has it that **Jon** and **Bruce Bechard** just came back for a very successful steelhead trip in coastal Washington.

SWCIFFF decided this year in support of the 14 Casting For Recovery participants that it would be great if each went home with a new fly fishing outfit (rod, reel, line and case). Because of your generous support of last years June fund raiser SDFF was able to purchase/donate 5 of the fishing outfits.

SDFF is sponsoring a Project Healing Waters team to compete in the May 21<sup>st</sup> Carp Throwdown to be held at Lake Henshaw. If you wish to take part in the Throwdown, contact **Joel Stewart** or **Art Reifman** have more info.

Mark your calendars to attend our Annual Fund-raiser Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>!

Top Left Picture: Two Boy Scouts working toward their Fly Fishing Merit Badge at the recent Scout Fair.  
Top Right Picture: **Jon Hee** giving a presentation on saltwater fly fishing at the Day at the Docks.



**Thank you for your support.**

**Bratwursts are available for purchase at COSTCO Warehouse stores.**

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!

SAN DIEGO  FLY FISHERS

# ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

June 6th, 2016 at 6 PM  
Southwestern Yacht Club  
2702 Qualtrough St,  
San Diego, CA 92106

This event insures Sdff  
continued outreach and  
education to our community



## Scout Fair 2016 in pictures

*Photos from Don Davis*

Muchas Gracias for the 19 SDFV and GSF members that volunteered to teach fly tying, casting and knots to the San Diego, Imperial County Boy Scout Council Saturday. The 2016 Annual Boy Scout Fair and Jamboree was fun. I think the young scouts took the new experiences seriously and had fun. It was fun for me to watch our instructors interact with the students and with each other. Everyone pitched in and kept the boys moving through the training steps. We even had time to allow some Cub Scouts to try fly casting, even though they are too young to work on merit badges. I think we can say it was a success and a positive contribution to the community by both clubs.

*-Submitted by Lucky Ketchem*



**Fly Fishing Merit Badge**  
**We teach 3 areas—**  
**Knots, Fly Tying and**  
**Casting at the Fair.**



Back Row from Left— Bruce Michael, Tim Holt, Rod Hedrickson, Denver Brownlee, Ray Mehl, Don Smith, John Grim, Bruce Harris, Sheri Mehl, Jimmie Cannon, Lucky Ketchem, Alan Thompson.  
 Front Row from Left— Bob Pharoah, Roger Yoshioka, Frank Beaty.

# EDUCATION BSA Scout Fair 2016

## Fly Casting



## Fly Tying



Clockwise from top right: **Bruce Harris** helps a scout with knots, **Alan Thompson** on knots with a scout, **Ray and Sheri Mehls** working with two boys, **Denver Brownlee** demonstrating the parts of a fly rod, **Don Smith** teaching casting to a scout, **Steve Piper** helping with casting. **Bob Pharoah** tying flies with a boy. ABOVE **Frank Beaty** with a scout and his happy mother.

## Fly Fishing Knots



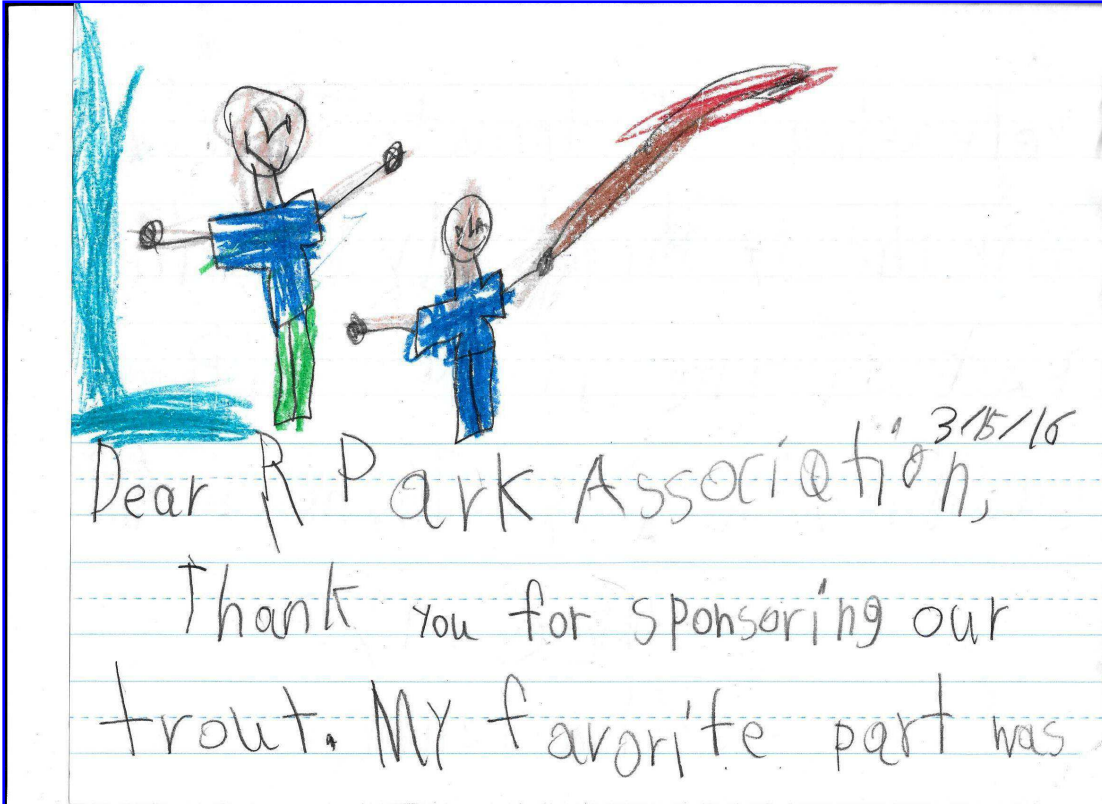
## Trout in the Classroom Letters from 1st Graders



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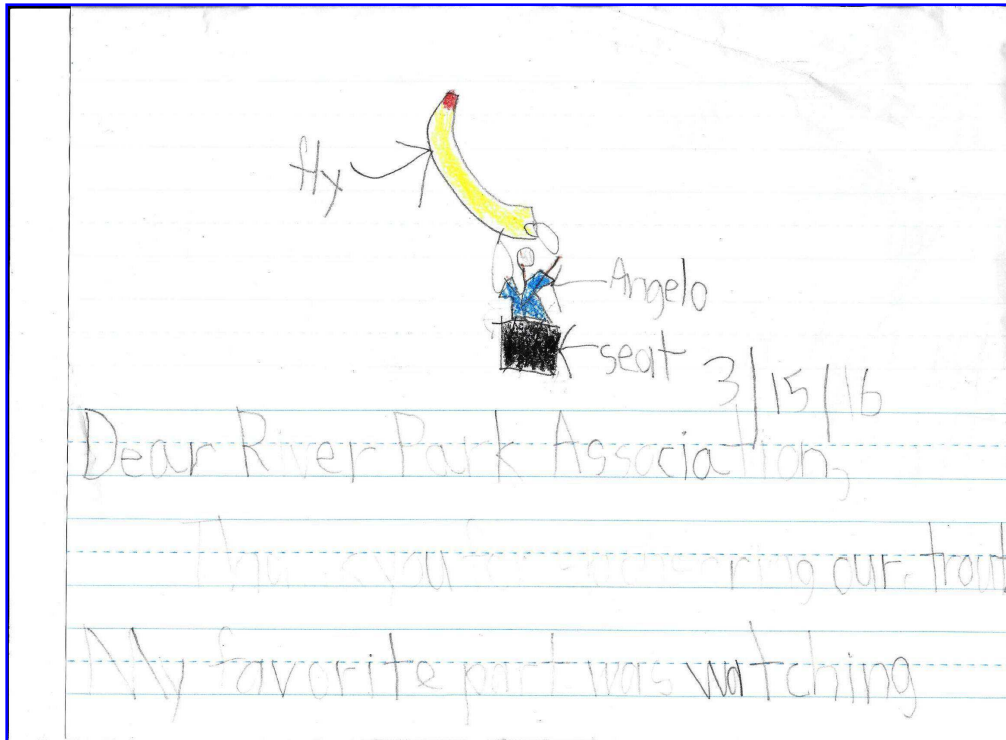
Sincerely,  
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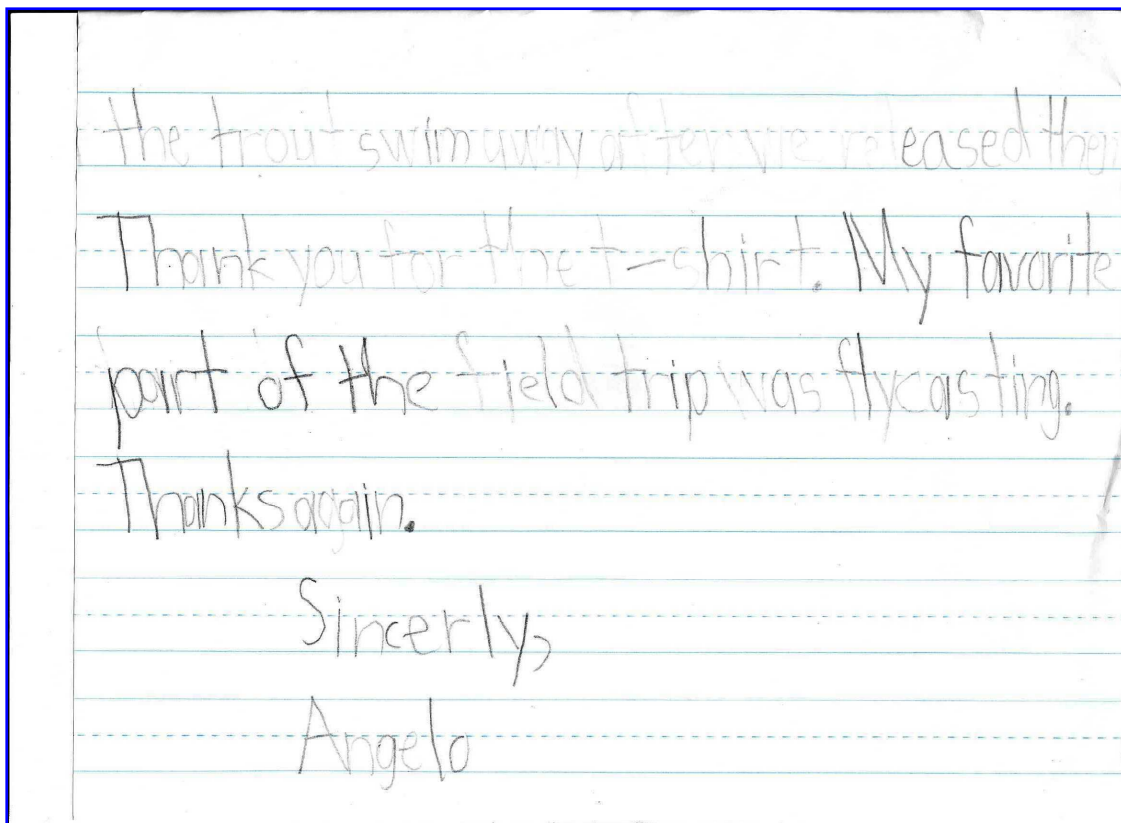


releasing the trout. Thank you  
for the t-shirt. My favorite  
part of the field trip was  
casting a fly. Thanks again.  
Sincerely,  
Zhuozhen.

## Trout in the Classroom Letters from 1st Graders



Editor's Note: This young boy uses a wheelchair and was fully participating with his classmates..





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I thank you for the t-shirt.  
My favorite part for the  
field trip was casting a fly.  
Thanks again.  
Sincerely  
Marta

Editor's Note: We have received over 25 of these thank you letters and I will print them all over a period of time. These letters warm the heart and gives meaning to all our volunteer work.  
**Thank You for your support.**

## Advanced Casting Instruction

# Advanced Casting Instruction

with

**John J. Adametz, IFFF Casting Instructor**

**8 to 9AM, first and third Sundays**

**Ski Beach Park**

**Mission Bay Park**



I am offering Advanced Casting Instruction to any San Diego Fly Fishers or Golden State Flycasters club member on the first and third Sunday of each month from 8 – 9 AM starting January 3, 2016. If you are looking to improve your casting or are interested in preparing for and obtaining your International Federation of Fishers Certified Casting Instructor credential, I can help. Let's work together, have some fun, and learn some casting! Please contact me at [john.adametz@gmail.com](mailto:john.adametz@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

John Adametz is a freelance outdoors writer, fly fishing enthusiast and International Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor. He is affiliated with San Diego Fly Fishers, Golden State Flycasters, Mississippi Coast Fly Fishing Club, and Brotherhood of the Junglecock (Maryland Chapter). Any day fishing is a good day!

## Special Event

San Diego Fly Fishers had 8 members work the booth at this event. They were: **Shelley Wagner, Larry Sorensen, Lew Walsh, Alan Thompson, Jon Hee, Lee McElravy, Barry Pechersky and Paul Woolery.**



**Jon Hee** presented a seminar on salt water fishing on the fly.



Unidentified club member is instructing a Day at the Docks visitor the fine techniques of fly casting while holding a beer.

## Activities



Note  
The  
Date

**Come join  
Conway Bowman  
at the new  
Fly Stop Shop  
to discuss  
Carp Techniques  
on Monday,  
April 25th  
from 6-9pm**

with Alex Cady, John Hendrickson & Dustin Sargent.

Mira Mar Location  
9275 Trade Place Suite E, San Diego 92126

CARP THROWDOWN  
LAKE HENSHAW

fly stop

The poster features a background image of people fishing from a pier at dusk. A circular logo with a fish face and the text 'CARP THROWDOWN LAKE HENSHAW' is in the upper right. The 'fly stop' logo is in the lower right.

# Barrett Lake 2016

## Barrett Lake Pre-Fish April 14, 2016 By Gretchen Yearous

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> year I have had the privilege to assess conditions at Barrett and offer suggestions of what might work out there this year. This is more of an investigative and observation expedition combined with some fishing to gather the information beneficial to the public for the 2016 season. Next time I go back, I can concentrate on dedicated fishing.

**Bass Quiz** – Is it true that large mouth bass are so carnivorous and predatory that they eat mice, baby birds, snakes, smaller fish and your first born????NAH. It is your second born.

Arrived at the gate at 7:30 with Kim Jones. We have fished together for 16 years at Barrett and have racked up some phenomenal catch days. After a chat with Lori – the lake manager, we loaded up and started our research. **Fishing conditions were not optimal.** Still very low water – same as last year's levels. Recent rains had raised the water levels about 2 feet and churned the water which affects bass behavior. Translation: Very slow catching for us Thursday. Catching was spotty varying throughout the day but more dependable late morning and around 5:00 p.m.; but 6:00 -6:30 around the dock area nothing was happening.

No nesting bass seen anywhere. No top water action or baitfish activity seen anywhere at any time of the day. When the barometric pressure levels off and the rains diminish, and the water temps are a constant, and the bait fish show up and the bass get used to the new feeding areas around the shrubs, then the flyfishing styles should do very well. It will happen. I think the best is yet to come.

**There is good news and bad news. - The bad news: Low water level – was the same as last year, but the good news is that we gained structure on the shoreline and in the water and found and tested more places to launch tubes even for**

**short adults. The shoreline is a hardened, cured, mosaic pattern mud with deep crevices and covered with dead vegetation.** The bottom of the lake is more solid. The water level was about the same as last April at about 78 feet or 6.5% of capacity. Took the water temperature but it didn't seem accurate. Still not enough water for all the people who are used to fishing it. Pine arm still ends before the trees in the middle but gained some leafed out shrub structure. Hauser seemed longer with more structure with leafed out shrubs in clusters in the water. The water looks bassie. Hauser looked like it could hold launch sites but I didn't test that area. We reported the poachers we saw and the lake staff took care of that.

**One porta potty will be lakeside at pigs point. Others will be roadside on top of pigs point and of course at dockside and parking area.**



**Launch sites:** Preparations being done for the boat dock area and pigs point (still has the steep one way road with limited parking). There is a small beach just left of the dock but requires a walk down a short steep hill for access. If the water level doesn't drop more than 2 feet, that launch will hold steady. **The picture shows the beach area at the mouth of Desolation cove.** I did not walk onto this beach. There is a 10 foot shallow bay approach that tested fairly solid with boat paddle prodding, but it will require adjusting the motor out of the water and rowing back into that shoreline for

possible tube launch. **Have someone at the boat dock show you how to adjust that motor.**

We fished a little from the boat in the a.m. in glassy conditions starting our informational gathering tour around the lake. We used **6 to 8 wt. rods and sinking lines with 3x 8 pound leaders. Strike zones were 3 to 8 feet on shorter leaders.** Caught a few bluegill here and there. A floating line with poppers didn't work. Then the wind made it difficult to keep the boat positioned. We tubed from 11:15 till 6:30 p.m. They weren't near shorelines and we kept trying to find them all afternoon dealing with and trying to hide from enhanced winds with white caps and **what few bass we found were offshore 5 to 15 feet out and all were down deeper.** Flies had to be cleaned often because of the vegetation floating in the water and more shrub beds. **Rocky points didn't produce except for the catfish in the first arm left of the boat dock.** Kim caught one big fat bass across from the boat dock late morning which looked like a near spawn condition. **We had some anomalies rather than numbers.** She caught a **16" crappie (pictured)** and lost a bass nearing 8 pounds around 5:00 p.m. when it pulled off the braided loop connector and took off. I caught a couple of small bass on my side and found a couple of schools of bluegills scattered here and there that were inhaling my flies making it hard to get the hooks out without injuring the fish. First time in 12 years that my little happy legs creation fly didn't get a bass. However, **I caught 2 catfish(16")** on my best bass fly (big black sparkle buggers) where I caught nice bass last year around the corner from the boat dock. Bent my 8 wt. rod way under the water. That was really confusing. Was necessary to change to a new leader since catfish destroy leaders. Mid-afternoon for a couple of hours, we felt nibbles but no real strikes. **Our numbers:** crappie 3, bluegill 28, bass 7, catfish 2. Certainly not the numbers we are used to getting for the hours we tubed.

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## Extras

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**Fishing styles:** Nothing took flies on the drop. All fish had to be teased. The catfish hit hard, some bluegill did, but the bass were soft bites. The takes are softer in the deeper strike zones. We had to try all the stripping patterns, from fast to steady strip and 2 strips then sink then 2 strips again-with the rattle patterns and trolling wasn't successful. Most of my fish were caught with long drops and waits in between strips. A couple of times the bluegill took it on the second strip.



try as many flies this year because I couldn't find a constant bass supply to have a reliable study. I didn't want to donate my expensive articulateds and skull patterns to



the catfish. Caught a yellow bellied bluegill which tells me that this might be a good year to try the past successful yellow mud-dler.

**The flies that didn't work** (yet), crayfish, bluegill fly, plain green flies matched the water, the minnow with red dumbbell eyes nor the E.P. shad, and surprisingly my leggy fly with yellow and rust in the tail didn't attract.

**Successful fly patterns:** Flies that contrasted the dirty water color. You need motion, weighted, eyed, and noise (rattlers) to get their attention. Whitlocks near nuff sculpin (olive), anything sparkling bead head or cone head black buggers, sparkly black flies with legs and coneheads, white sparkling buggers or white baitfish. The Baghdad fly we tie was magical. I didn't

**Wildlife:** Eagles, falcons, 2 squirrels with very long ears sitting on the top of big boulders kissing, long legged with long beak fishing birds sitting on rocks out in the water, and a vulture sitting on the post at the entrance to the boat shed at 6:30 p.m. I was hoping it would eat the dead crow saw onshore at the launch site.

### Dayle Mazzarella -Bio

Dayle Mazzarella has 44 years experience as a highly successful and award winning teacher, coach, and teacher trainer. He is an International Federation of Fly Fishers Master Certified Casting Instructor and a member of the Federation's Guide Association.

Dayle has successfully presented many fly casting clinics to large and small groups of varying casting abilities across the United States.

He has been guiding fly fishing trips in Wyoming for the past twenty-five years, and currently guides fly fishing trips in Western Wyoming from June through September.

Dayle spends his Winters and Springs fishing Tampa Bay and he has fished in Baja, Alaska, South America, New Zealand, and the Bahamas.

Scot Blinds

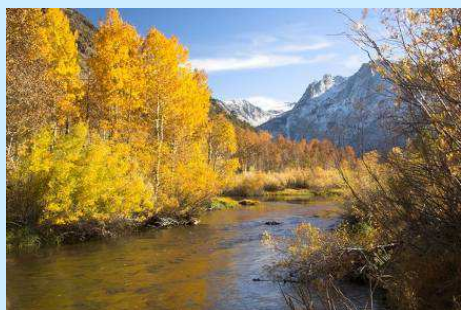
### Fly Tying Congress Every Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM

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.

## Future Events– Conservation

### Rush Creek Clean-up



The Tenth annual Rush Creek clean-up will take place on Saturday June 11 2016 and will focus efforts on an eight mile stretch of Rush Creek from the Southern California Edison power plant upstream of Silver Lake down the canyon to US 395.

Volunteers should meet at the Silver lake boat ramp at 8:00am and bring gloves, a hat, sunscreen, repellent, boots and waders if you have them. Trash bags will be provided by Silver Lake resort.

This section of Rush Creek is especially popular with anglers and each year up to 50 bags of material are collected. Particular importance is collecting stray fishing line caught in the bushes and trees as this is a huge threat to birds and other wildlife. After the clean-up, Silver lake Resort will treat the volunteers to a free barbeque lunch.

If you are interested in keeping this pristine stretch of water clean come up and meet members of the Streamborn Fly Fishing Club who are the primary organizers of the event. Any questions on the clean-up you can contact Joe Lemire to confirm your attendance ([jflx8@dslexreme.com](mailto:jflx8@dslexreme.com)) at (909)609-1101

Thank you Streamborn!

### SDFF is Returning to Golden Trout Wilderness

Mark your calendar as the San Diego Fly Fishers under the direction of **Gary Strawn** will hike into Casa Viejas Meadows to repair the cattle exclusion fence. This event is scheduled for **June 17-20** (weather permitting). There is the possibility that the meadow may be inaccessible due to the El Nino winter snows. If there is a change in this date, you will read it here or in **Steve Vissers The Indicator**.

For those who have not made the trek, the following information will help you plan your trip. You will have to hike on a wilderness trail less than 2 miles from the trailhead to the meadow with a downhill loss of 500 feet in elevation. Your starting elevation is near 9000 feet from the trailhead parking lot. Your trip from the meadow to the trailhead is all uphill. Since this trek occurs in the higher elevations, the weather can turn quickly and you need to be prepared. (Ask Gary about last years sudden thunderstorms).

The work that you volunteer for may be strenuous as there may need to be repairs to the fence posts and the rigging of the barb wire. Luckily these events have had many volunteers which spreads the workload over several people.

Why do we do this? Take a look at the bottom of this page and see a picture of one of the Golden Trout that came out of this stream. The viability of this meadow has dramatically improved with the intervention of our club. By excluding the cattle from this delicate meadow, the fish have recovered and are flourishing.

Twice a year SDFF volunteers visit the meadows. I have been twice in the fall to take down the barb wire in preparation for the onset of winter. You will be overwhelmed at the sheer beauty and the darkest blue sky you have ever seen.

This worthy endeavor is supported by your donations and funds generated by the **Annual Fundraiser**.

*-submitted by Alan Thompson*



**The most beautiful trout in the world. Reason enough to protect them.**

# Thank You Letter



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March 21, 2016

In Reply Refer to: 135

Project Healing Water Fly Fishing  
c/c San Diego Fly Fishers  
10801-G Tierrasanta Blvd # 327  
San Diego, CA 92124

Dear Members,

Thank you for your support of the VA San Diego Healthcare System with your generous donation of fly fishing rods with reels and fly lines, hats, and fly fishing tools. We are very grateful for your concern for our patients.

It is donations such as yours that make the VA San Diego Healthcare System special for the men and women who need our assistance. Your donation contributes greatly to the welfare and comfort of our patients at the Medical Center as well as the Outpatient Clinics.

As the Chief of Voluntary Services, I am always proud of the support we receive from those who share their time, talents, and energy with our Nation's Heroes. An organization such as yours or one individual can make a big difference to our Veterans.

Putting Veterans First.

Donna M. Fischer, CAVS, FACHE  
Chief, Voluntary Services





# Eastern Sierra Report from Tom Loe of Sierra Drifters

## Upper Owens River 4/17/16

Warmer weather, and waxing moon should get the cutthroat trout on the move up. Turbidity has settled down in all sections, & the roads have dried out significantly. Flows are actually lower now than most of this winter. Numbers of spring run rainbows have increased slightly in some sections; but overall it is slow. They are holding on the gravel, & tail outs on the warmer days. Overall water temps are much warmer the last few years below Hot Creeks inlets. This accelerates aquatic weed growth, and makes it tough to keep your flies clean in the sections down from big HC. Seeing some first generation BWO's after 2pm with increased feeding from the smaller resident trout. First generation BWO's, small dark spring caddis, & micro midges are triggering feeding activity from the resident trout on the warmer days. Attractor patterns will get you looks from what is left of the bigs. SJ worms, crystal Vanderleeches, crystal soft eggs, Assassins, and Agent Orange patterns have got us into them while nymphing below an Under-cator. Size 16/18 adult Blue Winged Olive patterns, & small parachute midges will replicate the hatches. Flashback pheasant tails, & Assassins are spot on replicas for the nymph stage of this cold water mayfly. Use #18-22 gillies, crystal chironomid pupa, broken back midges, crystal tiger, & zebra midges for nymphs that imitate midge larva or emergers. Caddis larva are present on the stream bed pumice rocks now. Olive crystal caddis imitations can be a good call for the resident fish grubbing the bottom during warmer periods. Parachute adult midges will get you looks when the fish are feeding on the "clusters" late afternoons. Look for oval depressions that appear brighter, or scraped clean on the riffles below pools. These are active spawning nests; or "redds" and you must avoid stepping on them.

## Middle Owens River (Bishop area) 4/17/16

The "catching" has been sporadic to slow overall. Water conditions have improved

some as flows are down to 315cfs. from a high of 345cfs. recently. Wading the wild trout section at flows over 300cfs. becomes problematic. Fluctuating water levels will negatively impact the "catching". Hatch cycles can be disturbed, & the fish will relocate positions until conditions stabilize. The "down time" typically lasts a few days depending on how much of an increase/decrease the water level changes. The cold water mayfly called the "blue winged olive" thrives on the MO, & it's emergence pretty much ends by May. It's predecessor- Ephemerella, commonly called Pale morning/evening duns the new mayfly kid on the block. You may also see some super sized mayflies called "drakes". The nymphs are huge, & large Assassins, or FP PT's will suffice for their profiles. We are seeing the last generations pop now, so use those smaller #18-20 profiles to match the hatch. The spring caddis, & little golden stoneflies are now emerging as well. The caddis adults are larger than the summer profiles. Have some #14/16 high-vis, or natural elk caddis imitations handy when it gets warm. When air temps are above freezing at daybreak, look for a significant hatch to begin late morning. It can last as long as 4 hours; but typically peaks after 90 minutes around mid-day this time of year. The wild trout really focus on this cycle, and fly fishers who consistently get into double digit numbers in the wild trout section have BWO/PMD adult profiles in the #16/18 range, with nymphs like Assassins, flashback pheasant tails, & birds nest patterns for the periods before, & after the hatch. Small crystal olive larva patterns, #20/22 gillies or crystal midge pupa/emergers imitations, & #18 broken back tiger or zebra midges are good calls for colder days. Have some parachute midge adult profiles when it gets cold, the fish will look for midge clusters if the BWO's don't come off. Streamer fishing is the right call for off colored, rising water. Predatory fish take advantage of small baitfish that get washed into the stronger currents as they seek refuge in slower pools. Streamers are also a higher visibility pattern, & stand out amongst the debris that is associated with rising water levels. Drift boat trips have been fair/good with num-

bers of planted rainbows, and a few wild browns in the counts. Guided drift boat trips are a great way to get into secluded sections of the river, & fish the higher water levels. We fish streamers, casting sinking tip lines with a unique, user friendly method called the "dip & strip". I strongly suggest this program for novices, and those wishing to learn how to fish streamers. Hot flies this week are smaller Punk Perch & Loebergs.

## Hot Creek 4/17/16

Water levels are running the highest in a few years thanks to the snow melting into Mammoth Creek. The pesky aquatic weeds are still an issue; but not as bad as last fall for sure. Some trout are moving into the larger riffles thanks to additional water on the warmer days. Think about swinging some Punk Perch, or Loeberg streamers when the water levels are high after runoff; or rain. Midges, scuds, & attractor patterns are best during cooler periods; although you will see solid blue winged olive hatches throughout April on the warmer days. #20/22 midges, #20 pheasant tails, #18 Assassins, & bird's nest patterns are best for nymphs. Small parachute midge; or mayfly adult patterns used with a 10 foot leader are best for surface presentations when the fish are on the adult BWO's, midges/or clusters.



## Funny Page

### Separated At Birth ?

Art Mills

and

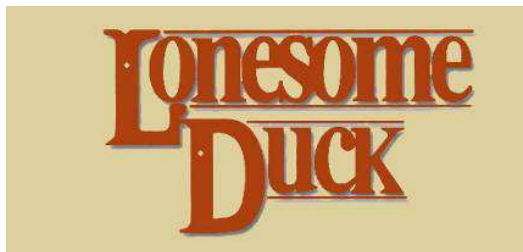
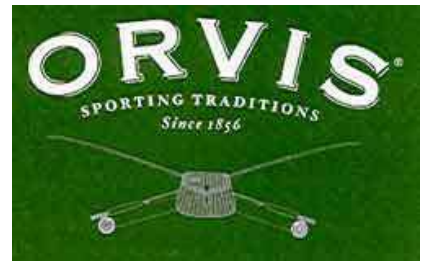
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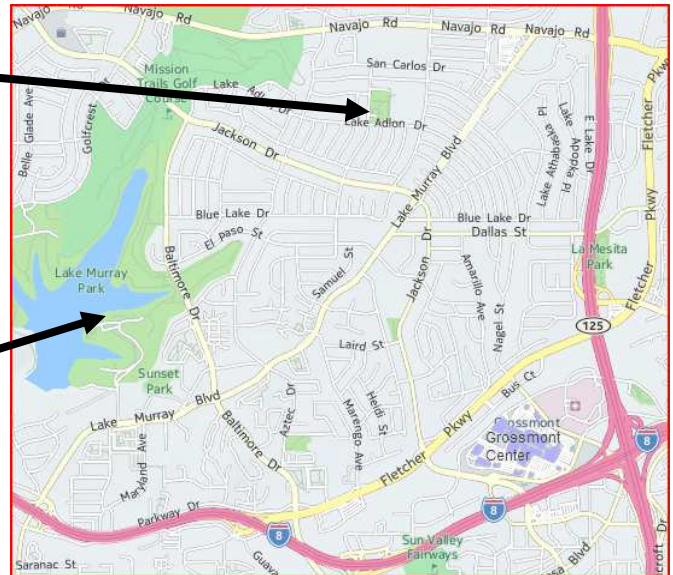
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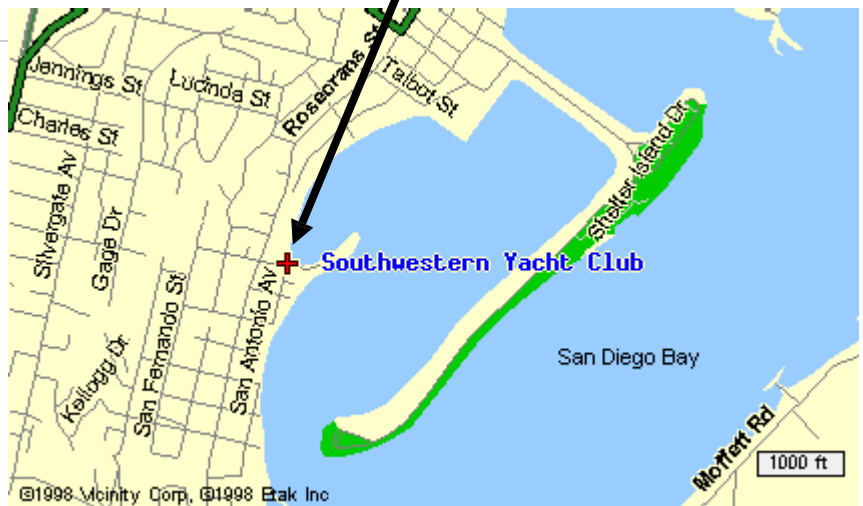


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