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## November Meeting

### Jack Dennis at November Meeting

#### **SPECIAL NOVEMBER PROGRAM - PART I**

**M**ark it on your calendar! On Monday evening, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be welcoming **Jack Dennis** of Jackson Hole, Wyoming as our program speaker. Jack's program, which will include a digital presentation and his personal narration, is entitled *20 Places You Should Fish Before You Die!*

Jack is the founder and operator of Jack Dennis Outdoor Shop in Jackson, Wyoming, which has become a well-known international fly fishing and

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#### **MEETING NOTICE**

Monday, November 5, 2007  
7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School  
4690 Limerick Avenue  
(See map on back page)

#### **REMINDER**

Volunteer hosts for this meeting  
(report at 6:15 PM)

**Fred Gregory and  
Alfred Hofstatter**

*Thank You, Mona Morebello*

### Italio River Trip

by Jim Castelluzzo

**O**ur trip to the Italio River was a great opportunity to catch hard fighting silver salmon in the pristine wilderness of Southeast Alaska. The club was represented by myself, Bob Miller, Andy Miller, Mike Morse and Dick Mount. This was my first trip to the Italio and I was not disappointed. I highly recommend IRA to anyone who is looking for spectacular scenery, great fishing, gracious hosts, excellent food and lodging. The reason I know I had a great time was that my arms, hands and knuckles were sore and bruised from spooling reels.

We had Brown bear fishing with us, bald eagles soaring above and a wolf pack howling us to sleep at night.

Next years' trip is scheduled for September 24th thru 29th. The Italio folks are holding those dates



for the club but we would like to confirm the number of members attending by the holidays. Please contact Mike Morse at

if you would like to reserve a place on the trip.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: NOVEMBER 2007

From my emails and casual conversations it sounds like you have all been out fishing this fall. There are some great stories being told. I've been able to get out on the water, too. Most recently, I met the Wednesday morning boys up at Lake Cuyamacha. It was cool, but beautiful. Some big trout were taking wooly boogers moving fast

in the shallows. If you haven't been, I highly recommend it. Take a chair, a lunch and some goodies to share and stick around for the fishing stories. The trips will continue until the lake closes for duck hunting sometime in late November.

I want to thank **Barry Pechersky**, **Shelley Wagner**, **Lee McElravy**,

**Paul Woolery** and **Lucky Ketcham** for manning our booth at the National Hunting and Fishing Day event at

Santee Lakes on Saturday, September 29. On Friday October 12, **Barry, Lucky, Jim Castelluzzo** and I taught fly tying and casting to 30 Scout Leaders at the annual "Powder Horn" Training event, at the Southwestern Aquatics Center at the Strand State Beach.



**GARY STRAWN**

Another project the Club has been getting more involved in is the habitat monitoring and restoration work in the Golden Trout Wilderness. Managed by the State Dept of Fish and Game and the U.S. Forrest Service, a variety of volunteer events are planned each year, coordinated and sponsored by Trout Unlimited and Cal Trout. More information is

available at <http://www.californiagoldentrout.org>. In early October, **Warren Lew**, **Mac McCollum** and I volunteered to hike to Casa Viejas Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness, to get the cattle exclusion fence ready for winter. Camping in 5 degree weather and hiking in snow was offset by some great fishing after the work was done. Next year, if you'd like to join us, we will do it earlier.

Remember this date: Monday, January 7 2008. Our annual Stroud Banquet will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Adm. Baker Clubhouse. I hope you all can join us. Tickets (\$25.00 per person) will go on sale at the November meeting. Spouses and guests are welcome!

Keep smilin' and go fishin'!  
Gary



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sports emporium for the past 39 years. His clients include everyone from U.S. presidents to movie stars. Jack's books, *Western Trout Fly Tying Manual, Volumes I and II*, have become two of the best selling fly fishing books of all time. Jack has appeared on ABC television American Sportsmen Shows and most of the cable fishing shows, as well as programs in Europe, Australia, Japan, Canada and New Zealand. Jack and Mike Lawson were featured in an Emmy award winning feature produced by CBS on fishing in

Yellowstone National Park.

### **SPECIAL NOVEMBER PROGRAM - PART II**

As previously announced, Jack Dennis will be conducting a fly tying seminar on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 24-Hour Fitness, 5601 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa. (Free parking at the corner of Grossmont Center Drive and Grossmont Blvd.; private entrance to the Conference Room)

Jack will be providing all of the necessary tying materials; just bring your

tools. Registration is limited, but we still do have a few openings.

This is a great chance to spend the day learning new patterns, techniques and some fly-tying history from a gentleman who has published a number of fly tying books, both individually and with well-known tyers such as John Barr, Mike Lawson and Kelly Galloup.

The registration fee is \$50.00 for the day and registration can be made by contacting  
Call now to save your spot!





**San Diego Fly Fishers  
Annual "STROUD" Banquet  
Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2008  
6:30 to 9:00 PM  
Admiral Baker Clubhouse  
U.S. Navy Recreation Center**

**Come celebrate another successful year for the  
San Diego Fly Fishers.**

**The price is only \$25 per person for a great buffet.  
Spouses and guests are welcome!**

**Gary Borger Fly Casting and Fishing Class Opportunity**

SD Fly Fishers  
Golden State Flycasters

**F**ly fishing legend Gary Borger will be conducting a unique fly fishing clinic for GSF on Saturday, October 20 from 10 am-4 pm in Solana Beach. The cost will be \$60 and class size will be limited. Registration will be first come, first served, so be sure to sign up ASAP by contacting Steve Piper at to reserve your spot. The clinic will include hands-on instruction on fly casting and fly tying, and Powerpoint presentations on a variety of topics, including but not limited to little-known tricks for reading the water, stalking fish, designing flies, and presenting the fly. Gary has been a fly fisher since 1955 and a fly fishing instructor since 1972, and the content of this clinic will be one-of-a-kind, unique, and well worth learning about. For more information on Gary, please visit his website at





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**Italo River,  
Alaska**



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

**Princess Di Perch** - another proven Crowley Lake perch pattern.

- Hook:** Size 10 nymph hook 2X long or 3XL, Mustad 9671, 9672 or TMC 5262, 5263, Daiichi 1720, 1730.
- Thread:** Black 6/0
- Tail:** 4 to 6 strands of pearl or chartreuse Flashabou or Krystal Flash - short
- Under-Body:** Light olive, chartreuse or yellow dubbing with some sparkle flash mixed in. The thin body covers about 2/3 of the hook shank. I used Chartreuse Ice Dubbing for this version. I have seen similar perch with yellow, light green dubbing or even flat gold Mylar for the body.
- Body:** Two olive grizzly hen, concave in, about the length of the hook shank. The quill of the barred grizzly hackle tips are tied in at the front and each side of the body dubbing. The end of the tail was about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch longer than the hook bend.
- Gills:** 1.5 to 2 turns of red hackle
- Head:** 3 turns of reddish brown or olive saddle hackle.
- Thread head:** Black thread wrapped back on some of the brown hackle, forming a nice tapered head. (Tom Loe would add a few wraps of bright red thread at the rear end of the head for extra gill color.) Coat head with two or three coats of thin head cement.



Every year when we fish Lake Crowley just before the Double Haul in the Fall we meet many interesting people. One of the regulars from the San Diego area that has a reputation for catching big fish is a petite blonde named Di. I think she gave the Barbie Doll Special to Norb Spitzer and Bernie Fink two years ago that caught Bernie's large brown. I asked her for a new fly recommendation for this year. She came up with a little olive grizzly hen perch - she calls the Princess Di Perch. Di said her husband ties up this perch pattern but you can find similar olive grizzly perch in many of the fly shops. Vary the

color of the olive hen feather tips, light and dark. Di did pretty well with it, even when fish were not readily taking perch patterns. She likes to fish the perch pattern on 1X or 2X tippet while kick trolling or casting near the weed beds.

**Best Guess Instructions by Lucky:**  
Secure the thread with a jam knot and wrap a thread base to the bend of the hook. Cut three or four 1 inch strands of Pearl Krystal flash or something similar for the tail. (I used some fluorescent green Enrico Puglisi Sparkle because I like the green/yellow color.) Attach the tail on top of the

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hook bend and make three tight wraps of thread over the middle section. Fold the front half of the flash back and secure with two wraps of thread. You may note I like the "folded material lock" method to prevent slippery tailing materials from falling out. You now have a sparse flash tail with 6 fibers. You will trim them, just longer than the hen hackle tips.

The yellowish green body can be made in many ways. I used a thin noodle of light green Ice Dubbing because I like the color. I think Di's just had a yellow poly yarn body or yellow / green sparkle dubbing like Antron. Some of the fly shops have the grizzly hen perch with gold Mylar wrapped on the hook shank. - Make a thin noodle of Ice dubbing and attach the tip to the hook shank above the bend. Once the tip is caught, twist the dubbing around the thread to tighten the noodle. Wrap the dubbing forward to cover only 2/3 of the hook shank. The thin cigar shaped body should end with enough room for the hackle and a thread head.

Select two rounded olive dyed grizzly hen hackles. Size them for a size 10 hook, about a hook shank long and a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide. Whiting Farms, Chickabou is a good source for these soft hen hackles. Match the hen tips for size and trim off a 1/8 inch off the quills for the tie down. Attach the hen tips concave sides in, shiny side out, on each side and just forward of the dubbed body.

Make some good tight thread wraps and a half hitch to secure. A little head cement would not hurt the wet fly. The gills on this fish imitation are made with red rooster hackle instead of red dubbing or thread. It is an extra step, but might be worth it. Select a red hackle and size it for 1.5 to 2 hook gaps. Attach the quill and make only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 wraps of hackle, in front of the body. Tie off and trim the excess. Select a brownish red saddle hackle about the same size. Attach this hackle by the base and make 3 to 4 touching wraps. Keep a space of two eye widths for the thread head. Tie off the brown hackle and trim the excess. I use a large half hitch tool or plastic pen body to push back any stray hackle fibers before I make the thread head. Take the time to trim off any wild fibers to make a clean thread head. Form a fairly large head as you would a streamer. The tapered head should be almost three hook eyes long and 1 hook eye in diameter at the rear. Whip finish and apply a coat of head cement. Two or three coats of head cement make any streamer look better.

Many of Tom Loe's Punk Perch have a thin band of red or wine colored thread wrapped at the rear of the head. The extra red might not be necessary on this fly since it has the red hackle gill. But... I like the little detail and it makes any streamer better. If the fly was any bigger, I would paint some eyes on each side of the head.



## Fly Fishing Club of Orange County Annual Auction

Hello Feather Benders and Kim's Group

One of my friends from the Orange County fly fishing club, Floyd Sabins, has invited us to attend their annual auction on October 25th starting at 6:30 PM at the Phoenix Club. It is a little far to travel, but if you like trying your luck on raffles and silent auction items you might like to make the trip. Our own members Bob and Diane Stafford are members of the FFCOC. They will probably be heading up there.

--Lucky







## **Economy Got You Down?**

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**Bring your calendar to the November meeting and be prepared to sign-up to co-host one of our monthly meetings.**

**New members, this is a painless way to get involved, meet other members, and serve your club. All you have to do is come early to help set up chairs, name-tags, and audio. Plan to stay a few minutes after the meeting to help with clean-up.**

**We need 24 volunteers. Since most of us don't know our schedule for next year, just pick a month and if it doesn't work out, you will be able to trade with other members. A schedule, together with phone numbers and details on what to do will appear in the January *Finny Facts*.**

**You will get back way more than you put in!**

**Thanks,  
Mona Morebello**



## **Special Group Invitation to the Chilean Patagonia**

This is the opportunity you've been waiting for.

Rio Espolon Lodge, represented by John Pak, is proud to offer the members of our club a special invitation for an incredible week of fishing in our lodge located in the beautiful Futaleufu region of the Chilean Patagonia.

This is a closed group invitation and allows two guests for the regular rate of one guest (\$4,795) including the following:

- 6 days of guided fishing and 7 nights of lodging (Friday PM to Friday AM)
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Proposed week: January 4th thru January 11th, 2008

Closed group of 4 anglers maximum.

Please visit our Website [www.espolon.cl](http://www.espolon.cl) to learn about our lodge or call us for more details.

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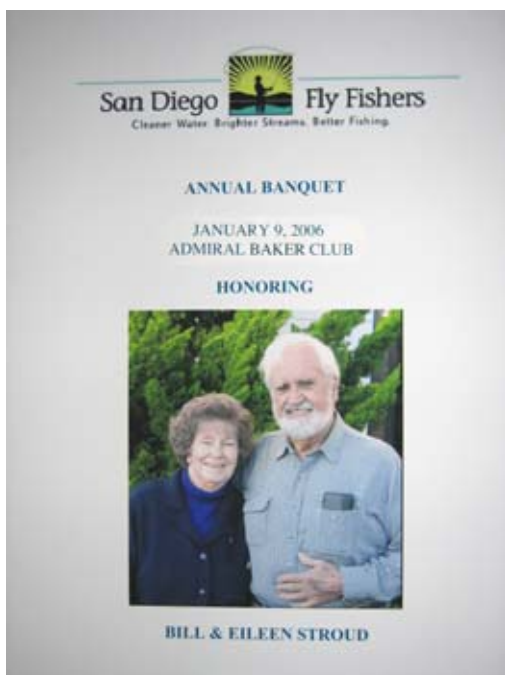
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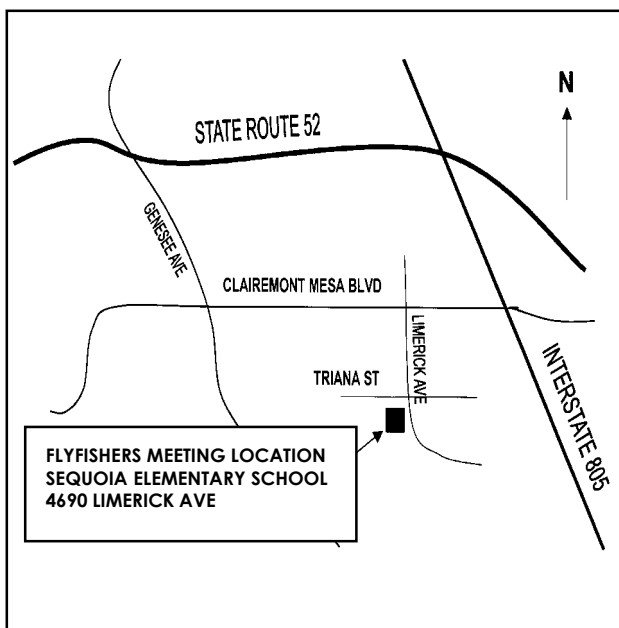
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