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September Meeting

Crowley Lake in the Fall

Our speaker for the September 12 Membership meeting is **Ernie Gulley**. Ernie has just returned from a very successful indicator fishing trip landing many large, healthy, brown and rainbow trout. His presentation will show how to successfully attack these brutes using both regular indicator fishing and deep-water indicator fishing, as deep as 20 feet. But these tactics work anywhere in the world. Why? Because that's where the fish are. Ernie will be tying a variety of patterns between 6:30 and 7:30. Ernie will have passouts that cover different ways to set up your leaders to fish these midges.

Gary Farrar

This year's Kodiak Expedition members... left to right Sam Harvey, Art Reifman, Shelley Wagner and Louie Zimm.

Fly Fishing in Kodiak Alaska

by Louie Zimm

We had a great trip to Kodiak with **Art Reifman, Shelley Wagner and Sam Harvey**. We stayed at the Saltery Lake Lodge and also fished with Captain Lee Robbins on his boat Trophy 2. Kodiak was having a dry summer, but the remaining snow melt off the the snowfields gave us perfect conditions for sockeye and dollies.

We also caught plenty of big rockfish up to 8.5 pounds and good sized pink salmon on the fly from the boat. This fishing from a boat in Kodiak was new to us, but was really a blast, especially considering that we were catching rockfish on flies that we could never catch near the surface in San Diego. We also sight fished for the pink salmon as they were staging off the creeks.

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Louie with a big buck sockeye salmon caught on Saltery Creek.



MEETING NOTICE

Monday, September 12, 2011

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)

Les Schultz and

Paul Ivor

Thank You, Mona Morebello

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: SEPTEMBER 2011

“If fishing is like religion, then fly-fishing is high church”

Tom Brokaw

It's September and the fall fly-fishing season is here. The fall colors are beginning to show in the mountains and the fly-fishing is at it best. I'll be up in Mammoth fly-fishing during our next meeting on September 12th and I hope to see some of you there as well. For those of you who will be staying in San Diego, **Gary Farrar** has lined up a great program for your enjoyment. There will also be some great raffle prizes to be won.

It is getting on during the year there are some special people I have yet to thank for their on-going contributions to the our club. These are members who are not on the Board of Directors but contribute regularly and with little recognition to making our club very special. First I would like to thank **Rose and Roger Yamasaki** for their putting out our outstanding newsletter the “Finny Facts” year after year, thank you Rose and Roger. Next I want to thank **David Collins** for creating and maintaining our web page and for coordinating our annual spring trip to the Green River, thank you David. I want to acknowledge **Ned Sewell** and **Lee Anderson**, **Ken Armer**, **Marvin Darling**, **Floyd Lee** and **Don Smith** who regularly put on



ART REIFMAN

our Sunday Casting Clinic. Thank you guys, a job well done. I want to thank **Bill Stock** for running our Video lending Library, thank you Bill. I want to acknowledge **Maria Goldman** who has managed our monthly refreshments at our meetings, thank you Maria. And I want to

thank **Jack Duncan** who ran our Rod Building class this year, thank you Jack. I have talked about our Board members before and I want to again thank them for the time and effort they put into the club. For those I have inadvertently left out I want to apologize and thank you all for your contributions. It's members like this who make our club very special.

As I look forward to the last months of the year there are some exciting things in the works. As I mentioned last month, there is a special Dinner event honoring **Joan Wulff** in Los Angeles on October 15th. The club has reserved a table and members may sign up to join us at the club dinner table. A sign-up list will be at the next two meeting. The cost is \$75.00 per person and the proceeds will go to support the Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout in the Classroom Youth

Programs. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Joan Wulff speak. You won't want to miss this. The Federation of Fly Fishers is also having it's annual Fair and Conclave in West Yellowstone August 30 to September 3. It sounds like a great event. Plan to go if you can.

On September 9 and 10 **Gary Strawn** will be leading another trip to the Golden Trout Wilderness as part of our efforts to support this important resource. The group will be doing a bio-assessment of the area. If you would like to take part contact Gary.

On the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd **Bob Barry** will be hosting a woodcarving workshop. The workshop will be limited to 6 to 10 participants and the cost will be \$100.00 each. At the end of the weekend, each participant will have carved a silhouette of his or her favorite trout. This is going to be unique opportunity and I plan to be there, come and join me.

I hope everyone has had a great summer and I hope you can all get out and do some fly-fishing this fall.

“There are always greater fish than you have caught, always the lure of greater task and achievement, always the inspiration to seek, to endure, to find.”

Zane Gray



The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC FFF)

An Evening With Joan Wulff

The SWC FFF is hosting the legendary Joan Wulff for an evening devoted to all things fly-fishing. Joan and her husband, Ted Rogowski, will fly from New York to Los Angeles where she will speak, answer questions, mingle with guests and talk fly-casting, fly-fishing, conservation and other aspects of the sport and her life.

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Olympic Collection
11301 W Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Dinner: \$75

Fund Raising: The dinner will benefit the work of the Southwest Council FFF. Funds will be raised through sponsorships, a raffle, auction and silent auction. One of the auction "items" is expected to be a private brunch with Joan on Sun., Oct. 16.

Sponsors: The Winston Rod Co. is donating a Special Joan Wulff edition rod for raffle. Other sponsor opportunities are available to help defray the cost of dinner, transportation and hotel accommodations.

Background: Joan Wulff is one of the world's most famous fly fishers. From 1937 as an 11-year old tournament caster in Patterson, New Jersey to 1960, she won numerous International and National tournament casting titles. In 1951, she captured the Fisherman's Distance event while vying against an all-male line-up. Joan cast a fly 161-feet in one competition. Joan is the co-founder and chief instructor of the Wulff School of Fly Fishing in Lew Beach, New York. She has appeared in many fishing films and authored Joan Wulff's Fly Casting Techniques; Fly Fishing: Expert Advice from a Woman's Perspective and Fly Casting Accuracy. Her DVD, **Joan Wulff's Dynamics of Fly Casting**, is one of the most respected and the highest selling casting DVD ever produced.

Through promotion of catch and release, she has helped sport fishing be accepted as environmentally-sustainable. Both Joan and her late, legendary husband, Lee Wulff, have had a positive impact on fly-fishing.

SWC FFF: The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers is composed of 23 individual clubs in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Funds from the dinner will be used to fund Trout in the Classroom, casting and fly tying programs and ongoing support for local clubs.



Fly Fishing the Eastern Sierras with the San Diego Fly Fishers

If you ever wanted to go fishing in the Eastern Sierras for a week with little cost and little work - there is a golden opportunity to join the San Diego Fly Fisher's Annual Mammoth Trip.

Bob Pharoah has two openings to fill vacancies in the two condo, 12 angler group. Bob and I have been off fishing in Utah, Montana and WY for 8 weeks and are just now getting back to the work of planning our September/October fishing trips.

I told Bob I would send out a message to my notes and fly tying groups to see if anyone is interested. Paul Woolery put a note in the last Finny Facts but no one has responded to Bob as of this writing.

This year there will be three condos rented at Sun Flower or Snow Flower in Mammoth. That is part of the reason that there are vacancies. We wanted to guarantee that there would be spots for three new people - Paul, Larry and Lee decided it would be best to run a third condo completely separate from the normal 12. It is hard to seat 18 people in a condo for dinner so it will be 6 and 12. In any case - we may have 18 club members fishing in the Sierras during the week of September 11th to 17th. It should be fun. Small groups head off to various streams or lakes in the morning and then return for the evening meals.

Individuals take turns preparing the evening meals. I am going to miss having Lee McElravy as a cook in our condo this year. He always comes up with some great dishes. Over the years on the Mammoth trip we have had better and better evening meals as various Food Lovers have taken over

the kitchen. Sometimes the fishing became a side note to the dinners and after party.

I don't remember what the cost of splitting the condo rent 6 ways is but something like \$120. We chip in another \$80 to \$100 for the food costs. Bob Pharoah has the numbers. You would sleep in a loft type bedroom with four other men. There are two down stairs bedrooms but they are already spoken for. We charge extra for the private bedrooms and that reduces our food costs. There will be inexpensive good wines on the common food bill, along with beer and soft drinks. Other than that it is BYO hard stuff and/or cigars.

There is an opportunity to learn the various lakes and streams on this trip. Most of the group have fished Crowley, Upper and Lower Owens, all the Mammoth Lakes, Lundy, Virginia, June, Silver, East and West Walker Rivers and are willing to help new anglers. If you do not have a float tube or equipment, we can probably fix you up with something from the Mentor Group supplies. See Bob Pharoah if you need to borrow a float tube.

1. Art Reifman
2. Bruce Harris
3. Bob McKay
4. Bob Pharoah
5. Dave Collins
6. Jack Duncan
7. Lucky Ketcham
8. Paul Costa
9. Rich Strobel
10. Wayne Allen
11. (Jerry Barstow) - is in WY - one of the vacancies is Jerry's spot.
12. You !

The other condo will have Larry Sorenson, Paul Woolery, Lee McElravy, Jon Holland, Bob Stafford and (I don't remember.) They will be running their condo and food bills separately. I am sure if they catch a few fish they may share some of their stories - somewhere some how.

Usually the 12 spots in this popular fishing trip are filled by October of last year. SDFF members that have attended once usually try to sign up for the next year almost immediately. It is a good place to learn fishing locations and fishing techniques. You can see by the list of people that there will be some experienced fly tyers. There will not be a shortage of flies. We still usually end up buying some of the hot patterns at the local fly shops.

Be prepared to hear and tell military service stories as well as fishing trip stories. We are going to miss not having Paul Britting there to liven up the evenings.

If you want or need to share a ride, I am sure someone on the list would like company and someone to help defer the cost of gasoline. Bob and I usually bring our own trucks - just because we want all of our gear in one simple place. Also because we will be continuing our adventure to the Pitt River and then Heenan Lake. We can't offer some one a ride this year.

Don't let these two vacancies remain empty. Get out and go - even if it is just to take pictures of the Fall colors in Lundy Canyon.

Contact Bob Pharoah if you want to be added to list or for more information.

Lucky



More than just salmon caught on this trip.



Shelley with her favorite kind of fish...bright sea-run dolly varden!



Sam with a great sculpin, also called a yellow irish lord that he caught at the mouth of Saltery Creek.



Sam and Captain Robbins with a fly rod caught Black Rockfish.



Art with a buck Pink Salmon caught sight fishing from the boat in the salt. Notice the pink fly.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Borcher's Drake Parachute

Hook:	Tied size #6 -18, occasionally larger as noted above; smaller sizes on standard hook, size #6 -12 on 2xl hooks for brown drakes and Hex.
Thread:	Black, size 3/0 down to # 10 hooks; size 6/0 or 8/0 #12 hooks and smaller.
Tail:	Several Moose Hair fibers
Body:	Dark Turkey quill wrapped around the hook shank
Wing:	Calf tail or para-post
Hackle:	Grizzly & Brown tied parachute (oversize)



This fly, like the Robert's Yellow Drake, can be tied in many sizes and colors to emulate the dark may-flies of the region.

1. Wrap the hook with thread up to 1/3 of the way down the shank. Secure post with tips facing forward and wrap forward to position the bend in the parachute post.
2. Bend the parachute post upward, then tie a thread dam ahead of the post to stand it up. Make several wraps around the post going upward to compress the post near the bottom.
3. Continue to wrap the hook with thread to the bend, and tie in tail. Generally, several fibers are tied in; for larger flies, 4 or 5 tail fibers may be tied-in.
4. Secure 1 or 2 turkey quills near the tail, then wrap the thread to position it behind the post. Wrap the turkey quill around the shank, creating a ribbed appearance for the body. Secure the body with thread.
5. Hackle in the parachute style, using one grizzly and one brown hackle. Tie in and wrap down the post, 3 or 4 wraps.
6. Wrap the head and conclude with a half hitch to secure.



Volunteers Wanted for Lake Murray Cleanup

On Saturday September 17 @9:00 AM the I love a clean San Diego and the Friends of Lake Murray are teaming up to clean up the lake. As in the past they are soliciting our support to assist in the clean-up of the Lake. In the past we in our float tubes, pontoon boats and kayaks focused in the areas not accessible from the land. If you could put this into the FF as an announcement for volunteers it would be appreciated. They have been attempting to get a hold of Luck for the past month.

Thank You,

Wayne Allen

You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

Members Fishing Reports

Bob and I decided to head back to San Diego a week early. We left the Madison River in Ennis, MT. on Saturday. We drove the 1,146 miles in about 22 hours. Bob's daughter is visiting from Indiana so he wanted to get back to be with her a few days before she heads home.

You can bet I have a few stories to tell. Fly fishing was tough all over the western Rocky Mountains this summer. The mountains in Utah, WY and MT had three times the normal snow fall and the snow melt carried high muddy water into most of the famous rivers. Insect hatches were delayed for weeks and I had to learn to almost love nymph fishing. Dry fly fishing is my passion but it was difficult when the trout are not looking up.

My Green River stories are filled with high water flows, running 8,600 cubic feet per second. That

is twice as fast and high as the normal high water flow of 4,800 cfs that we experience. I liked the dry fly flows of 1,800 of the drought years. Bob says maybe the drought and good cicada years in 2007 to 2009 have spoiled us.

We did manage some good fish and any fishing is better than sitting at home and watching soap operas with Barbara. She did not sit at home while I was off camping. She took up an offer to visit her niece in France for a week. Her foot is better but brought back a good cold to give me this week.

I still have to unpack the truck and trailers. I arrived last night about 7 PM. We drove 12 hours the first day and 10 hours yesterday. The worst part of the trip was "Leaving Las Vegas, Sunday between 1 and 3 PM, in the rain and following two car accidents up the hill from Whiskey Petes.

There were red tail lights and bumper to bumper traffic from the Bass Pro Shop in Vegas up to Roy Roger's Highway half way to Victorville. The joys of traveling 5 to 10 mph can not be easily described. Luckily I had an 8 DVD - Books on tape - Audition for Murder - to keep my mind occupied.

You can now send me e-mails and possibly get an answer. I deleted hundreds of messages and spam last night but did not get around to answering any of your questions.

I'm sorry that there is no SDFP meeting tonight. It would be good to here some of your summer vacation stories.

Ralph the Buffalo was not in our camp at Yellowstone this year. I hope the heavy, 360 inches of snow did not hurt him.

See you later - **Lucky**



Chollas Lake



Chollas Lake Hosts Cub Scout Pack 959

On August 14 Chollas Lake hosted over 20 Cub Scouts of Pack 959, Pack Leaders and parents for an afternoon of fishing. Some of these scouts will receive their fishing pin for their participation in this activity.

Not all was fishing fun.

Before fishing the scouts performed some public service work by picking up trash from around the lake. They also received training from one of their peers on fish anatomy. Additional training on the fishing rules at Chollas Lake and fishing in general was provided by Paul Woolery.

The Scouts fished for about two hours using bamboo poles and rods and reels that they brought with them. Unfortunately the fish were not cooperating and only two bluegill were caught.



More News

Kudos to Dan McKirnan. Long time Club member and Chollas Lake volunteer Dan McKirnan has procured a bluegill plant for Chollas

Lake by the Friends of Rollo. Dan managed to put together the Friends of Rollo and the Alpine Hatchery which will provide the fish. Previous plants by the Friends of Rollo have been catfish only.

Brian Young of the Department of Fish and Game believes this may be just what Chollas Lake needs to spur the growth of the bluegill in the lake.

Thanks again Dan!

Note: If there is anyone that would like to assist in these special events like Scout fishing please contact Paul Woolery.



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Cutoff date for **October FINNY FACTS** articles---Friday September 16th.

Send articles to:
Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

You can E-mail at Thanks!!

Send change of address information,signup for electronic version of newsletter, or Club membership renewal to:

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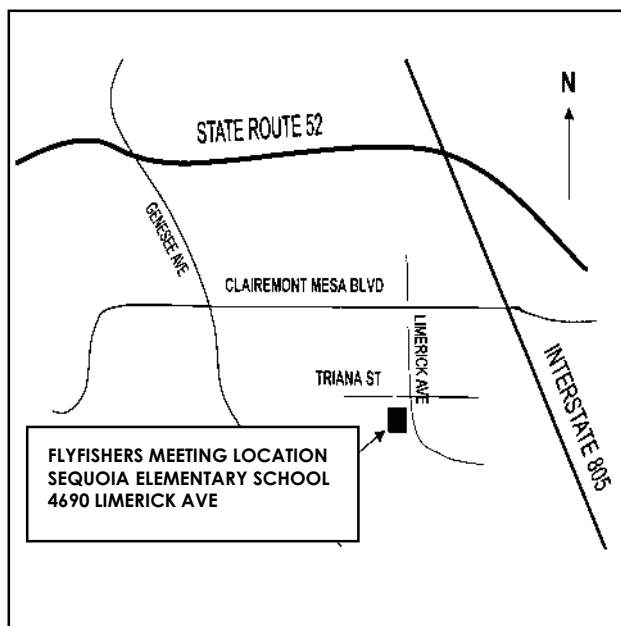
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Meeting Place for Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 1.6 miles. When you come to Lake Adlon Drive, (first corner past Jackson Dr.) turn left. Go down three blocks and the recreation center will be on your right. It is on the corner of Lake Adlon and Lake Badin.



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