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San Diego Fly Fishers

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Monthly Meeting

Louie Zimm Speaker at Members Present



SDDF member Louie Zimm will be presenting at the next meeting on the topic of fly fishing in our local bays and surrounding areas.

Louie has done a lot of local fishing from the surf to the deep sea and everything in between. I am sure whatever the topic he chooses it will be well worth the attendance.

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, July 2, 2012
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)

**Pam Ivor and
Hal Herritt**

Thank You, Mona Morebello

Fly Fishing Loses a Great Ambassador

by Jim Brown



On April 27, I made a hurried trip to visit our old friend **Bill Stroud** who had not been feeling well in recent days and I wanted to see him

before leaving on a two week vacation trip the following day. As always, he greeted me warmly as I entered the back room of his little fly shop, offered a firm handshake and after one of his patented jokes, confided that he was still not feeling well.

When I reminded him that most of us would be delighted to live to the age of 91 and live a full, productive and rewarding life as he had, he smiled and shook his head in affirmative agreement.

Bill often remarked that he was fortunate to be alive considering that as an American flier during World War II, he had survived more than 30 bombing runs over Germany at a time when the average number of successful missions for American fliers before being lost was less than 10.

A day after my visit, Bill collapsed while closing up the shop on a Saturday afternoon, and after three days in a hospital, was transferred to a nearby convalescent hospital which is where I visited him after our return from vacation. Early on, there were a few good days when he held forth as if he was still in his chair at the the backroom of his shop. As visitors entered, he immediately recognized and warmly greeted them by name and steered the conversation in the direction of how they were doing while generally ignoring the elephant in the room, which was his steadily declining energy level, health and age related infirmities and were taking steadily taking over.

After taking Gus for a run at the dog park this morning I went to visit Bill, who although always happy to see me, nonetheless would express palpable disappointment when I was not accompanied by Gus who would not be welcome in the convalescent hospital. I hoped against my better judgement that if Bill would somehow be having what the staff called "a good morning," we could get him into a wheelchair and down to an outside patio where Gus could be included in the visit. Stepping out of the elevator on the third

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Greetings from the front of the room! So much has transpired with regard to our Club over the past three weeks; it is a tad difficult putting everything in proper perspective.

For those of you who do not follow the Club Membership Forum online and were not able to attend our very successful Raffle on June 4th (see below), you may not be aware that **Bill Stroud** passed away on Sunday, May 27th. It is an understatement to suggest he will be missed. He had three passions in his life – Eileen, Stroud Tackle and the San Diego Fly Fishers. He has been an integral part of all we do as a Club for the past thirty-five + years. The Club will be sponsoring a Commemoration of Bill's life in July or August. A Board Committee is currently working on dates, location, etc. Since we will not be publishing Finny Facts in July, we will make every effort get the word out by all means, including our Club website, the Members' Forum, email and/or snail-mail, to announce the final details of the event. Please look for that upcoming announcement.

My sincere congratulations to **Art Reifman** and those who assisted him in producing our most successful Raffle ever. Not only was it a wonderful opportunity to socialize with friends in a great environment, but as a result of your financial contributions, we will be able to continue our many and various conservation and education programs over the next twelve months. When you see Art, please let him know how much you appreciate his work.

I do want to remind you of two more upcoming events. On Saturday, June 30th, we will be cooperating with the Police Athletic League in the STAR PAL Children's Fishing Derby at Chollas Lake. **Paul Woolery** is again directing our Club's involvement. He needs volunteers at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 29th, at the Lake, to assemble rods. Those able to assist with the Derby itself will meet at the Lake at 6:30 a.m. on the 30th. Please help us with this important event. It is for the kids!

The Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers has been



working mightily to prepare for its first annual Fly Fishing Faire to be held September 13-16, 2012, in Mammoth Lakes. Please note the more-detailed announcement on page 6. If you find yourself able to do so, I would encourage you to take a short vacation in Mammoth that weekend and support the Council's efforts.

Every time I begin one of these Messages, I question whether I really have anything worthwhile to contribute. In the end, I always seem to run out of room before I run out of information to share. Tight lines!

Lee McElravy

Scenes from the Annual Raffle



Don Caswell was the winner of the grand prize--a Jon Holland hand built bamboo fly rod.



A beautiful silent auction item--a hand carved Golden Trout by Bob Berry.



Fly Fishing Ambassador

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floor, I walked down the hallway, turned into Room 302 and stopped abruptly when I saw that his bed was made and knew immediately what that meant.

As I made my way back to the truck, I could not help but think of what a great friend Bill had been to me for the last forty years, how he had saved and energized the San Diego Fly Fishers and served the sport of fly fishing in Southern California as its most passionate ambassador.

I first met Bill at Whitey Perry's Sport Shop on University Avenue in the early 1970's. Perry's was just about the only place for 100 miles where you could buy fly tying materials, and it was not uncommon to see members of the Pasadena or Long Beach fly fishing clubs make the journey to visit Whitey, talk fly fishing and stock up on supplies.

When I met Bill, he and Whitey had an interesting symbiotic relationship. Bill handled rod and reel repairs that came into Whitey's shop at no charge, while absorbing everything he could about the fly fishing side of the tackle business from Whitey, who in turn made a little money off of Bill's repairs.

Bill and his wife Eileen were extraordinary saltwater anglers who rode local sportfishing boats a day or two each week for years, a passion that led them from the insurance business to the fishing tackle business with the purchase of a small storefront home at 1457 Morena Boulevard. Due in large part to Eileen's mastery of a meticulous and artistic technique known as the "diamond wrap," a decorative application to the butt section of rods, their small shop's business boomed with custom rods built for local skippers and top anglers.

It was not uncommon for yacht owners to replace every rod on their boat with an array of custom wrapped and color matched rods from the Strouds.

Despite their experience and success in the world of conventional saltwater fishing, Eileen's heart belonged to fly fishing. As a young girl growing up as the daughter of an Oregon logger who was a skilled fly fisherman, she had learned to fly fish and tie flies at an early age. Now many years later and already in the saltwater tackle business where there was considerable competition, Bill and Eileen began another transition, this time in the direction of fly fishing as Whitey closed his shop, leaving the region without a business specific to fly fishing.

At that time, the membership of the local fly fishing club had declined considerably to fewer than 30 active members, most of whom were oriented toward fly fishing destinations and vacations rather than fishing locally. The club did not permit female members and as a result was at risk of losing agreements allowing it preferential use of city owned buildings in Balboa Park for meetings and a casting pool at Morley Field.

In concert with the development of their new fly fishing shop, the Strouds began to breathe life into the San Diego Fly Fishermen which became the San Diego Fly Fishers as women were permitted to join and more local fishing was emphasized. It was nearly impossible for customers to leave Stroud Tackle without signing up to become club members, and it was not long before a dwindling club of 30 members became an energized organization of over 300, the vast majority of them recruited and signed up at Stroud Tackle which in turn donated a table of raffle prizes

for the club's monthly meetings. For many years, Bill served as President of the club and was an entertaining speaker and natural leader as someone who never forgot a face, name or joke.

To illustrate that point, I have a number of friends from outside of San Diego who I introduced to Bill at the shop and upon return visits months, and sometimes years later, were greeted by name when they returned to the shop.

The shop, along with the fly fishing business overall experienced less ups than downs in recent years, but the shop remained open on a full schedule until Eileen's death a few years ago. It became impossible emotionally for Bill to return to the shop without Eileen, but in time he managed to do so on a limited basis with in-store help from Rick Vorst and Craig Smith and the encouragement of dozens of friends.

With the shop only open from 10 until 2 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, it resembled more of a clubhouse than business as Bill's legions of friends stopped by for a visit to swap stories, hear a joke or simply reminisce.

The face of fly fishing in these parts changed drastically and for the better with the arrival of Bill Stroud.

I know and fear that it will change again with his departure.



Check out Jim Brown's Sporting Life blog page at:

<http://jimbrowns-sportinglife.blogspot.com/>



THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER SETS NEW RECORD

This year's annual fundraiser exceeds expectations, raising more money than last year's record setting event. Thanks to everyone's generosity this year's fundraiser set a new record high of over \$11,000. This was accomplished through the donations of prizes and time of many of the Club's members and business sponsors. Our members and sponsors donated eighty percent of all the raffle and silent auction prizes. Our success was also accomplished through the generosity of our members who purchased raffle tickets and bid on our silent auction items. Thanks to all the 108 people who came to the event and made the night such a success.

There are many people to thank for making this year's annual fundraiser a success. First I want to thank **Jim Tenuto** and the Cigar Group for mailing out raffle tickets to member's homes and to Jim for contacting all the vendors asking for donations. I want to thank **Bruce Harris** for arranging the use of the Southwestern Yacht Club and keeping the books in order. I want to thank all those people who helped the night on the fundraiser; **Lee McElravy, Larry Sorensen, Don Davis, Bruce Harris, Gordie Zimm, Shelley Wagner, Gary Strawn, Paul Woolery, Roger Yamasaki, and my wife Jaclynn**. I feel that I must be missing someone but there were so many people there and some much going on that I must apologize if I left you out.

Finally I want to thank all the members and business sponsors who so generously donated over \$12,000 in prizes. The following members and business sponsors donated prizes to our raffle and silent auction:

Members:

Art Reifman
Barry Perchersky
Bill Bacon
Bob Neal
Dan McKirnan
Gary Farrar
Gary Strawn
Hal Herritt
Jack Duncan
Jim Reeg
Jim Tentuto
Jon Holland
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Louie Zimm
Lucky Ketcham

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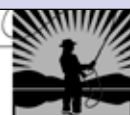
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Silverfish Press
SoCal Fly Fishing Outfitters
Stroud's Tackle
Tom Loe's Sierra Drifters
Trout Creek Flies, Green
River Outfitters
WAPSI Fly, Inc.

Thanks for making this our best fundraiser yet.

Art Reifman
2012 Annual Fundraiser Chair



WANTED!

The following people are **wanted**
by the SDFR Raffle Committee!

You have won one or more prizes. It is *your* responsibility to pick up your prizes at the July or September meeting. (There is no August meeting.) If you are unable to attend, please designate someone on your behalf. If these items are not claimed by the September meeting, they will become club property.

Kaufmann Fly Tying Book and Fly kit

ADG 5wt Fly Rod

Fly Tying Kit

Lanyard, Tippet and Hat

Cortland Retro Fly Reel

Redington GD 5/6 Fly Reel

Chota and Stroud Gift Certificates

Landing Net

Orvis WF7 Fly Line

Sun Gloves, Winter Gloves, Hat and Buff

Streamworks Streamside Tools

Rubber Landing Net

Oak Wadding Staff

Saltwater Fly Tying Kit

Rubber Landing Net

Fly Fishing the Sierra Nevada and Tippet

Streamworks Streamside Tools

Sage Chest Pack

TFO BWK 5wt Fly Rod

TFO I Fly Reel

Andrew Castigeione

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Charles Bemis

Dan Whitney

James Richardson

Jan Drake

Jan Drake

Jim Collins

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Joe Granata

John Wohleiel

Michael Holtel

Mike Woods

Rick Shepp

Stan Guiles

Victor Carrasquillo

Volunteers Wanted for Powder Horn 2012

The Club has been invited to the Boy Scouts Powder Horn on Saturday, September 1st, from 9:00AM – 4:00PM, to teach fly tying and fly casting to their adult leaders.

Please call Warren Lew at if you are able to help. Lunch will be provided.

WARREN LEW

More Scenes from the Annual Raffle



Master of Ceremony and Club President Lee McElravy.



Ceramic vase and bowl by Barry Perchersky.



Sept. 13-16

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FFF SCHEDULES MASSIVE MAMMOTH FLY FISHING FAIRE

Plans for the Southwest Council FFF's 24 local club Fly Fishing Faire in Mammoth are coming together.

"Slated for Sept. 13-16, The Fly Fishing Faire will be a potpourri of the sport with clinics, workshops, films, casting, fly-tying, vendor displays and every aspect of the sport aimed at conventional anglers who want to 'convert', casual anglers, fly-fishing fanatics and weekend visitors to the Mammoth area," . Adult admission is \$10 with children and teens age 16 and under free.

One admission is good for all Faire days. Some workshops and seminars are included in the Faire admission; other classes will have separate registration fees. Hours are Thurs., 2-5; Fri., 8-5; Sat., 8-5; and Sun., 9-3. The Faire will be headquartered at Cerro Coso Community College, 101 College Parkway in Mammoth.

"We scheduled the event to coincide with the end-of-summer Eastern Sierra caddis hatch, the start of fall colors, the beginning of school and much less traffic," .

Featured film presentation will be The International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4), 13 short and feature length films – about two hours – produced by professional and amateur filmmakers from all corners of the globe, showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly-fishing.

Fly-fishing film topics scheduled range from steelhead in Northern British Columbia to chasing multiple species in Costa Rica.

Programs, classes or seminars will include:

- On-stream line mending workshops by Guy Jeans, Kern River Fly Shop, Kernville;
- Hot Creek and where to fish in the Eastern Sierra by Kevin Peterson, manager, Hot Creek Ranch;
- Basic to Advanced Fly-Tying, Steve Fernandez, Sierra Pacific Flyfishers, San Fernando Valley;
- Tying Extended Body Flies, Naomi Okamoto, Pasadena Casting Club;
- Fishing Lake Crowley from the shore, Ernie Gulley, Deep Creek Fly Fishers;
- Rush Creek/Silver Lake float-tubing, Streamborn Fly Fishers;
- All day rod building class, Chiaki Harami, Southwestern Sierra Fly Fishers;
- Building custom leaders and how to fish them (on-stream instruction) on Hot Creek, Mas Okui, Sierra Pacific Flyfishers;
- Beginning Digital Photography workshops, Michael Miller, professional photographer, California State University, Northridge and Pasadena Casting Club.

Professional fly-fishing guides and instructors for the Faire will come from the Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide Assn.; Ken's Sporting Goods, Bridgeport; and the Trout Fly Troutfitter, Mammoth Lakes.

There will also be golf, spa sessions and other activities for the entire family.

According to Fernandez, who is coordinating the tying, "Many of the best fly-tiers in California will conduct hands-on workshops demonstrating productive Eastern Sierra patterns."

Among the vendors will be fly-fishing shops expected to have end-of-the-year specials on close-out 2012 merchandise as well as an advance peek at holiday gifts.

For advance registration and a list of programs, fly-fishing films, presenters, fly-tiers and events, visit the Faire website at www.regonline.com/flyfishingfaire



FLY OF THE MONTH

Parachute Mosquito Dry Fly

Hook: Tiemco 100, size 16 (sizes 12 to 16)
Wing/Post: White Poly Yarn
Tail: Grizzly hackle fibers
Body: Stripped grizzly hackle quill, or (one white and one black moose mane hairs)
Hackle: Grizzly
Thorax: Grey superfine



Mosquito Dry Fly - My favorite variation is a red tailed mosquito.

Hook: Tiemco 100, size 16 (sizes 12 to 16)
Thread: Black 8/0
Wing: Matched grizzly small neck hackle tips
Tail: Grizzly hackle fibers or red stiff hackle fibers.
Body: Stripped grizzly hackle quill, or (one white and one black moose mane hairs)
Hackle: Grizzly



The use of a stripped grizzly hackle stem or two moose mane hairs make a nice body with segments that will increase in size similar to a natural mosquito. The quills or hairs are not as durable as some mosquito patterns made with heavy white thread over muskrat or black dubbing. I like the look of the moose mane combination on this delicate dry fly. I use small narrow rooster grizzly neck hackles rather than broader hen hackles for the wings. The mosquito is a Diptera, with only two thin wings. I like the red tailed variation because it is easier to see and I believe the trout may be one of the mosquito predators that naturally select the most nutritious morsel. Females with a blood meal or engorged with yellow orange eggs are often selected over the thin bodied males in mosquito predator studies.

In preparation for this fly soak some white and black moose mane hairs in a small dish of water. Or strip some grizzly hackle stems and soak them in water for at least 10 minutes. The soaking will reduce the problem of cracked

quills or broken and split hairs.

Attach the thread at the $\frac{3}{4}$ shank point to mark the wing location and wrap a tight thread base to the bend. Make a small 5 wrap thread bump at the bend to help separate the tail fibers. Select a small bunch of stiff bright red or natural hackle fibers. 8 to 10 fibers are adequate. Size the tail to be one hook shank extending beyond the start of the bend. Attach the tail, keeping it on top of the hook. As you wrap the thread back toward the little the thread bump take your finger nail and push down on the fibers to spread them evenly. Wrap the thread only to the front side of the thread bump. (If you go past the bump, the tail fibers will be pulled back into one bundle.) Many people like a straight stiff tail of this fly to help keep the hook off the water. (A mosquito does not have a tail so it is a matter of preference.)

Select a white and a black moose mane hair. The tie in point on the tip should be at a diameter

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Fly of the Month

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almost the diameter of the fine wire hook. Clip off about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the fine tips to get the right thickness. Hold the hairs parallel to the hook shank and tie down the tips at the bend of the hook, right up to the beginning of the tail. Advance the thread to almost the $\frac{3}{4}$ shank mark. Now wrap the two hairs forward as a pair, making the desired white and black abdomen. Tie off just beyond mid shank and trim the butts. Now work on the wings. Select two matched grizzly neck hackles from the head area of a neck. Size them to be two hook gaps or one shank length. Prepare the hackles by stripping or clipping off the barbs beyond the wing size you want. AK Best says never to strip the fibers because it weakens the quill, but it still works most of the time. He would clip them along the quill with his scissor tips. Place the hackles back to back, shiny side out and match the tips. Hold them in your right hand finger tips and slide them up on each side of the hook shank into the wing position. Now take them with your left hand while making two soft-pinch wraps around the quills and the hook shank. Pull down and back on the thread bobbin to tighten while holding the hackles. Cock the hackles up

with your finger and make two thread wraps behind the quills to hold them up. Make another wrap very close to the front. Trim off the butts of the quills. Make several figure 8 wraps between the wings to separate them at 60 degrees. If the wings do not look good take them off and start over. Some people think the wings are optional on these patterns but they look better to me. Others think the wings are the first trigger the fish see as the fly approaches the circle of vision. Select a grizzly saddle with barbs 1.25 to 1.5 hook gaps long. Attach the quill in front of the wing on the bare hook. Pull the bare stem between the wings and make a thread wrap behind the wing. Advance the thread to in front of the wing. Make 3 to 4 hackle wraps behind and 3 in front of the wing. Tie off and trim the excess hackle. Take your half hitch tool and make one half hitch to clear any stray hackles away from the hook eye. Make a small thread head with a 3 to 4 wrap whip finish.

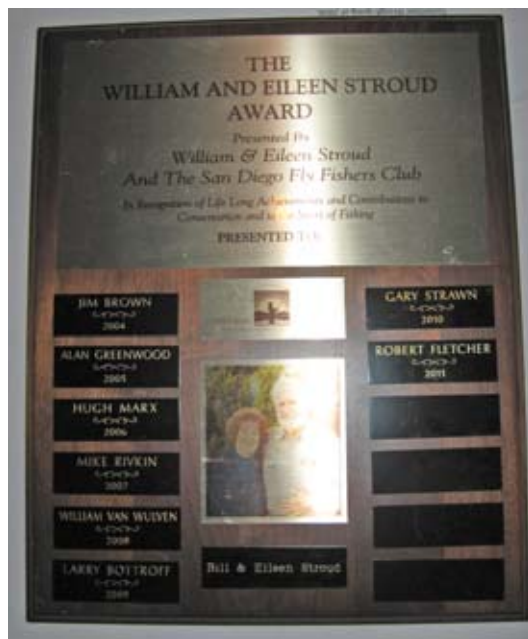
The parachute version is similar, except a thorax of grey dubbing is added to hide the post connections



And Again More Scenes from the Annual Raffle



Recipients of the
Stroud Award
 2004-Jim Brown
 2005-Allen Greenwood
 2006- Hugh Marx
 2007- Mike Rivkin
 2008- Bill Van Wulven
 2009- Larry Bottroff
 2010- Gary Strawn
 2011- Bob Fletcher



Cutoff date for **August FINNY FACTS**
 articles---**Friday July 13th**

Send articles to:
 Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

Thanks!!

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

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EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations are gratefully
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Recipients of the: GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service
 to the flyfishing community

1991-Ned Sewell	2004-Joe Bain
1992-Bob Camp	2005-Jim Reeg
1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud	2006-John Kasten
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	
2000-Tom Smith	
2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki	
2002-Larry Sorensen	
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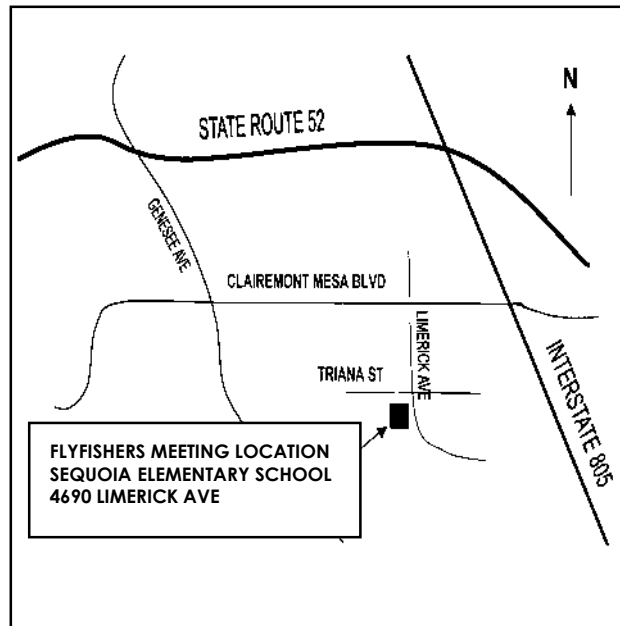
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Meeting Place for Workshops

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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