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Fly Fishers

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Monthly Meeting

Members Demos and Swap Meet

The December meeting will feature a number of Club member fly tyers who will demonstrate techniques, tips, and tricks on tying their favorite flies.

For those of you who have ever wondered what it takes to build your own rod, you are in luck as there will be a rod building demonstration at this meeting.

This meeting is also an opportunity to bring fishing gear and personally made items to sell or trade (No resale allowed). Don't miss it.

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, Dec 3, 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)

**Larry Aker and
Kurt Ruble**

Thank You, Mona Morebello

The Largemouth Bass of Diamond Valley Lake

By Warren Lew

In mid October, **Gretchen Yearous** and I fished for largemouth bass at Diamond Valley Lake, a reservoir operated by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Located near the City of Hemet, it is an easy hour and half drive from San Diego, and a fly fishing destination that is frequently overlooked.

We arrived at the Lake gate at 6:45AM, and there was already a long line of cars and boats waiting for the gate to open. But, after a short wait, the gate opened and we were able to meet up with our guide, Alex Cady, at the launch ramp at 7:30AM.

After brief introductions, we put our gear in Alex's boat, and within minutes we were on our way! Our first stop was at a cove on the south side of Lake. Here, Alex put an EP Silversides Minnow on Gretchen's fly rod. Wanting to see if that was the fly that the bass wanted, he cast out ... and promptly caught a nice bass on his first cast!

Later in the morning, he took us to



a cove with a lot of stickups. Here, we could see the shad being driven to the surface, and occasionally, a bass would jump completely out of the water!

Gretchen and I made a number of casts in this spot, but had difficulty in getting the right action to get the bass to take our flies.

We fished a number of coves like this, but I have to admit, the fishing was a little slow that day. Although we knew the fish were there, they were difficult to catch! Alex, however, worked very hard the entire time, trying to put us on the fish. He would look for signs, like the location of the grebes and herons, areas of nervous water, and use his



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I write this month's column as my own schedule begins to slow a bit in anticipation of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. No, this is not a lead-in to the usual "these are the things I'm thankful for" column.

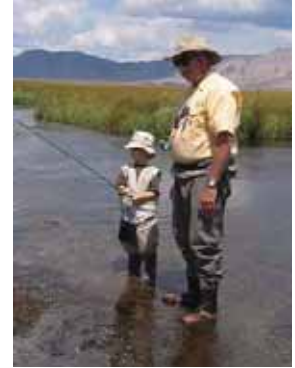
Some possible exceptions notwithstanding, the mere fact you are reading this issue means you are a member of our Club. I assume that, like me, you are thankful for an organization which so actively supports an activity about which you are passionate.

In a column several months ago I encouraged you to become more involved, including volunteering for one or more of our Club activities. In response, three new members stepped forward to join our 2013 Board. Thank you! Today I have a slightly different request.

We should, indeed, be grateful for what this Club provides. However, that does not mean we are

perfect in what we do. How many times have you thought to yourself or shared with a fellow member some desire that we do something differently, or undertake some completely different activity? Did you share that thought with an officer or Board member? Did you pass it on to anyone with the ability to affect change? Your Board of Directors is committed to making this Club one of the best at what it does. However, we cannot do that without your input.

The next two months represent a busy time for all of us. For that reason, this will be the last time I get to remind you of several upcoming activities. As noted last month, **Larry Sorensen** is organizing our annual fly tying program on December 3rd. I urge you to come and tie if you are so inclined. This is not a contest, but rather an opportunity to observe, ask questions and share information. **Jack Duncan** has promised to provide a display



for his rod building classes and the evening will also include a fishing gear swap and "garage sale."

January 14th will bring our Annual Banquet for members, family and friends at Admiral Baker. The meeting on December 3rd presents the last group gathering when you can reserve and pay for tickets. Don't miss this important event. Hope you had a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Tight Lines-

Lee McElravy





**San Diego Fly Fishers
Annual "STROUD" Banquet
Monday January 14th 2013
6:30 to 9:00 PM**

**Admiral Baker Clubhouse
U.S. Navy Recreation Center**

(just off Friars Road, approximately 1 mile east of Qualcomm Stadium)

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

**The price is only \$25 per person for a great buffet dinner in a
beautiful and convenient setting.**

The \$25 price includes a door prize ticket!

Sign-up at a meeting, at Stroud's Tackle or mail to:

**San Diego Fly Fishers, Attn Stroud Banquet
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd., #327
San Diego, CA 92124**

**Please make your reservations prior to January 4
Spouses and guests are welcome!**



Annual Bishop Trip

February 22 and 23, 2013

This is the clubs first trip of 2013. It's open to anyone. Be advised we fish in all weather conditions! Dinning arrangements will be at Bishops finest restaurants, including Jacks, La Casita, The Upper Crust and The Back Alley Bowling Bar and Grill. This trip is for serious fishermen interested fishing, food, fun, making new friends and hanging out with old ones.

Those wishing to join us for fishing without guide service are also welcome!

- **Contact:** _____ or
- **Guide Service:** provided by Sierra Drifters
- **Guided fishing:** February 22 and 23. If necessary we can add an extra day on the 21st.
- **Other:** All reservations for rooms, dinning and guides will be made by Paul Woolery.
- **Travel:** Make your own travel plans. Carpooling is encouraged!

Golden Trout Wilderness; Boulder Creek



Sherry, Scott, Wayne, and Cocoa

Five fearless SDFV volunteers challenged October snow storms to drop our cattle exclusion fence in Casa Vieja Meadow at the south end of the **Golden Trout Wilderness**. By delaying one day we missed most of the snow and had great weather even at 9,000 feet. We had the fence down by noon and spent the afternoon "inspecting" the wild trout population. We found several beautiful 8" and 9" Golden trout that would happily hang from various #14 to #18 dry flies while we admired them. The fence is in good shape so the trip next June, to put the fence up, should be a great one. If you are interested contact me via the email address below.

Locally, our efforts to help the San Diego River Park Foundation purchase and protect up to 14 acres of imperiled watershed on upper **Boulder Creek** has been a great success! The first 2 ½ acres has closed escrow and we are working with the fisheries biologist at the San Diego DFG office to do a survey of the wild trout on the property. Between San Diego Fly Fishers, Golden State Flycasters, San Diego Trout and memorial funds for Bill and Eileen Stroud and Skip Price, we

raised more than \$20,000 for this purchase. That is an unbelievably generous amount when we think that between the clubs there are less than 500 people. That amounts to \$40 per fly fisher and would not have been possible without your continued support for our **Annual Raffle and**

Silent Auction. The San Diego River Park Foundation continues to raise matching funds and apply for various grant funds to pay off the remaining loan and to finalize the purchase of an additional 11 ½ acres upstream of the first parcel. With existing USFS land, these purchases will ensure the protection of this important wild trout habitat that lies just a few miles below Lake Cuyamaca.

The long range plan is to not only **protect the wild trout** that are there and possibly restock with native steelhead, but also to use this area as a research station for various watershed and wildlife monitoring projects. San Diego State University, DFG (soon to be DFW), California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego River Park Foundation and the San Diego River Conservancy are all



looking at funding for various scientific projects such as fish counts, fish tissue sampling, water flow and quality measurements, wildlife cameras, population surveys and habitat restoration.

If anything can help us restore some of the native and wild trout populations in our local, upper watersheds, this type of intense research can lead the way. We are going to make sure that the progress and results of the studies are made available to the public and especially to the generous fly fishing community that made it all possible.

Thank You!

My club email address:

Keep Smiling,
Gary



There is a stream full of trout in the middle of this meadow.



Diamond Valley Lake

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electronics in deciding where to stop and fish.

Gretchen caught the largest fish of the day, a hard fighting 2 pounder. It put a nice bend in her rod, and did not come to the boat easily! I caught several bass, too, hooking one by my estimate, between 1 and 6 pounds. 😊 Unfortunately, it threw my hook after becoming airborne, so I was unable to weigh it for you.



We fished with 7 weight fly rods, each strung with fast sinking shooting heads. Using Alex's custom tied EP Minnows with weed guards, we would cast close to the shoreline in the stickups. After waiting about 10 to 20 seconds, depending on the location, we would then begin a moderately fast strip retrieve through the underwater structure. When a bass took our fly, we would do a strip set, and then as Alex instructed us, raise our rod

tips to play the fish.

With this style of fishing, you will lose a good number of flies... which is another good reason to use a guide!

Diamond Valley Lake is a huge lake, with a steep and rocky shoreline. Although we did see a number of shoreline trout fishermen near the Marina, to successfully fly fish for bass, you will need a boat.

Alex is very knowledgeable and a passionate fly fishing guide. In his comfortable and clean boat ... and by the way, fast boat, we were able to get to the various fishing spots quickly, and maximize our time on the water. It was a terrific experience using shooting heads and his shad patterns, and casting wherever we saw shad boiling on the surface!

Because Diamond Valley Lake is so close to San Diego, this lake should be on your "places to fish" list.

We had a great time with Alex, and I want to thank him offering this half day guided trip at our Annual Raffle's silent auction. He can be reached at



TEACH THE TEACHERS

– brought to you by the Southwest Council, Federation of Fly Fishers

You're invited.....to the 2nd Annual "Teach the Teachers" class series !! If you are an FFF certified casting instructor (CI) and/or a casting instructor at your local club, and you're interested in some continuing education aimed at improving your teaching skills, this is the class for you.

All four Saturdays in January we'll be meeting at the Long Beach Casting Club. FFF certified casting instructors will be teaching you tried and true techniques for teaching the basic casts (pick/up lay down, false cast, roll cast). In addition, this year we'll be expanding our instruction to include techniques for teaching FISHING techniques, such as line control (mends, shooting, slipping, various slack line presentations), as well as hauling and accuracy.

Instruction will include not only "how to", but methods for diagnosing faults in your student's cast, and how to correct them.

Cost – \$40.00 per person, FFF rate. \$50.00 per person non-FFF member rate. This is for all four classes and is NOT per class!

Time – 9 a.m. – noon

Dates – January 5, 12, 19, 26 (Saturdays)

Location – Long Beach Casting Club, Recreation Park, Long Beach, CA

Contact Tim Lawson for information and to enroll



Members Fishing Reports

Bob Pharoah Oct 27

Barry, Kile and I fished San Diego bay this morning in beautiful weather. Kile landed 6 Spotties while hooking another half dozen. Barry landed a dozen and I ended with 15. I had 3 doubles and caught most of them around bridge support #10. I used a brown & white clouser and a Kims worm.

Water temperature in the Bay had dropped 3 degrees since last Saturday to 68 degrees.

New Moon on Tuesday. One friend reported 53 fish to the hand. Mostly spotted bay bass on the chew but also some mackerel and yellowfin croaker. No halibut reported Monday.

The fish were taken with a two fly combo of standard White and Chartreuse Green Clouser Minnows and Orange and Brown. I am sure the Rootbeer and Orange Kim's Z Worm will be good choice tied above the standard Clouser patterns.

Lucky Ketcham Nov 12th

I went to the Golden State Fly Casters Meeting to learn about the rivers around Missoula Montana.

Several GSF members fished Tidelands in the morning on Monday November 12th on that big outgoing tide a day before the

Barry Pechersky Nov 14th

It was a good day to fish Tidelands. **Bob Pharoah** caught 19, **Rich Debusk** snagged 4, **Norb Spitzer** the last I heard was 18 in the net and a new club member **Richard Cullip** was the high roller with 61! I netted 12 and two long distance releases.

Helpful Fishing Tips (from FFF newsletter *International FLYFISHER*)

– As the waters cool into fall, those of us that fish with streamers have a tendency to use a slow strip. Sometimes a very fast strip will elicit a strike. The quick movement does not give the fish a chance to see what it is; just that it appears to be food. Any species, salt or fresh, warm water or cold, has the ability to make some surprisingly fast charges when eating is at stake.

Submitted by Michael Schweit – Southwest Council president

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.



David Collins

Post Fishing Pictures on Sdff Website

Got any great photos of recent fishing adventures or club events you want to share? Why not post them on the Sdff website to help showcase our members' activities.

Check out pictures others have submitted in the past. Just go to <http://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com>, click on the "Utilities" tab then click the "Photo Gallery" link at the upper left. We've revamped the gallery with a slicker way of organizing and viewing your photos.

If you have some pics to post, just send 'em to sdflyfish@sandiegoflyfishers.com. It would really help if you have a little story to go along with your group of pics and/or stories about individual pics within a group. (Not required ... but helpful). Also, if you are computer savvy enough to limit your pics to no wider/higher than 600x600 pixels, it'll really help save time preparing them for placement in our website gallery. (Again, not a requirement, but really helpful)

We've had some great days at the Beach/Bay lately. Let's get some pics of activities like this up on our site to show the world what we're doin' !!





The
Calico
Syndicate

PRESENTS

THINK OUTSIDE THE FLY BOX

HEAVY SINK LINE DEMO DAY

Sunday December 2nd @ 9:00am

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB | 5201 E. 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90808

CALICO SYNDICATE

HEAVY SINK LINE ADVOCATES

CAPT BILL CALHOUN | KEITH MUNEMITSU | CAPT VAUGHN PODMORE

In Association with

SIERRA PACIFIC FISHING ADVENTURES

FFF MASTER CASTING INSTRUCTOR JOE LIBEU

And

CALICO SYNDICATE EXPERT FLY TIERS

ADAM PEREZ | DAVE VALADEZ | TOD SUTTLE

Come and spend the morning with the boys of The Calico Syndicate and cast their heavy 800 to 950 grain lines, learn how to make the heavy line, see first-hand their equipment configurations, and witness their expert tiers build highly productive calico bass flies.

Friend and FFF Master Casting Instructor Joe Libeu of Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures will be on hand to help all anglers of any skill level cast the heavy line correctly. Three members of The Calico Syndicate have been intensively researching and developing this new saltwater fly fishing tactic over the past seven months, and are going to share their complete knowledge base with you on a one-to-one basis in this highly collaborative environment. All rods and heavy lines will be provided for anglers to try.

So come out, have some coffee with us, and learn about this exciting new approach to an age old fly fishing problem.

There is NO cost to attend | Space is limited so please RSVP at: OceanOfHope@hotmail.com



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“How To”...SDFF Meeting Set-up and Breakdown 2013

SET UP

- Arrive by 6:30 PM
- Unlock SDFF cabinets (located on stage left) combination lock # 1-2-3
- Carry name-tag cases to back of auditorium. Cases are located adjacent to cabinets
- Someone is usually there by 6:00 PM to set up condiment table and start coffee
- Move salad bar tables flat against the wall (if they are set up)
- Set up tables next to back windows for name tag boxes
- Arrange table for raffle ticket sales
- Arrange 1 table for door prizes
- Set up club P.A. system (found in cabinets on stage)
- Set up table for projectors, extension cord in cabinet and pull down screen in back of stage
- Make sure faculty restrooms are unlocked and hall lights are on (see custodian)
- Check with custodian about heater for auditorium if needed
- Put out large trash cans and recycle bin (from teacher's lounge)
- **Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle)**

BREAKDOWN

- Be sure all chairs and tables are returned to original positions
- Check and clean up trash, spills, and crumbs
- Turn off and put away microphone, screen and projector
- Return coffee pot, condiment box, blue bin, and name tag boxes to cabinet. **LOCK CABINET!**
- Custodian is responsible for shutting down and locking up, but please double check any windows that may have been opened.

It is important that we return this room to the same order as we found it as the school uses this room first thing in the morning and they have no time to rearrange before the kids arrive.

A copy of this memo will be posted on the inside of the cabinet door (however, you will need to memorize our tricky combination, 1-2-3)

NOTE: The board wants to get a head count at our 2013 meetings. Please be exact in the number of chairs you set up. Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle).



Meeting Hosts for 2013

San Diego Fly Fishers appreciate your voluntary enlistment as a Meeting Host! Below is the schedule for the year together with the “How To” manual.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on your assigned date, **it will be your responsibility to arrange for a substitute**. You might try calling someone on this list to trade dates. We know it is hard to plan your schedule so far in advance.

The only reminder you will receive is a notice (the week before your turn) in the *Finny Facts* so you may want to mark your calendar today.

Thanks...we value you as a volunteer! (Lew Walsh and BOD)

January: Annual Banquet

February: Kurt Ruble, Mark Hedderson

March: Richard Strobel, Art Reifman

April: Barry Pechersky, Don Smith

May: Don Davis, Lew Walsh

June: Annual Fund Raiser

July: Sam & Mona Morebello

August: Gone Fishing

September: Gordie & Louie Zimm, Shelley Wagner

October: Jim Castelluzzo, Bob Blazer

November: Robert Pharoh, Barry Pechersky

December: Alan Thompson, Lew Walsh

Mark Hedderson

Kurt Ruble

Richard Strobel

Art Reifman

Berry Pechersky

Don Smith

Don Davis

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Bob Stafford

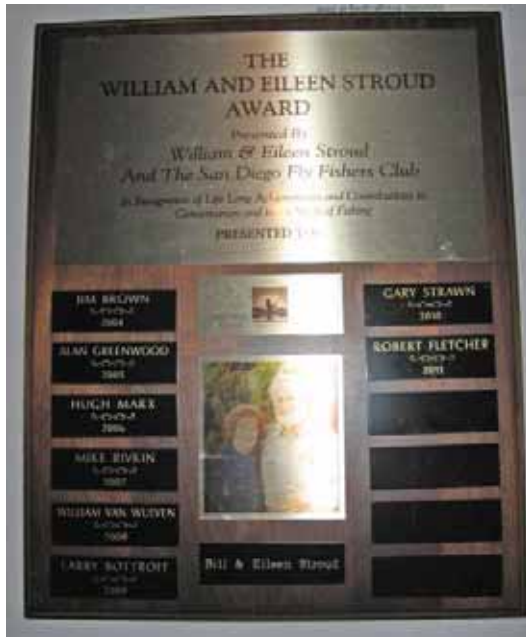
Jon Hee

Lucky Ketcham

Lee McElravy



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 **January FINNY FACTS** articles---**Friday December 14th**

Send articles to:
 Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

Thanks!!

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

Paul Woolery

EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations are gratefully
 accepted
 Make checks payable to Eileen
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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.

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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	
2003-Jim Tenuto	



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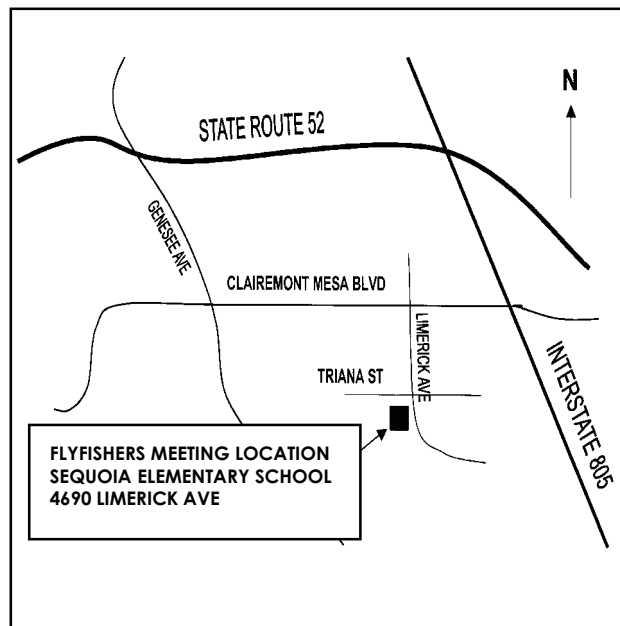
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Meeting Place for Workshops

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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