

## November Speaker

### Charter Member of International Women Fly Fishers to Speak at November SDFF Meeting

Our speaker for the November Fly Fishers meeting will be **Sally Stoner**. Sally is a fly fisherwomen, writer and speaker. A Charter Member of the International Women Fly Fishers, her love affair with fishing began at eight years old when she caught her first rainbow trout. Sally's work has been published in *California Flyfisher* and her book, *Shared Treasures-A Journal of Friendship and Fly Fishing*, was published in 2000.

Sally will be in San Diego for the IWFF's conclave October 31- November 1, 2, 3 at the La Jolla Marriot, and will stay in town another day so that she might be our guest speaker on the 5th.

Please join us and enjoy an entertaining presentation from a lady fly fishers' perspective.

### REMINDER

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

**Dan McGinty and  
John Johnson**

*Thank you, Mona Morebello*

### SDFF Participates in National Hunting & Fishing Day

On Saturday, September 28, 2002, the San Diego Fly Fishers participated in the National Hunting & Fishing Day. A half dozen of our stalwarts spent the day at Lake Murray

to sponsor such an event. **Jim Brown**, Manager, San Diego City Lakes Program, provided the initial spark and enthusiasm. Strong additional leadership by the San Diego Wildlife Federation and the

California Department of Fish & Game made the day a reality.

Our invitation to participate included this information: "Established in 1972 by the President and Congress, the fourth Saturday of September is set aside each year to celebrate and observe the American traditions of hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities."

Other participants included Pheasants

Forever, Quail Unlimited, San Diego Trout, Council of Bass Clubs, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pacific Southwest Wildfowl Arts Association, and a number of sporting dog clubs.



*Larry Sorensen and the young apprentice.*

tying flies and putting on a casting demonstration.

This was the first time that the San Diego outdoor sporting community joined forces

### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, November 4th, 2002  
7:30 PM  
Sequoia Elementary School  
4690 Limerick Ave.  
(See map on back page)

**Lee McElravy, Tom Smith, Larry Sorensen, Art Reifman and Jim Reeg** tied dozens of flies during the day.

Usually someone was peering over their shoulders or sitting next to them on the bench as they worked with fur, feather and thread. They also provided some "hands-

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: NOVEMBER 2002

*National Hunting & Fishing Day*...On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, a half dozen members of San Diego Fly Fishers represented our club at the first San Diego National Hunting & Fishing Day at Lake Murray. There is an article, along with some pictures, about our activities on that blustery Saturday, featured in this issue

of *Finny Facts*, so I will try not be redundant.

Our Club made a **lot** of friends that day, in large part due to the ambassadors who represented us: **Lee McElravy, Tom Smith, Art Reifman, Jim Reeg** and **Larry Sorensen**.



**JIM TENUTO**

Those of us who participate in "the American traditions of hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities" cannot ignore the very real dangers that threaten those activities. Well organized groups who oppose fishing on any level actively lobby to ban fishing from National Parks and other government owned property. The Cleveland National Forest closed most of its land, citing the danger of forest fires, two weeks before the opening of deer season. PETA promotes a program for elementary schools that depicts fishing as barbaric and cruel.

*San Diego Union Tribune* outdoor sports writer, **Ed Zieralski**, visited the show. He was fresh from covering the kids' fishing tournament at Lake Cuyamaca, another National Hunting & Fishing Day local event. Ed said that over five hundred people were at the lake, many of them fishing for the first time. "One guy who hadn't fished in thirty years was there with his two children," Ed said.

Many of the visitors to the Lake Murray event were children, accompanied by their parents.

In my opinion praise can never be redundant, so once again I'll thank **Lee, Tom, Art, Jim** and **Larry** from our club, **Jim Brown**, Manager, San Diego City Lakes Program, for spearheading the event, **San Diego County Wildlife Federation** for their organization and

energy, and **Ed Zieralski** for his energetic promotion of the event and the subsequent reporting.

*A very special evening*...This year's Annual Banquet will be held **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, on USMS Mercy (HS-1).

By the time this issue of *Finny Facts* lands in your mail box there will

only be about a month to make certain that you have your reservation for this special event. The Navy needs a list of those who attend for security reasons. You can pay at our November meeting or use the form printed here in *Finny Facts* or on our website and mail it in to our club headquarters.

The cost is \$5.00 per person. The club is subsidizing the cost of the evening. You can get a meal like this for \$5.00...even Hometown Buffet charges more. This meeting is for members only. You are certainly welcome to bring a guest, a spouse or significant other, but we ask that you don't invite the "neighborhood" to get in on this great deal.

**Golden State Flycasters**... For years there have been discussions about a North County fly fishing club. On Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, the "new kid on the block", the **Golden State Flycasters** will host their inaugural meeting at the Skyline School Auditorium, 606 Lomas Santa Fe Drive in Solana Beach. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

We welcome the club with open arms.

You don't own one rod, you don't subscribe to just one fishing magazine, and you don't fish one lake or river. Many of

us support California Trout, Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers. There is room in San Diego County for a second club and you should consider belonging to both.

**Pat Case** is the President of the new club. In our discussions it is clear that neither club views the other as a competitor. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that we aren't even viewing two clubs as alternatives. This is a win-win for county fly fishing enthusiasts. North County residents who would **never** attend one of our meetings now have a "local" venue. The added publicity will help feature both clubs.

We wish Pat the best of luck in his new endeavor.

*A Word About Volunteering*...You need to get involved in **San Diego Fly Fishers**. Yeah, you. The woman or man reading this missive.

Here are just some of the things that our club offers:

1. Informative monthly meetings featuring some of the biggest names in fly fishing and highlighting some of the most exciting fishing destinations in the world.
2. Oh, by the way...at each of those meetings we sponsor a raffle.
3. Co-ordination of trips to Alaska, Lee's Ferry, Green River, San Juan River and other blue-ribbon water...all economically priced and superbly organized.
4. Weekly casting clinic...offered **free** to members and guests alike.

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## President's Message

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5. Weekly fly tying conclaves in addition to classes for beginners and intermediate fly tiers.
6. Rod building classes.
7. Co-ordination of "local trips" to the Eastern Sierra or one of the nearby lakes.
8. Our Annual Banquet.
9. *Finny Facts*...a great newsletter.
10. Our website, [www.sandiegoflyfishers.com](http://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com).
11. A vast video library,

with titles offered at no cost to members.

12. An Annual Raffle and Silent Auction that not only helps the club raise much needed conservation dollars (\$7,000 in 2001) but also gives you the chance to win some prizes.
13. A place to share yarns, lies, tales and to seek advice from fellow members.

None of this happens by accident. It takes committed people to pull off every meeting, every trip, and every special event.

So think about volunteering some time. Maybe you can help with setting up the room before one of our meetings, maybe you can solicit or donate a raffle prize, maybe you can serve on one of our committees. Maybe you even want to serve on our board of directors.

Get involved.

It's a simple message.

I'll promise you one thing...you'll have fun. Let me promise you one more thing, you'll also meet some great people.



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## Annual Banquet MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2002

**Yes, I plan to attend the Annual Banquet,  
held on USNS Mercy on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have enclosed \$5.00 for each person attending.**

**(Bring this form to our November meeting or mail it to the Club headquarters)**

**San Diego Fly Fishers  
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San Diego, CA 92110  
ATTN: Annual Banquet**





## National Hunting and Fishing Day

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on” training by letting those with interest actually sit down and tie a fly.

**Jim** and **Art** also put on a mini-casting clinic. With our “professionals” (the Sunday casting gurus) off fishing the Eastern Sierra, these two put on a very good program, which also included participants having the opportunity to wave a wand at the still water of Lake Murray.

Even though our local event was on a fast time line (it all happened in six weeks), there are a couple of “tips o’ the hat” that are appropriate. **Ed Zieralski**, *San Diego Union Tribune* outdoor sports writer, heavily promoted the National Hunting & Fishing Day. **Kelly Salmans** and **Tim Matthies** (both very active in the San Diego Wildlife Federation) made it happen. During the five hours we were “open for business”, I would say about one thousand people attended, many of them children.

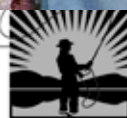
We were welcomed contributors to the day, and with ambassadors like Lee, Tom, Jim, Art, and Larry, the San Diego Fly Fishers made a lot of friends in the outdoor sports community. 🐟



*(Upper) Tom, Larry, and Lee slave away at their vises.*

*(Above) Crossed wands? Art and Jim prepare to teach.*

*(Left) Fly fishing draws a crowd.*



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## H & L VARIANT

Hook: Standard Dry Fly, Sizes 16 to 10 - Tiemco 100 is the hook used for the sample.  
Thread: Brown 6/0  
Wing: White Calf Tail - length of the hook including the eye  
Tail: White Calf Tail - length of the hook shank  
Body: Rear half: stripped peacock herl for rear 1/4; middle 1/4 peacock herl married to the thread.  
Hackle: Brown or furnace tied dry fly style



1. After wrapping a layer of thread on the hook shank select a bunch of calf tail for the wing. Comb and stack the calf tail then tie it to the top of the hook shank at about the 1/2 point with the tips extending over the eye. Trim the butts at an angle and bind them down with thread.
2. Prepare a peacock quill by removing the fibers from the quill. This can be done by rubbing the quill with a pencil eraser. After you have stripped the peacock herl set it aside for step no. 4.
3. Select a bunch of calf tail for the tail of the fly. The tail should be the length of the shank. Tie it on top of the shank right where you have trimmed the wing material. If you do this right you should have a smooth base for the body material.
4. Tie the quill you have prepared on where the tail starts. Wrap the quill forward in touching wraps covering the rear 1/4 of the hook shank. Secure the quill and trim the excess. Now select a peacock herl and tie in on by the tip just in front of the point where the quill portion ends, Marry the herl to the thread to give it strength. Wrap the herl rope forward covering the body up to about three wraps behind the wing. Tie it off and remove the excess.
5. Secure the wings in an upright position by wrapping a thread dam in front of the wings which you are holding upright. Now tie on the 2 or 3 hackle feathers behind the upright wing. Wrap the feathers forward behind and in front of the wing. Secure the hackle with thread and trim the excess. Build a thread head and whip finish and apply head cement to the quill body and the thread head.

The H&L Variant is a dry fly which is fished in rough water. It floats well and is easy to see in rough water. It is sometimes referred to as the "House and Lot".

It was President Eisenhower's favorite fly. I'm not sure what that does for it but if you're a Republican you should try it. It will catch fish for you even if you are a Democrat. Try it. Good fishing and good tying!!!!

Tom Smith



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## Home Waters

One of the joys that experienced fly fishermen seem to hold dear to their heart is a familiar pond, lake, bay or stretch of water that is their “home water.” Home waters are usually near by. The fish are usually small. The scenery is familiar. The place is comfortable.

We typically go to our home water not to catch fish, but more to see an old friend. Like humans, home waters change over time. A new snag promises to hold larger than average bass. A recent flood washed out a deep hole where one had been fifteen years ago. A new gravel bar offers a great lunch site under a tall oak.

You know your home water like the back of your hand. You know what to expect. You know the moods of the water and the change of the seasons. You have probably gone fishless. And you have witnessed

frenzies when any fly would work.

Home waters are important because they fill an emotional need. They give us a place to recharge and recover from the chaos of life. And they give us a place to build both our understanding of nature and our fishing skills. Our frequent visits builds understanding as we watch the water cycle through the seasons and mature over time. We build our skills as familiarity leads us to be more selective and thoughtful in our approach to fishing.

We know there are larger bass in the deep hole by the big elm, but small fish seem to be all we can catch. Stopping, sitting, watching, eating lunch, and more watching offers opportunities for insight into the activities of the pool. And, over time, we try different flies, different approaches, and possibly different lines, trying to

unravel the code. And when we do, we have a new answer that may work elsewhere under similar conditions.

We also use home waters to build skills. Stretching our casting distance (even when we don’t need to) in preparation for the day when a longer cast is necessary. Spotting fish and sight casting. Mending line. Hitting our target. Testing new flies and methods.

Home waters are like an old friend. Comfortable and familiar. A safe place to try new ideas. A home water can be as close as a neighborhood pond. A place to hone your skills. And as important as anywhere you ever fish.

(by Jay Forrest of the Alamo Fly Fishers of San Antonio, Texas) 🐟

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## QUOTES

*“If indeed you be an angler, join us and welcome, for then it is known to you that no man is in perfect condition to enjoy scenery unless he have a flyrod in his hand and a fly-book in his pocket.”*

— Wm. C. Prime

*”Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to fly fish and you sell him rods, reels, and equipment for a lifetime.”*

—Santee Middleton





### **FLY CASTING AT LAKE MURRAY**

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You can E-mail at Thanks!!

**Send change of address information or  
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Helen Grundler

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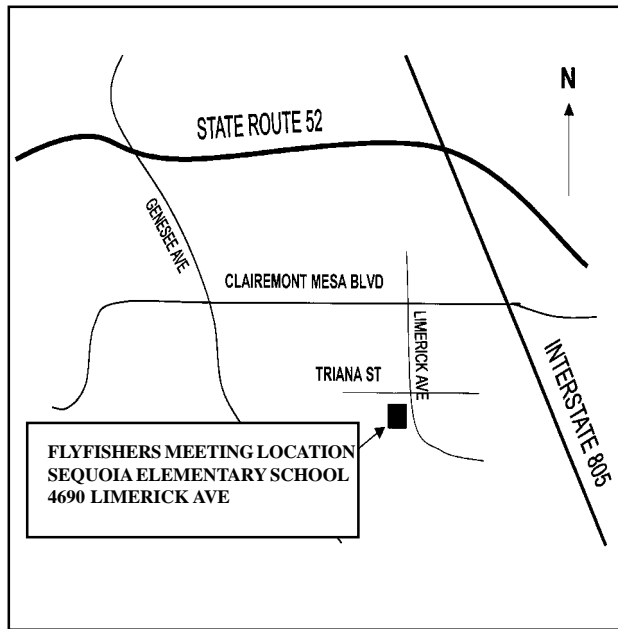
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Meeting Place for Workshops  
San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. (We no longer meet at the Lake Murray Water Training Facility at Lake Murray). The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit 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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