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## Club Members Win Many Prizes at the Annual Raffle



**Master of Ceremonies Jim Tenuto addressing the crowd at the halfway point of the annual raffle.**

**T**here were many winners at last month's raffle, and everyone had a great time! **Jim Tenuto**, filling in for the newly repaired **Bill Stroud** (who was recovering from hip

replacement surgery) served as our master of ceremonies. He is the master storyteller, and although many of us didn't win a prize, we had some good laughs and an enjoyable evening because of Jim.

**Warren Lew**, the annual raffle chairperson, had a lot of help this year. Beginning in March, **David Collins** bailed him out with a computer problem, spending over an hour walking him through to a successful solution. Later in the month, **Gretchen Yearous** and **Bob McKay**, helped with the letter mailing to the various fly fishing manufacturers for donations and discounts for our raffle merchandise.

**Joe Bain** provided the raffle drum for

this year's raffle... and all of you thought that all he did was promote kid's fishing at Chollas Lake! **Gary Hilbers** turned the raffle drum and Gretchen Yearous pulled the tickets. For those of you that didn't win a nice prize this year, well... were you nice to Gretchen and Gary over the past year?

Were there really "premium" prizes this year? Just ask the Club members that won! **Roger Clapp** won the new G. Loomis Metolius rod, and **Al Molinare** went home with a 4 piece Cortland travel rod and reel. **Dan Tarantino's** ticket was pulled for the Lamson 1.5 Litespeed fly reel, and **Floyd Lee** was the big winner! He won the best prize of the evening, a G.

### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, July 11th, 2005

7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School  
4690 Limerick Ave.

(See map on back page)

### REMINDER

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

**Allan Perry and**

**Gary Strawn**

*Thank you, Mona Morebello*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JULY 2005

'Tis the season for volunteering. I was just reflecting on how many folks in our wonderful club have volunteered their time this past month. From Chollas Lake to the La Jolla Kelp Beds, San Diego Fly Fishers are stepping up to the plate to hit the cycle for their community.

Our annual raffle was a great success due to the efforts of **Warren Lew**. He put in many hours cajoling manufacturers and outfitters to donate prizes. When he finally received the goodies, he then had to store the gear. Before the raffle, he invited club members over to his house for a raffle prep party where we marked and prepared everything. **Dennis and Jane Ditmars, Gary Hilbers, Bob McKay, Sam and Mona Morebello, Shelly Wagner, Jim Reeg, Gary Strawn, Jim Tenuto, Gretchen Yearous, Gordie Zimm, Louie Zimm, and Al Venton** all helped to make the raffle a success. Then there was our very own author and public speaker **Jim Tenuto**. Jim stepped forward to fill the shoes of **Bill Stroud** as our raffle



**LOUIE ZIMM**

grand master of ceremonies. Jim managed to raffle off a full load of prizes while keeping us amused and eager. Bill and Eileen pass their regards and tell us that Bill is home now and recovering well from his hip surgery. The Chollas Lake group are now assisting visiting school groups in addition to their

Sunday Lend-a-Rod activities. **Paul Woolery, Gary Hilbers, Dick Mount, Joe Bain, Tom Smith, and Lee Anderson** are doing a great job! The Friends of Rollo have helped us with plants of catfish at Lake Chollas. In addition to our Chollas activities, club members **Marvin Darling, Dave Davidson, Michael McKinney, Peter Hoffman, and Shelley Wagner** returned the favor, assisting young folks on a 3/4 day Kid's Fishing Trip out of Seaforth Sportfishing. Back in San Diego Bay, **Al Venton, Kim Jones,**

**Paul Woolery, Shelley Wagner, Joe Bain, Peter Hoffman, Wes Wohl, Gordie Zimm and Matthew Louv** conducted a fly tying and casting seminar for Boy Scout instructors. I even had the chance, with help from Mathew Louv, to demonstrate hook removal techniques! **Kim Jones** has made the new flyfishers bulletin board a roaring success. Bernie Fink has been contributing sage advice on surf flyfishing, while many members have been sharing the hot info regarding Lake Cuyamaca and San Diego Bay. On the 26th of June another Boy Scout volunteer opportunity will be available at Lake Cuyamaca. Contact **Warren Lew** for information. So you see, it really is the season for volunteering. With kids getting out of school, the time is here to take the young folks fishing. With June gloom prevalent, why not cheer yourself up by joining us at Lake Murray on Sundays. Maybe a call to an older fishing buddy would make your day. Whatever it is, remember you really can make a difference!

### July Speaker

## New Zealand Mud-snail and Wild Trout

Our speaker for July will be **Debra Hawk** a biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. Ms. Hawk works in Region 6 out of the Bishop field office. She will be discussing the devastating New Zealand

mudsnail as well as the wild trout program in the Eastern Sierra.

Due to the fact that July 4th is a holiday, our next scheduled monthly meeting will be held the following Monday, July 11th.



**These are Joe Bain's grand-kids helping out with the kids fishing day at Chollas Lake.**



Loomis four piece Streamdance GLX fly rod (Retail Value: \$625.00).

The bidding was quite spirited at the silent auction table. The top bidder for the 3 nights at the Flaming Gorge Lodge and 2 days of fabulous fly fishing on the Green River was **Willy Randall**. **Tom Lucas** outbid everyone for a day of guided fishing in San Diego with Peter Piconi. Also, being guided in the saltwater will be **Jane Ditmars**, who placed the highest bid for a trip with Jeff Solis.

Warren Lew made the winning bid to fish on Tom Loe's trophy trout pond, and going to fish on Armstrong's and De Puy's spring creeks on Sweetwater Travels "Spring Creek Package" will be **Keith Ballard**.

The Regal vise, was "won" several times. Eventually, **Robert Pharoah**, became the proud owner of this wonderful fly tying vise.

Donating many of the prizes this year were **Bob Atwood, Jack Bentley, C. R. Charles, Don Davis, Bernie Fink, Jonathan Hee, Gary Hilbers, Peter Hoffman, Kim Jones, John**

**Kasten, Warren Lew, Tom Lucas, Hugh Marx, Lee McElravy, Dan McKirnan, Mona and Sam Morebello, Ozzie Osbourne. Peter Piconi, Lee Rudee, Tom Smith, Jeff Solis, Al Venton, Gordie Zimm, and Louie Zimm.**

**Eileen and Bill Stroud**, like they do every year, donated several Orvis rods for the raffle. Be sure to express your appreciation for their generous donations to the Club's raffle next time you are buying flies and equipment for your next trip.

This year's raffle was successful because of the work of many of our Club members. Thank you, **Dennis and Jane Ditmars, Gary Hilbers, Bob McKay, Sam and Mona Morebello, Shelly Wagner, Jim Reeg, Gary Strawn, Jim Tenuto, Gretchen Yearous, Gordie Zimm, Louie Zimm, and Al Venton** for volunteering your time!

Finally, the Club wants to thank the following fly fishing companies for their support of this year's raffle:

Frank Amato Publications

Andy Montana's Surfside Fly Fishing,  
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**Congratulations to the following 18 Raffle Winners...**It's your lucky day, but you **MUST** pick up your unclaimed prizes at the July meeting or make arrangements to pick them up at Warren Lew's house

Any prizes remaining unclaimed at the end of the July meeting will be donated to the Club's monthly raffles!

**John Marshall  
Lucky Ketcham  
Dennis McConnell (2 prizes)  
James Dowe  
John Marino  
Jim Murphy  
Mas Itano  
Mike Morse**

**John Rice (3 prizes)  
J. Grim (2 prizes)  
Buddy Griffin  
Keith Messinger  
Ted Kalli  
Jim Randolph  
Robert Mosher  
Dennis Remillard**

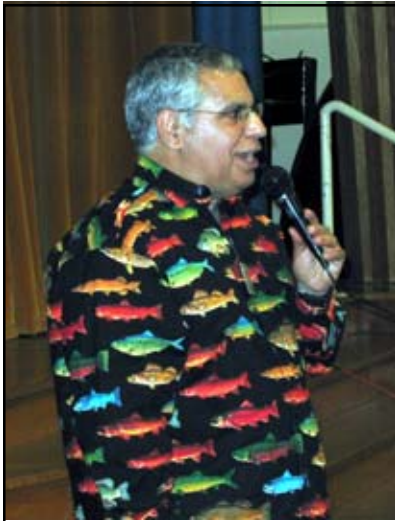




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## Annual Raffle

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**Jim Tenuto entertaining the annual raffle crowd.**



**The ticket pulling crew--Gretchen Yearous and Gary Hilbers.**



**Rose Yamasaki got a good seat early for the raffle.**



**More prizes than you can shake a fly rod at.**



**The silent auction brought many focused bidders. These prizes were fabulous.**



To: San Diego Fly Fishers c/o Finny Facts

Friends -

The purpose of this note is to express my sincere thanks to the San Diego Fly Fishers, and Bill and Eileen Stroud in particular.

I am greatly honored to have been named the first recipient of the Stroud Award. I treasure my long-standing friendship with Bill and Eileen and my even longer relationship with the San Diego Fly Fishers. To those newer members, I can assure you that the club would not exist in its present form without the extraordinary efforts and outstanding leadership of the Strouds during some perilous periods in the club's history.

I should also acknowledge and express my thanks to the club for the opportunity some 30 years ago to write a column each month for Finny Facts. That beginning provided me with a side career that has helped to subsidize my fishing adventures.

Once again, my sincere thanks and appreciation for being honored as the first recipient of the Stroud Award.

### **Fly Fishers Need to Speak-up**

A friend recently complained to me that flyfishing has largely been ignored on fishing radio talk shows over the years and expressed his displeasure that I have not discussed flyfishing as much as he would like, on a Sunday evening show that I am a part of.

If you share his concern, my answer to you is "speak-up."

The content of talk format shows is largely dictated by listener's calls, the interests of the hosts and show sponsors. With regard to our show (All Outdoors Radio on KCBQ 1170, Sundays from 5 to 8 pm) be assured that fly fishing is among my highest interests, that we have had fly fishing reports from the likes of Tom Loe and Conway Bowman, and that club announcements are included on the air as well as on our website ([alloutdoorsradio.com](http://alloutdoorsradio.com)).

Conversely, we've received virtually no fly fishing reports or calls generated by listeners and no sponsorship interest from fly fishing businesses or manufacturers.

On June 19th, fly fishing guide Conway Bowman will be a guest host on the show. If you would like to see flyfishing receive greater attention with regard to show content, call-in so that potential sponsors can see the size and interest of the fly fishing community in southern California.

Otherwise, it seems silly to complain about a lack of coverage and attention to flyfishing if the interest in the community simply doesn't appear to exist.

Jim Brown



### Time to Get Involved in Conservation Projects

Hopefully, you all bought lots of raffle tickets and came to the June meeting. All of the profits from our June raffle and silent auction will be used to sponsor conservation and education projects. Now that summer is here, there are lots of additional opportunities to get involved with various conservation projects. Please consider donating some time and energy to one or more of the worthwhile projects sponsored by our club. We are concentrating on projects that are important if we are to preserve our local and eastern sierra fisheries, but anything you can do to support our National Fisheries is appreciated.

Joe Bain, Paul Woolery and their crew can always use more help with the kids fishing program at Chollas Lake.

Cal Trout, the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Forest Service and Trout Unlimited are teaming together again this year, on a number of projects to protect our native California Golden Trout (CAGT) habitat. The Golden Trout Project 2005 season schedule is now available online at the California Trout website: <http://www.caltrout.org/specialprojects/GTPSignUp05.pdf>. This year, there is a volunteer coordinator, Howard Kern from Trout Unlimited. He will be setting up the CAGTProject group, hosted by "Yahoo Groups": [CAGTProject-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:CAGTProject-owner@yahoogroups.com). There are nine projects throughout the remainder of the summer and fall. They range from several days of strenuous backpacking

into wilderness habitat to weekend drive in work projects. Warren Lew and I hope to participate again this year. Talk to us about these great opportunities, or contact Howard Kern directly.

You may also contact Rob Lusardi, the new Cal Trout Representative for the Eastern Sierra's, based in Mammoth Lakes. He is always looking for volunteers to help with fish marking at the Hot Creek Hatchery, fish count monitoring in Hot Creek and other eastern sierra trout habitat projects. Currently, they are planning an Upper Owens Cleanup/education day on July 9th (meeting at Big Springs at 9am). And they are trying to schedule another date for Hot Creek kiosk restoration and fin clipping this summer. The tentative date is July 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will let us know when the date is finalized. He is a great guy, and you can contact him directly at:

Robert A. Lusardi  
California Trout  
Eastern Sierra Manager  
ph: (760) 924-1008  
email: [lusardi@caltrout.org](mailto:lusardi@caltrout.org)

The Stream Team is a citizen volunteer monitoring group that functions under the California Stream Bio-assessment Procedures to determine the physical habitat condition and quantitatively evaluate the biological condition of San Diego rivers and streams. We will be sampling a number of stream locations in June. On going sampling projects are also being conducted by the San Diego



**GARY STRAWN**

River Park Foundation; <http://www.sandiegoriver.org/>. If you are a warm water fisher or fish our bays and coastal areas for saltwater species, monitoring the local watersheds is important to maintaining healthy fisheries. It can also be fun and educational.

The Steam Team will also be providing bio-assessment sample processing training this fall. Participants will learn to identify species and sub-species of benthic macro-invertebrates; such as mayfly, caddis and damsel nymphs, scuds, flat worms and others. Sample processing will be performed in a university laboratory environment. Fly tiers should be particularly interested in this great learning experience. I will post dates and registration information when it becomes available.

Club members interested in volunteering for conservation projects may also send me an email at [gary@san-diego-river-park-foundation.org](mailto:gary@san-diego-river-park-foundation.org) and I will forward any new information I receive to you directly.



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## New Zealand Mudsail Decontamination Report Released Myths Dispelled and Treatment Protocols Unveiled

We have finally concluded our study regarding how to control New Zealand mudsnails on wading gear. The effort was exhaustive, expensive and more time consuming than any of us could have imagined at the start. The result is the only scientifically tested and validated protocol for decontamination of wading gear.

**Was it worth it?** I think this puts things into perspective: During the field trials we had 50 anglers wade through Putah Creek then had their gear examined. 100% of the anglers were infected with NZ mudsnails and the average angler played host to 33 snails. The majority of the snails were less than 1mm and nearly invisible, yet fully capable of cloning itself in a remote site and infecting an entire watershed.

During the study, many myths were dispelled and three very viable options were proven. All options are doable in the “real world” fishing environment, will kill 100% of the mudsnails in 5 minutes, and will not cause undo wear on wading equipment. Lab personnel and biologists might prefer the options that include using benzethonium chloride or copper sulfate; but for the average angler, the following is the most simple and cost effective technique:

**Mix equal parts FORMULA 409 DISINFECTANT and WATER then soak gear for 5 minutes. Dunk gear in a bucket or put into a river runner’s “dry” bag, shake, then let steep for 5 minutes. If these options are not available, spray equipment with a squirt bottle and keep wet for 5 minutes. Pay particular attention to the inside of wading boots, under laces and inside tongue gussets.**

Testing was performed by the California Department of Fish and Game and the US Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with the Federation of Fly Fishers, California Trout and private anglers. Funding was provided by Cal Fed. Wading equipment was generously donated by Orvis, Patagonia, and Simms.

The full report can be downloaded from [http://flyline.com/\\_images/nzms\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://flyline.com/_images/nzms_final_report.pdf) It is a very thorough and interesting review of the mudsnail issue and describes step by step the testing that went into our research. I would highly recommend that every angler download a copy.

Please disseminate this information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions. If you can provide me with further media outlets, that would be greatly appreciated!

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Jim Tenuto





## Fishing Report for Arkansas and Missouri

**H**ello, I have been a member for several years, but my out of town work schedule has precluded me from participating in the monthly meetings. I just returned from an eleven day vacation to Littlerock Arkansas and Branson Missouri. I was able to fish the little red, white river in Arkansas and the Taneycomo Lake below the Table rock dam.

The fishing for trout was absolutely unbelievable. I am sure you have all experienced the “fish around my feet” condition. Well I won’t belabor getting to the point. If you want to catch fish in these waters be sure you have something in your fly box with a **red ASS**. That is correct a red anal aperture. I offered several different flies on these outings but one fisherman asked if I had a red —, not knowing how to respond initially I simply said no! So he sold me one for ten dollars, isn’t it typical. Anyway if you are going to the Midwest states try these recipes.

HOOK: 10 – 24

THREAD: BLACK / RED

BODY: PEACOCK HURL

COLLAR: PHEASANT TAIL

TAIL: RED 6/0 THREAD

NOTE: A little tinsel is in this version.

HEAD: RED 6/0 THREAD

Another pattern I used was a small woolly burger with a red marabou tail, before I bought the red a—. The woolly burger caught

four fish in two hours, the red a— caught trout almost every cast. Enjoy.  
SDFP member, Bill Hanson



Hi!

My name is Carol Dejka. My grandson Daniel Tarantino and I are members of the Club. My husband was too (Bill Dejka). Sadly he passed away August 2003.

Daniel, age 14, and I were at the meeting tonight (June 6<sup>th</sup>). We entered the raffle. I bought six tickets in his name and he also bought six with the help from his dad. Daniel’s name was called over and over. He was so fortunate to win several very nice prizes! We are SURE Grandpa was there tonight! And “Thanks” to the Club for an evening of fun for us.

Sincerely,  
Carol Dejka

## San Diego FlyFishers E-Mail Fishing Tree

“Let’s go fishing.” How many times have you heard that statement but it never happens? I would love to fish with all of you and to see you fish with each other, after all we are a fishing club. I am volunteering to be your go-between for current fishing activities. This is how I hope it will work. If you would like to be contacted via-e-mail about where other members are fishing please contact my e-mail address and indicate if you are interested in trout, bass or saltwater. I will then add your name to the appropriate groups and you will be contacted when a member e-mails me that they are going fishing and hoping for someone to join them. For this e-mail tree to be effective it will require your participation. If you are planning on going fishing in the next week or month e-mail me with the date, time, location, and type of fish; I will forward your information to the members who have indicated an interest in that category of fishing. Sounds simple.... we shall see. To help keep things simple I will provide interested members your e-mail so that they can contact you directly with any questions they have about the outing. This program is for MEMBERS ONLY, another good incentive to keep your membership active.

If you have any suggestions or questions please don’t hesitate to e-mail me at

I can assure you that I won’t be perfect at this new endeavor but I will do my best. By participating in this activity it is automatically understood that you will not sell or give out any member’s e-mail address to any non-members or commercial endeavors and I guarantee that I will do the same.

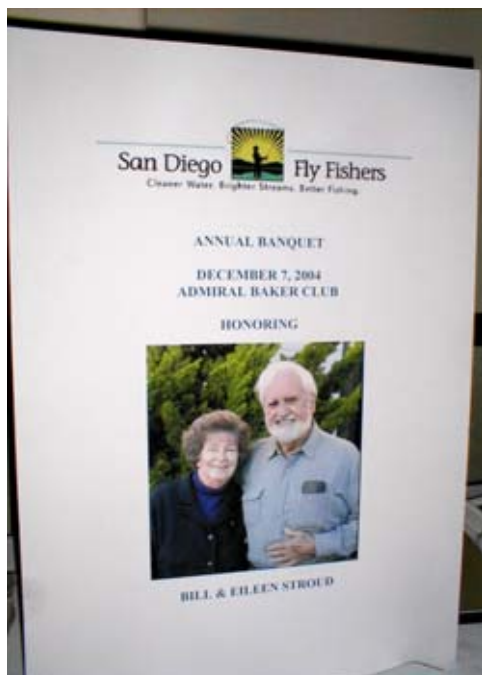
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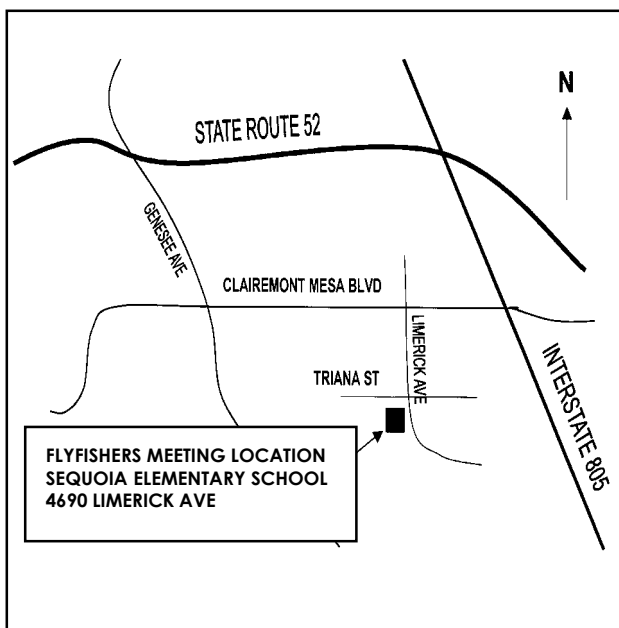
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