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Monthly Meeting

Green River on the Agenda for February's Meeting

Carl "Boomer" Stout has been in the Flyfishing industry for over 27 years. He started guiding in Colorado in 1984 and went from there to guiding in Alaska at Katmai Lodge for 4 years. He got started writing articles with the late Bill Logan, outdoor sports-writer for the Rocky Mountain News the 80's. He has also done articles with other writers for magazines such as *Flyfisherman*.

After becoming a member of the G. Loomis Rod Co., Carl made many appearances in the Interna-

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MEETING NOTICE

Monday, February 6, 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)

**Lucky Ketcham and
Barry Pechersky**

Thank You, Mona Morebello

Bob Fletcher Stroud Awardee

Gary Strawn Pulls off A Double-Receives Gordon Foster Award



Bob Fletcher receives coveted 2011 Stroud Award from Louie Zimm.

January 9, 2012, Annual Stroud Banquet—Bob Fletcher received the Stroud Award last night for his lifelong devotion to the marine fisheries arena. A San Diego native, Bob spent 12 years as a skipper and boat owner. In 1983 he was appointed by then governor George Deukmejian to the California Department of Fish and Game and spent the next 6 years as Deputy Director, and later Chief Deputy Director.

During that time he represented the state on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), and was its' Chairman for 1.5 years. Bob also represented California as a Commissioner on the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC), was the first Chairman of the Klamath Fisheries Management Council, and was the California rep on the U.S./Mexico Fisheries negotiating group

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On behalf of your incoming Board of Directors for 2012, "Welcome." We do look forward to enthusiastically serving you and our Club for the next twelve months.

As I sat in my office pondering what brilliant, witty comments I might include in this President's Message, I was compelled to re-read the first such message I wrote on January 17, 2006. Hard to believe it has been six years. Harder to believe the same names keep appearing for recognition of good deeds accomplished. **Gary Strawn** and **Paul Woolery** for all their contributions to the Club, including organization of last week's Stroud Banquet. **Larry Sorenson** and **Lucky Ketcham** in many and various capacities, including the Fly Tying Congress, Project Healing Waters and the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program. **Ned Sewell** and his loyal band of merry men and women for Sunday morning fly casting. **Dave Collins** for our website and **Rose and Roger Yamasaki** for production of our Finny Facts. **Sam and Mona Morebello** for setting up our meeting room; **Gordie and Louie Zimm** for efforts indescribable. **Bill Stroud** for being Bill Stroud for the past thirty-five years.

This list is not inclusive of all who contribute so very much to what we are; it is, however, a list of individuals whose names appear year after year. When you repeatedly represent the Club in outside activities, you continue to hear comments expressing amazement at all that we do. As **Art Reifman** recently noted, in 2011 some

member was involved in a Club activity for a total of 188 days, or over one-half the year.

I have included this list not to further recognize these people, but for a far more important reason. Please look at the names; look at the people who have continuously committed not days or months, but years of effort. We have over 250 people who belong to this Club. Yet the same 20-30 names appear repeatedly.

At last week's Banquet, I challenged those in attendance to approach their involvement in the Club this year slightly differently. In the year to come, I genuinely hope we can involve more of our members on a regular basis. If you know someone who is a member but does not regularly attend, call them and invite them to the February meeting. If you know someone who is a beginner fly fisher or who might simply want to learn, bring them to a meeting or accompany them to the Casting Clinic on Sunday morning. Volunteer for Chollas on Sunday, the Day at the Docks and the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program. Contact Art Reifman to work with Project Healing Waters. Watch for news of a new monthly evening program we hope to initiate in February for active duty Navy personnel at 32nd Street.

If you look at our 2012 Board of Directors, we are off to a good start. We welcome four new (and one recycled) Directors, including **Paul Costa, Jack Duncan, Bruce Michael, Lew Walsh and Jim Tenuto**. Your Board looks forward to a fresh perspective and

innovative ideas from our new Directors. I have seen **Jon Holland's** schedule of monthly speakers and he has done an excellent job of planning for 2012. I am enthusiastic and hope that all of you will share in that enthusiasm. See you on February 6th Tight Lines.




Monthly Meeting

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tional Sportsmans Expo Shows in the Master Tying Theater, also as a casting instructor/demonstrator. This has led to appearances on shows on TV such as the Outdoorsman.

Carl is well known in the industry as a fly designer, designing many popular and successful flies for Alaska and the Green River. He is now currently a Royalty Fly designer for Umpqua and spends part of the off season instructing classes in the art of tying the Classic Full Dress Featherwing Atlantic Salmon Flies.

Carl started working for Denny Breer (Trout Creek Flies) on the Green in 1990 where he became Head Guide and has loved being on the Green River ever since. After Denny passed away in 2008, he helped out Grace Breer by creating a power point presentation to promote the Green River and Trout Creek Flies / Green River Outfitters. 





Gary Strawn (right) receives Gordon Foster Memorial award from last year's recipient, Paul Woolery.

January 9, 2012—Annual Stroud Banquet—Conservation Chairman **Gary Strawn** pulled off the “Double of the Century” by being honored with this year’s Gordon Foster Memorial Award. This after receiving the Stroud Award at last year’s banquet.

Gary’s back-to-back awards only goes to show the devotion of the man to both Club and Community. Gary’s conscious dedication to fishing conservation, the new generation of fishers through the StarPal program, and time in grade as past Club president and Board of Director has paid off in his well deserved recognition.

Stroud Banquet Better than Ever

Bob Fletcher

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known by the acronym, MEXUS/PACIFICO. In 1991 Bob was reappointed to serve on the PFMC and in 1995 became chairman for 2 years. He still advises this important regional commission as a California recreational fisheries advisor. He was chairman and later member of the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Committee through spring of 2008.

In 2002, he was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC), a nation-wide fisheries advisory committee chaired by the head of NOAA and co-chaired by the NOAA Fisheries Director. This committee consists of recreational and commercial fisheries representatives, as well as environmental community leaders and scientists from across the nation.

In 2003 he was appointed by President George W. Bush to become a U.S. Commissioner on the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission. He served on this body until 2010. That year he was appointed to be a member of the Recreational Fisheries Working Group. This group advises the Fish-

eries Service on recreational fishing issues of national importance.

In 1989 he became the President of the Sportfishing Association of California (SAC). He represented up to 175 commercial passenger fishing vessels berthed between the ports of Santa Barbara and San Diego. He represented 23 SAC Landings. He is still involved with SAC advising on many fisheries issues.

Bob was a member of the Marine Reserves Working Group for the Channel Islands. Marine Reserves are a very controversial subject at present. He has served anglers on the latest Southern California Regional Stakeholders Committee of the Marine Life Protection Act.

Bob is currently involved in the lawsuit to require the Marine Protection Act process to answer charges that the California Fish and Game Commission lacks statutory authority to adopt regulations mandating closures along the California coast, stating that there were numerous violations of the California Environmental Quality Act and a lack of honesty and transparency in the behind the scenes dealing and financing of the closure process.



Art Reifman (left, outgoing president) and Lee McElravy who has re-upped for another year as President.



The food was the best we've ever had. Thanks to Paul Woolery and Gary Strawn for the fine job they did on the banquet.



Fly Plate Awardees for 2011



Jim Tenuto

Annual Stroud Banquet 2012



David Collins



Rose and Roger Yamasaki



Gary Farrar



Louie Zimm



Paul Woolery



Bob Berry



Bill Stroud was as spry as ever.

Also receiving a flyplate in absentia are Maria Goldman and Tom Loe.



Jon Holland



A little entertainment by Willie Randel and David Collins.



The entertained included Sam Morebello, Gretchen Yearous, Helen Grundler, and Mona Morebello.



BISHOP FISHING TRIP 2012

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DRIFT THE LOWER OWENS

FEBRUARY 24TH-25TH



WARNING
BE PREPARED FOR
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**PAUL WOOLERY FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Members Fishing Reports

Tidelands Park, January 10,

2012—Bob Pharoah reports:

Richard Debusk and I launched our pontoon boats into San Diego Bay at 6:30 AM. The sun was just coming up and the water temperature was 58 degrees. The weather was great all day. **Suzan Trump** attempted to join us around 8 AM but she had forgotten some of her gear. **Jim Castelluzzo** joined us in his Kayak around 9:30 AM. I fished a double fly set up with a Kim Surfworm on the tip and a Brown & White Clouser with red eyes as a dropper. Both were size 6, 4x long. We started off slow but I found a honey hole, lost count of the number of fish I landed, but I did score 10 doubles. Total count must have been in the high 30s. Every time I was near Richard he was hooked up. We fished from 6:30 until 10:30. Jim just caught the end of the bite but did land a fish.

Poway Lake, January 5, 2012—

Bob Pharoah reports: **Barry**

Pechersky and I fished Poway Lake today taking advantage of the fantastic weather. Barry had 2 “bumps” during the morning while I went hitless. We took time off for lunch and returned to fishing around 1 PM. We finally observed the first fish being caught as we launched from the dock by a shore fisherman. We fished another hour and an half before I got a strike and felt a fish on for just a second.

Barry turned the boat around returned over the area hoping we would get another chance. Sport fans understand the term “assist”. That is when a team mate does not make the play but does something

that contributes significantly to the results of the play. I hooked up and saw a rainbow leap out of the water behind the boat. Barry grabbed the landing net as I fought the fish close to the boat. When my flies reached the tip of my rod and the fish was still 10 feet away, we realized something was amiss. My flies had tangled up with a bunch of monofilament and the Rainbow was attached to the end. We were finally able to get the 17 inch Rainbow into the net. Since I didn't hook the fish but I did land the fish, Barry would only credit me with an “assist”.



The Web site indicates another 1,500 pounds will be planted next Wednesday (Jan 11). The last plant was last Wednesday and a number of BIG fish were caught last week. We had chosen to go fishing today because my Great Grand kids were off to Disneyland AND Thursdays were Seniors Day and the boats were reduced in price. It turns out everyday is Seniors day and Military day. The lake is closed on Monday and Tuesday. Good Luck.

SDFF Day at the Bay was held on Saturday November 26 at Tidelands Park, San Diego Bay

A flotilla of float tubes, pontoon boats and kayaks launched as a gorgeous sunrise appeared over the Coronado Bridge. Nearly a dozen members fished three hours catching a number of different species including Spotted Bay Bass, Mackerel, Lizard fish, Croaker and Smelt. **Ron Flanders** reported a **LARGE** Halibut inhaled a small Bay Bass as he was bringing it to the surface. Initially he had no idea what he was hooked into and after a 10 minute fight, brought it close enough to his float tube to get a good look at it. The Halibut also got a look at Ron, opened his mouth and let go of the little fish. Ron said it was just as well as he only had a small net in his float tube. **Kim Jones** reported having a 30+ fish day. **Steve Piper** reported repeatedly catching multiple fish at the same time. **Barry Pechersky** reported steadily catching fish as he mentored new members **Suzan Trump** and **Plamen Yanakiev**. President **Art Reifman** was seen zipping around the Bay in his kayak, catching fish wherever he went. Those fishing were supported by a beach crew including **Lee McElravy**, **Bob Pharoah**, **Wayne Johnson** and **Paul Woolery**. The only dark cloud of the day was the absence of **Larry Sorensen** whose wife was in the hospital. Lee and Paul acted as hosts providing hot coffee, juice and bagels.

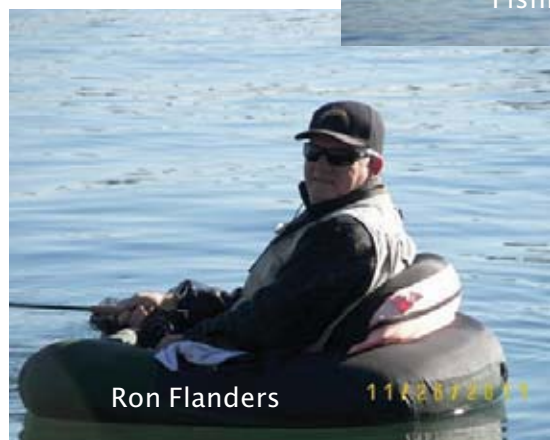
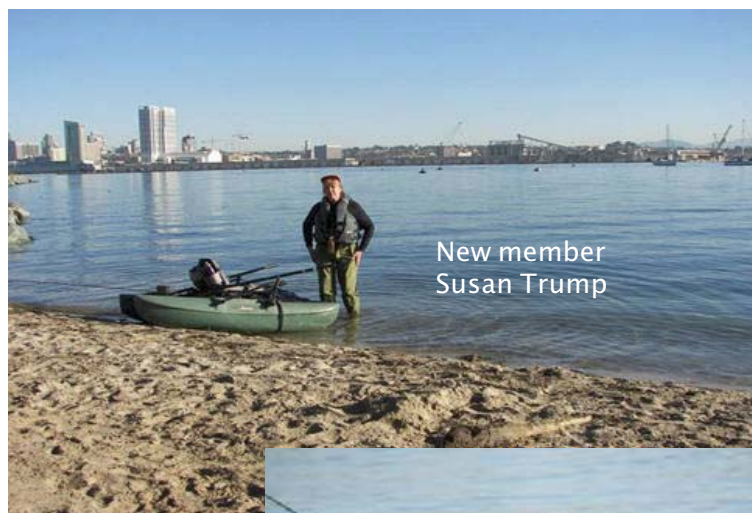
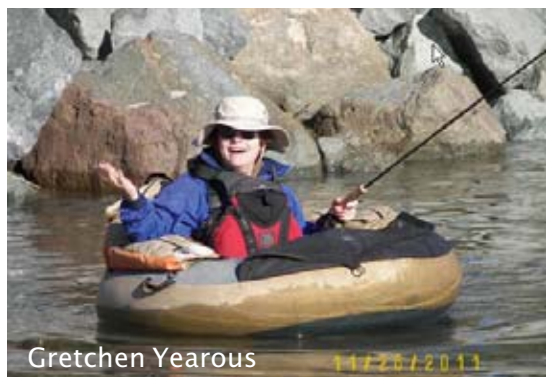
The weather was just another day in paradise with no wind and sunshine. Hope to see you at the next club outing!!!

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SDFP Day at the Bay--Saturday November 26-

-Tidelands Park (more pictures)



“TEACH THE TEACHERS” CASTING CLASSES IN FEBRUARY 2012

The FFF CCCIP (Certified Casting Instructor Program) with the help of Long Beach and Pasadena Casting Clubs, will present a series of two hour workshops designed to help local Club members teach beginning students in the basics of fly casting. Most Clubs offer an annual introductory casting class to attract newcomers to the sport, and these workshops will offer tips and techniques for that very important first fly casting lesson. The focus will be on teaching casting to beginners – they are not fly casting lessons. The workshops will be conducted by FFF Certified Instructors and will cover these areas.

- . Teaching fly casting principles
- . Teaching of the pick-up and lay down, roll cast and false casts
- . Analysis and correction of common casting errors
- . Answers to common beginner questions
- . Teaching communication skills

The workshops will be held on four consecutive Saturdays

February 4th at Long Beach Casting Club 9–11 am

February 11th at Pasadena Casting Club 9–11 am

February 18th at Long Beach Casting Club 9–11 am

February 25th at Pasadena Casting Club 9–11 am

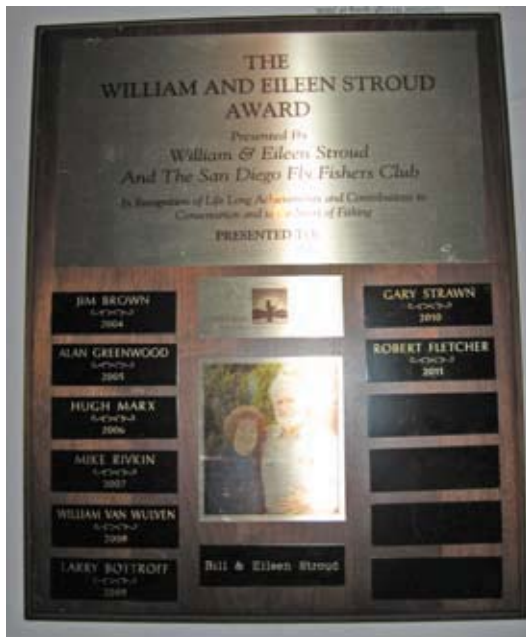
Workshop participants should have a basic knowledge of fly casting, lots of patience and a desire to become a better teacher and communicator. Students should attend as many sessions as possible to get maximum benefit from the program. There is no charge for these workshops but individuals and Clubs may make a donation to cover basic costs.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HOW MANY OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS WISH TO ATTEND. The cutoff for registration in the first class is January 21st 2012.

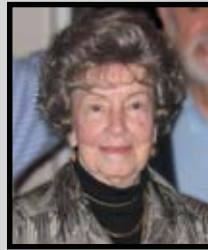
Please email or call:
MARSHALL BISSETT



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



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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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HONORARY MEMBERS

Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler (in memoriam), Hugh Marx, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood, Mike Rivkin, Bill Van Wulven, Larry Bottroff, Aubrey Wendling

Cutoff date for **March FINNY FACTS**
 articles---**Friday February 17th**

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

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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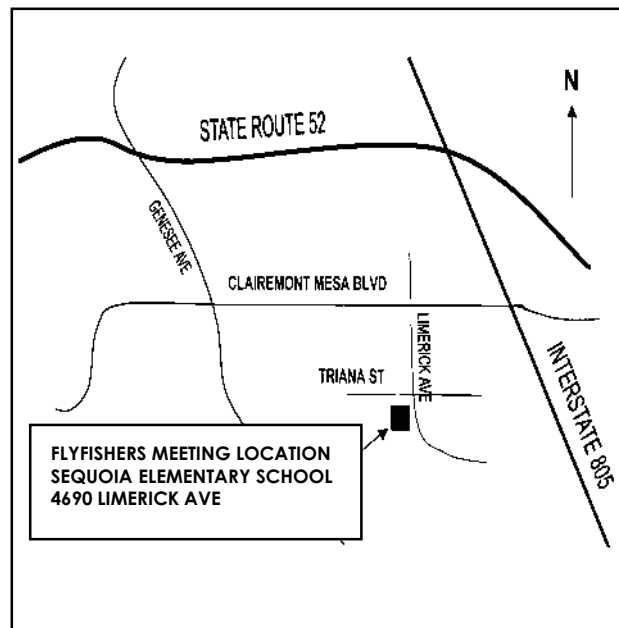
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Meeting Place for Workshops

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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