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## March Meeting

### What's Cal Trout Up To?



The speakers for our March Membership meeting are **Dr. Mark Drew**, Eastern Sierra Program Manager, and **Shannon Moon**, Outreach Coordinator, both of Cal Trout. These experienced officials, headquartered in Mammoth Lakes, will discuss fly fishing and fishing conservation in the Mammoth area. Just in time for the springtime glory of the eastern sierras.

*Gary Farrar*

### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, March 1, 2010  
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)

**Jon Curry and  
Dennis Remillard**

*Thank You, Mona Morebello*

## "You Should Have Seen the One That Got Away!"...

by Sam Morebello



Remember, these were caught in our own "Back Yard". You don't have to go to New Zealand, South America or...for some exciting fishing adventures.

Santa came early in December for SDFF members, Bob Miller and Sam Morebello, bringing gifts of friendship, friendly trout and freezing weather.

As always, SDFF member, Tom Loe, owner/guide of *Sierra Drifters* worked his magic.

Bob and I had two outstanding days of catching (and missing) some of the biggest trout we have experienced in the Eastern Sierra.

One day we floated the Lower Owens out of Bishop. Double hook-up and

20+fish day made for an exciting outing. We walk/waded the Upper Owens at Benton's Crossing north of the bridge on the second day. Tom took us to a number of spots that yielded many fish. Later in the day he took us further up stream and put us on some huge fish. I caught three beauties in the 24 inch, 4+ lbs. range but Bob had the granddaddy on for all to witness until that fish had other Holiday plans. (see photos)

Needles to say, it was an early Christmas gift. Many thanks to Tom for his expertise in guiding.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MARCH 2010

March for me is the start of Spring. The time of year when run-off, more sunshine, and better fishing come to mind. I could be wrong, but I suspect our folks who venture to Bishop this month, may be using snow shoes to get streamside. Have a great trip. Speaking of trips, our Travel Committee is hard at work organizing things for this year's travel opportunities. **Paul Woolery, Pam Ivor, Bob Pharoah, Dan Hober, Dave Collins, and Dick Mount** are working for you. If you



**LARRY SORENSEN**

have suggestions, please contact any member of the committee.

March 13th is our first Day at the Bay. **Bob Pharoah** has organized a great effort to get us off the couch and fishing on San Diego Bay. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet at the March meeting and indicate what food item you plan to bring for the picnic. The club will provide the meat and beverages. Let's all get out and have a great day.

This year, we will assist the South West Council of Fly Fishing Federation at the Fred Hall Show, Del Mar, 24-28 March. We will have representatives at the SWCFFF booth, fly tiers, and fly casting instructors...at least one anyway, thanks **Gretchen**. Come on out and visit our members as they show the crowd the fun and benefits of fly fishing. In addition, don't forget the Pasadena Fly Show, 13-14 March. Another opportunity to watch the pros.

My car is packed, I'm on my way out to a bass lake. See you all at the next monthly meeting 1 March. If you need anything please contact me at



## San Diego Fly Fishers Day at the Bay

The SDFD Day at the Bay will be rescheduled to Saturday March 13, 2010 at Tidelands below the Coronado Bridge. We will be able to take advantage of 5-1/2 foot change on an outgoing tide. This allows our members scheduled for the Bishop trip on the March 6th weekend to join us. All Club Members and significant others are invited. Club members will be asked to bring a side dish, desert or ????. We will be fishing prior to having lunch by the beach. We should be in the water by 8:30 AM for the best fishing.

The club will be supplying the meats and drinks. I will be acting as host/coordinator and will be requesting RSVP's after March 1. I will also be requesting your experience of fishing

San Diego Bay and if you will require any equipment. We will have extra float tubes, pontoon boats and all the required equipment that you may try out. I will attempt to place those inexperienced fishing persons with someone with experience. Fishing the bay can be very rewarding and one never knows what will eat their fly.

The Tidelands are reached by driving over the Coronado Bridge from San Diego and taking the first RIGHT turn available. This turn will be just passed the old toll bridge. Proceed one block and turn RIGHT. Again this will be the first available right turn. Drive back toward the bridge to the big parking lots.

We will have a raffle for a new Albright Fly Rod so bring your change.

Bob Pharoah  
Mentor program



## Annual Fly Fishers Trip to Bishop

Arrangements have been made with Tom Loe for three boats and four guides for the Sixth of March 2010. Reservations for six rooms at the Elms Motel are also made.

For more information or to reserve a slot call or e-mail Dick Mount at



## Doan Pond and San Diego River Park Discovery Center



Doan Pond weir.

Several years ago, after the wild fires damaged Palomar Mtn. State Park, our resident wild trout expert **Alan Greenwood**, tried to convince DFG to stock some smaller rainbows in Doan Pond. The idea was that while the Park was closed, the trout could grow to catchable size and would act more like wild trout. Alan was also concerned that the smaller trout might make it over the weir and get downstream into the native trout population in Pauma Creek. Our Club came to the rescue by funding and helping to install a “block” net in front of the weir. We also committed to helping maintain that net. At our November meeting I asked for volunteers to go up to Doan Pond, check on the net and clear out any build up of

debris. **Bruce Bechard** made the drive up the mountain in December and confirmed that the net is still in good shape.

This request is on going! If any of you would like to take a short day trip to fish for trout in Done Pond or just check out the scenery on Palomar Mountain, please take a little extra time to check out the block net in front of the weir. Please let me know how it is doing – email [strawnhouse@gmail.com](mailto:strawnhouse@gmail.com)

As you may know, this year’s Stroud Award went to **Larry Botttroff**. Larry spent his career as a fisheries biologist with DFG and the San Diego Water Department. He has asked us to use



GARY STRAWN

the \$500 Award for a local environmental / educational project. The SDFB Board has approved using the Funds to support the San Diego River Park Discovery Center and they are going to use it to establish a scholarship fund for high school or college internships at the new San Diego River Discovery Center to promote our understanding of the River’s ecology. We are also making plans to build a fisheries display and native trout project as a central part of the Discovery Center to be built along the River in Mission Valley. That display will be labeled in honor of **Eileen Stroud** and funded in part by her Memorial Fund!

If any one has completed the California Heritage Trout Challenge, <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/Fishing/Recognition/HTC/index.asp>, Rudy Brown, from the Santa Clarita Casting Club would like to write about your experiences. You can contact him at [rnicbrown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rnicbrown@sbcglobal.net).

Tight Lines,  
Gary





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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## Butt Ugly's Father-By John Williams

**Hook:** #6-14 Dry fly hooks  
**Thread:** 6/0 Rust or Orange  
**Body Foam:** Tan and Orange or Tan and Dark Brown  
1/8 thick  
**Wing:** Crystal Raffia used for Christmas Bows  
**Upper Wing:** Antelope, Deer or Elk Hair your choice in  
Natural Tan  
**Legs:** Medium or Large Round Olive Green Rubber Leg material  
**Super Glue**



**W**rap the entire hook with thread and wrap forward one fifth of the way. Cut a piece of Tan foam  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide and round one end. Place the rounded end 1/8 beyond the bend and tie in on top of the hook where you left the thread. Cut another piece of foam in orange or Brown or any color that suits you. Do exactly the same thing again to the second piece of foam. Lift the pieces of foam and wrap your thread forward on the hook to within 1/8 inch of the head and tie in both pieces of foam.

**Under Wing:** Place a piece of Crystal Raffia cut  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and rounded on top of the foam and let extend 1/8 inch beyond the tail of the foam. Fold over the tail of the Raffia and lay it on top of the raffia wing you just laid down. Cut and round the end to match the length of the first wing. Snip a small bunch of Antelope hair or any hair you prefer, clean and align ends to each other. Lay on top of the foam still at the last tie in point and tie down don't let the hair spin hold on top and tie down, don't let go with the fingers you are holding with cut the ends of the hair close to the tie in point.

**Legs:** Take two strands of rubber and tie a knot in the pair, trim  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch away from the knot to form the foot of the hopper leave the entire leg 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and tie in one on each side of the critter at the front or thorax tie in point. Cut the

top layer of foam close to the last tie in point. Fold back the tan foam and tie off at the last tie in point. This trick hides the butt ends of the hair and wing. Trim the long end of the foam and whip finish.

Flip the fly over and place a drop of super glue on the gap where the foam makes a gap the length of the fly. This will secure it from turning on the hook.

Dinner is served. Remember some of the strikes are not so subtle so increase your tippet size. You don't want to loose this fly indiscriminately because the foam bodies will not bio- degrade like the hook. Those that are left in the trees well, what can I say, — me too.

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*John Williams demonstrated this fly pattern at Bob Marriott's Annual Fly Fair and sent me the recipe to share with friends. The contrasting colors of the orange thread on the hook shank against the light tan body looks like a good attractor. The darker brown foam layer makes a nice visible two tone body. The dark on top and light on the bottom abdomen looks like many natural hoppers. I always like a bullet head type fly for ease of casting. The pearl crystal wrap underwing will give a little extra flash.*

*Lucky Ketcham*



**"You Should Have Seen..."**

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A couple of beauties on (the fish, that is...)



Double hook-ups on the Lower Owens

**Brokeback Tiger Midge an articulated midge pattern by Tom Loe, Sierra Drifters. (Photo 1)**

**Black Bead Head, Black Thread, size 16 tied on a Scud hook, TMC 2457**

**Brokeback Gillie, Articulated Midge Pupa, size 18 Tied on aTMC200R hook. (Photo 2)**

**Use 7X fine tippet for the connection loop. Black thred, pearl Krystal flash for shuck and rib.**

**Tan UV Hareline dubbing for gills. Black beadhead.**

**Tom's flies are available at Stroud Tackle and Peter Piconi's new shop.**

**Lucky**



Photo 1



Photo 2





**DAVID COLLINS**

**Any Questions?  
Call David Collins at  
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## **SDFP trip to the Flaming Gorge of the Green River**

**T**he planned dates of the trip are Monday, May 24 thru Friday May 28. We'll have higher water than in the past, but it's more likely that the fish will be keying on cicadas and other big bugs ... really fun when it happens !!! I will be taking reservations for the trip from now through the night of our next meeting on March 1. This is the annual trip where we fly/drive to the Flaming Gorge lodge where we book rooms and guides for two travel days (Mon & Fri) and three fishing days (Tues - Thurs). For the trip I'm planning, I book the car rental, lodging and guides in advance for you and I locate a flight that delivers us all to the Salt Lake City airport at the same time ... then you book your own flight tix. We all drive together from SLC to the Flaming Gorge Resort lodge.

**Guide facts:** In the past few years, people have been exclusively booking float guides for all 3 days, but you have the option of booking a walking guide or simply walking the river on your own. I generally recommend floating because you see 7 miles of river per day ... and if the flow is high (which is more likely in late May) wade fishing is generally less productive. Depending on tipping and guide

availability, 3 days of floating the A section varies from ~\$720 to \$770 per person (2 to a boat). If an odd number of people decide to float on a particular day, the latest person to reserve a spot with me will be the person that either (1) pays for a whole float, or (2) wades.

**Lodging facts:** 2 person motel rooms or condo suites are available with the latter offering kitchenettes and a bedroom. If 2 people split a condo, the 4-night stay is ~\$90 more than the motel, but if 3 people split a condo (with one sleeping on a foldaway bed in the living room).

**Flight Facts:** I've found 2 Delta direct flights leaving on May 24 ... at 7:15 or 10:30. I need to know if you are willing to leave on the earlier flight. (It's about \$50 cheaper). If most want the later flight, early fliers will have to wait for us at the airport since we all drive together.

**License:** It's best to buy a Utah license online. Buy a 7-day, non-resident fishing license (~\$32) and have it start on Monday May 24 (if we take the early plane, there is a possibility of wade fishing the river in the late afternoon of the day of arrival). If you decide to buy it there ... make sure you buy it on the day of arrival ... do not wait until Tuesday morning.

**Budget Facts:** Worst case for flight, car rental (+gas), 3 days floating, license, 2-person condo is \$1,600. Up a little from last year because flight is more expensive. (That includes sales tax, room tax and guide tips).

I didn't budget eating because this varies too much per individual. Lunch is included in the above estimate if you go guided everyday because the guides provide excellent stream side lunches. If you're in a condo, you can save a little by making your own meals. The lodge restaurant is good quality food at prices similar to San Diego for lunch & dinner.

**IMPORTANT:** the sooner you reserve a spot the better. I'm not going to reserve anything until I get six or seven people who want to go. Also, the lodge and guides have cancellation deadlines so ... you must reserve a spot by March 1.

My phone(s):  
home:  
mobile:

My email(s): (insure that both of these are on your "friends" list so I don't fall in your spam bucket)



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**March 13-14**

**PASADENA FLY-FISHING SHOW STARTS 2010 CALIFORNIA SEASON**

PASADENA, Calif. – Fly-casters, fly-tiers, tackle manufacturers, authors, artists and representatives from angling destinations around the world will converge on the San Gabriel Valley with a sure cure for the end-of-winter blues: the annual Pasadena Fly Fishing Show. The two day event kick-starts the 2010 fly-fishing season at the Pasadena Center, March 13-14.

The show will be open 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sat.; and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sun. Admission: Adults \$15 for one day, \$25 for a two-day pass. Children under 5 free, under 12 \$2; Scouts under age 16 in uniform free. Uniformed military are \$10. Admission includes all seminars, Destination Theater presentations, the exhibit hall, casting and tying demonstrations a fly tier's aisle and author's booth.

The Fly Fishing Show features fresh and saltwater angling from trout to tarpon, peacock bass to barramundi, steelhead to roosterfish from local waters to international hot spots. Fishing lodges and destination waters range from Alaska to Argentina, British Columbia to Belize with seminars and Destination Theater presentations.

Door prizes include trips for two to Pesca Maya, in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula; 4-Rivers Fishing Company, Mont.; Picacho Lodge, Chilean Patagonia; and Restigouche River Lodge, New Brunswick, Canada; fishing tackle, and a Nor-Vise and Automatic Bobbin System.

There are two casting ponds for demonstrations. Instructors include Mac Brown, Fishing Casts; Jason Borger, Core Casting and Mending; and Ed Engle, Casts for Catching Fish.

Featured fly tiers include Ben Furimsky, Bill Blackstone, Steve Abel, Ed Engle, Jason Borger and Rickey Mitchell.

How-to-do-it and where-to-go seminars in the Catch Room include Maggie Merriman, Reading Trout Streams; Jason Borger, Nymphing Strategies for Trout; Ed Engle, Fly Fishing Tailwaters; Ernie Gulley, Crowley Lake Midge Fishing Techniques; and Gary Graham, Baja and Mainland Mexico Do it Yourself.

Release Room seminars are Lee Baermann, Fly Fishing the Surf; Richard Bean, Southern California's 10 Best Bass Waters; Conway Bowman, Mako Sharks on the Fly; and Rickey Mitchell, Fly Fishing from a Kayak.

Destination Theatre programs include Fly Fishing Tactics for Success in the Eastern Sierra, by Joe Contaldi; Baja's Inshore Paradise, Jay Murakashi; Fly Fishing Coastal North Carolina, Capt. Jake Jordan; Alaska's Rainbow Heaven, David Taylor; Fishing Montana's Kootenai River Country, Dave Blackburn; Fly Fishing Southwestern Montana, Tom Smith; Yucatan's Baby Tarpon, Ken Hanley; and Fly Fishing New Zealand, Mac Brown.

Classes conducted by experts – at a registration fee of \$75 – are Practical Nymphing with Ed Engle; Introduction to Fly Casting with Jason Borger; Kayak Fly Fishing with Rickey Mitchell; Casting Techniques with Mac Brown; and Bamboo Rod Building with C. T. Robertson. There is a Sunday afternoon "Ladies Only" class with Maggie Merriman. Advance registration is required for all classes.

Free Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) classes for children of all ages will be conducted on beginning fly-tying, casting and other basics. Registration may be in advance or at the FFF learning area.

A complete schedule of all shows, casting demonstrations, featured fly-tiers and seminars is available at <http://www.flyfishingshow.com/>





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12:00 JOHN SHERMAN FLY FISHING FOR CALIFORNIA STRIPERS  
& ON THE WATER SEMINAR BY KEVIN PRICE

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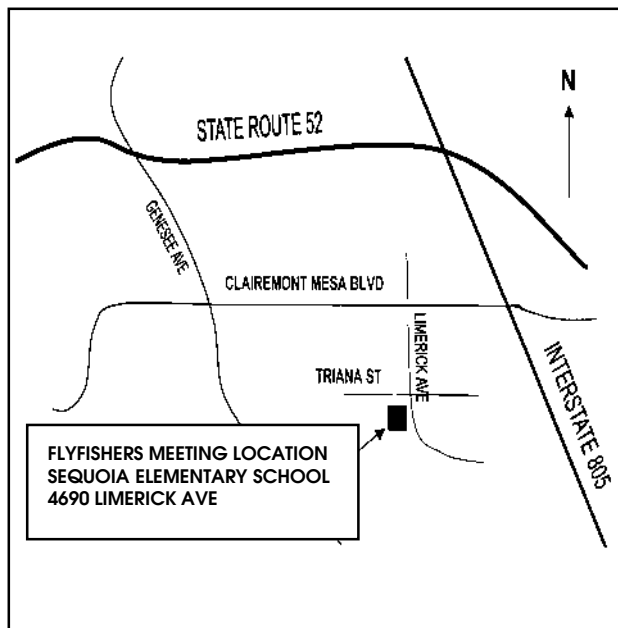
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San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. (We no longer meet at the Lake Murray Water Training Facility at Lake Murray). The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to 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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