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## Monthly Meeting

### Fly Fishing Diamond Valley Lake



Join guide **Alex Cady** as he discusses various fly fishing methods that have proved to be successful in fishing Diamond Valley Lake.

Among the topics covered will be water conditions and structures that hold fish during various times of the

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#### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, April 2, 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)

**Donald Rutherford and  
Richard Hayashi**

*Thank You, Mona Morebello*

## Black's Beach Last Chance – Last Call

Fly Fishing December 31, 2011

A Fish Tale by Lucky Ketcham

Hopefully the extension of the La Jolla Marine Preserve will be good for the fish populations and serve the intended purpose; but for many of the people that love fish and understanding fish behaviors

debris. Broken bits of kelp and all sorts of marine grasses collect in that spot, the extra nutrients feed the worms, crabs, clams, amphipods and eventually attract and feed the fish we love. It was not

just another stretch of sandy beach – it was a special “structure” to the surf anglers. It was special to the members of the San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Fly Casters.

Steve Piper and I organized one “Last Chance” or “Last Call”!! fishing trip to this stretch of beach before it



#### Morning Mist with Jon Hee

Photos by Tim Hunt and Kerrol Beck.

January 1, 2012 was a sad day.

The photo taken from Google Earth (see page 4) shows one of my favorite fishing spots along the 60 miles of San Diego sandy beaches. It is the big depression or “Croaker Hole” at the foot of the life guard road that runs down from La Jolla Farms. The large black spot in the picture shows a natural accumulation of plant

entered the San Diego-Scripps Coastal State Marine Conservation Area on January 1, 2012. More than a dozen friends from both fly fishing clubs joined us to try the “Early Morning Gray” one last time.

It would be hard to beat the “Last Sunset Fishing Trip to Scripps Pier” last Wednesday. The surf was up and spectacular. The local

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Last Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure of working with **Jon Holland** and **Bruce Michael** in support of **Larry Sorensen**, who was conducting our new clinic at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Naval Station. It is not really fair to call it "work." We had seven active duty sailors as students. What they lacked in fly fishing experience they more than made up for in enthusiasm. We talked generally about fly fishing and fly fishing gear and will be conducting a fly tying class in April, followed by a casting lesson in May and a local fishing trip in June. I especially want to thank **Johnny Mercado**, supervisor of client relations at Pacific Beacon-Naval Station San Diego, for providing fantastic advertising and a great facility, (including pizza and soft drinks)!

This is my last opportunity to remind you about two April events in particular. **Day at the Docks** will

be held on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Fishermen's Landing. We are still looking for volunteers join us at our booth. We will be greeting the public and talking fly fishing in general and saltwater fly fishing in particular. I have been attending this event for a number of years and I am always amazed at how many new freshwater fly fishers we get from this saltwater event. We are not asking you to commit to tying flies or appearing at a specific time. Simply stop by when convenient for you, swap stories with your fellow Club members and shake a few new hands. This is a great opportunity to meet potential new members!

Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the **Boy Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium**. **Lucky Ketcham** and **Bob Pharoah** are coordinating this event. They will have 112 stations set-up to teach fly tying and knot tying as neces-



sary steps for obtaining the Fly Fishing Merit Badge. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have not volunteered for a SDFF public event to step forward. If you are interested, please contact Lucky or Bob for details. They can explain access to Qualcomm, scheduling, etc. A very worthy cause!

On Tuesday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup>, a number of our members joined **Jim Tenuto** at a somewhat "clandestine" location to begin preparations for the **June Raffle**. You will soon be receiving your official announcement and your first set of raffle tickets. Those of you who have been long-time members know two things. First, the success of this event dictates our financial ability to address our conservation and education missions. Secondly, it's a great night and wonderful opportunity to walk home with fantastic prizes. Last year was the best year ever. Please put June 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar now!

If it sounds like I am preaching involvement, I am. With our wonderful, extended membership, we should be over-subscribed to every one of these events. Let's make that a target.

## **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RETURNS TO SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB**

By Art Reifman

Once again we will be hosting our Annual Fundraiser at the beautiful Southwestern Yacht Club. After the great experience we had last year the board was excited to return to the Yacht Club for our annual raffle and silent auction. On June 4<sup>th</sup> we will have an evening of fun and enjoyment as we raffle off a great selection of prizes including a grand prize of a custom bamboo fly rod crafted by master rod maker **Jon Holland**.

There will be some great trips to be bid on at the silent auction table in addition to another special bamboo rod by Jon and a Hand Carved Fish by 5 Times World Champion Fish Carver **Bob Berry**. Plan not to miss the great night and help us raise monies to fund the clubs conservation efforts.

I look forward to seeing you all there.



## Ideas for Annual Raffle Funds; San Diego River Park Foundation

As you know the funds from our annual raffle are used exclusively for conservation and education programs, such as "Project Healing Waters" and our Golden Trout Wilderness projects. In years past we just donated most of the money to T.U. or Cal Trout, but we have changed that. We want to do as much as we can locally, and we are open to any suggestions the membership at large may have, so get hold of me with your ideas.

For the past few years one of our many local efforts has been to partner with the San Diego River Park Foundation on water conservation and monitoring projects, steelhead restoration (Boulder and Cedar Creeks) and in procuring critical lands to help protect the watershed. I may be one of the few

members that enjoys regularly bass fishing in the lower San Diego River ponds, but this 52 mile long local waterway is important for many other reasons. River Park volunteers have removed 32,610 lbs. of trash since October and most of that would have otherwise flowed into Mission Bay or onto our beaches. Another San Diego River Park Foundation project is the procurement of available properties to reduce residential development in critical areas of the Watershed. This year they were able to leverage donations from San Diego Fly Fishers, other groups and private citizens with grant funding to procure the 156 acre Peutz Creek Preserve between I-8 near Alpine and El Capitan Reservoir. The preserve provides vital habitat for a number of wildlife species and



significant wildlife linkage to Harbison Canyon and points south. It offers stunning views to El Capitan Reservoir and the surrounding landscape. This open land is part of Alpine's heritage. The land also serves to protect water quality of the reservoir, the City of San Diego's largest drinking water reservoir, and provides opportunities for trail connections to the future San Diego River Trail.

The attached photo shows a large plaque on the site giving credit to SDFF and other donors.

We appreciate your support of the annual raffle and welcome your input on future projects.

### Upcoming events:

Thursday April 5, 1 PM special guided tour of the Hubbs/Seaworld Fish Hatchery in Encinitas.

June 21 -24 Golden Trout Wilderness Project.

There is still room on both trips. Respond via my club email address: [conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com)

Tight Lines,  
Gary





## Blacks Beach

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surfers were out in force even trying to ride the small curls. They crashed and burned in the white water. One poor fellow stood along the shore holding two pieces of the new surf board Santa



must have brought him. We had fun hopping the waves, making our casts and trying to stay reasonably dry. The fishing was typical winter slow, a time when there are no large beds of sand crabs to attract fish. Our group caught only a few perch and a Corbina. It was refreshing to feel the salt spray and feel the power of the waves.

The biggest thrill I had was watching Bob Galyean catch and fight this nice California Corbina (*Menticirrhus undulatus*)



*undulatus*) in the surf. That broad tail and strong pectoral fins make for a great fight on a long 9 foot fly rod. It is like catching a torpedo in that fast water. I was lucky enough to be standing near Bob while he was moving up and down the beach fishing a gray/orange clouser. The giant bend in the rod and the rapid tug of the tip told me that it was not a perch or sand shark. Bob had a big smile knowing that this might be the last Corbina (legally caught) at this famous fishing hole. I love Corbina.

I used one of Bernie Fink's red rabbit Clouser surf flies more for tradition than anything else. I like the idea that Bernie would have loved to be fishing with us on this last trip.

After a while, Norman Orida gave me one of his special "Mixed Media" surf flies to see if his magic could bring up the fish count. I fished with a single fly again for the simplicity and reduced chance of snagging floating grasses. [http://www.flyfishohio.com/Mixed\\_Media.htm](http://www.flyfishohio.com/Mixed_Media.htm) (Norman's version had bright red fox or rabbit.)

Steve Piper fished with three flies and gave the perch a choice of sizes and colors. The terminal fly was a large Chartreuse and White Clouser just in case a halibut was

cruising along the shore in the early gray of morning. He caught several perch on smaller cactus chenille surf rat patterns in rootbeer or orange. [http://garybulla.com/surf\\_rat.htm](http://garybulla.com/surf_rat.htm)

Steve's surf and bay rig uses those new Gamakatsu dropper beads on 20 pound line to keep the tags from tangling. [http://www.gamakatsu.com/new\\_products/new\\_dropperbead.htm](http://www.gamakatsu.com/new_products/new_dropperbead.htm) Little overhand stopper knots keep the bead in place on the heavy leader. The clear beads replace the old brass triple swivel. Piper knows all the latest tricks.

Most of the anglers migrated north to see if we could determine where the new boundary of the Marine Preserve would be and if we find a suitable landmark. Norman Orida sent out a note that the big white Razor House, which looks like it should belong to Salk Institute, is close. We can see it from the beach.



**Low Tide at Blacks**  
photo by Tim Hunt

The boundary is just south of that property. There were some good rip tides in this area with some winter scour holes that held

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perch. We have not had enough winter storms to move sand and create structure along the sandy beach. It is always a good sign to have perch bumping against the back of your leg.

This picture made by Steve Piper shows the Razor House under the pink balloon marker and the Marine Preserve Boundary just south under the middle blue balloon.

Members of both GSF and SDFP attending the Last Call Fly Fishing Outings at Blacks and Scripps: Jack Marshall, Jon Hee, Steve Piper, Norman Orida, Tom Beard, Jason Liang, Bob Blazer, Tim Hunt, Wayne Johnson, Gretchen Heffler, Louie Zimm, Mark Turner, Barry Pecharsky, Bruce Michael, Bruce Bechard, Kerrol Beck and Lucky Ketcham, and others. In addition, a few Blacks Beach regulars showed to fish Blacks one last time – Jeff Erkenbeck, Carl Nettleton, and Larry Steinbrecher. At 10:00 AM most of us went to breakfast at the Denny's off Hwy 5 and Via de La Valle. A good time was had by all.



**Wayne Johnson caught his second fish in the surf again today.**



**Bernie's Surf Flies – he loved red/orange rabbit wings for perch, croaker and Corbina. I too love Red.**

Photo and flies by Norb Spitzer



**Surf Rat**

**LK gets advice from Piper and Jon Hee – Woeful Surfer in background with his broken board.**



*David Collins*

## Post Fishing Pictures on SDFP Website

Got any great photos of recent fishing adventures or club events you want to share? Why not post them on the SDFP 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](mailto: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' !!



## Members Fishing Reports

### Big Giant Trevallies (GTs) at Christmas Island

*I just have to forward this great fishing report from **Bill Gibbs** fishing the Christmas Islands with his brother and son. Bill is a member of both GSF and SDFF and a great resource of information. Here I am thinking about catching a few 10 inch spotted bay bass or a carp and Bill is catching fish of a life time.*

*Lucky*

Recent Christmas Trip. My son and brother hit the jackpot. First time bone fishing. Caught lots of bones and trophy GT's. I fished for years before I caught one over 75 lb.



There were 17 hookups on GT's for eight anglers and four landed by the Gibbs' boys. Measured Gt's:

Mark Gibbs - 78 lb

Grey Gibbs - 76 lb

Bill Gibbs - 32 lb & 61 lb and "one sweet lips"

We were the only ones to land any out of 17 hookups due to how I had us rigged up. There were four fly lines busted. Two reels smoked, and many leaders busted. These are real brutes

**Lower Owens, Eastern Sierras-**  
**Gary Strawn** reports on Face Book that the SDFF group had a good time on the Lower Owens and caught some nice fish. We will look

forward to the details of his trip. members were there at the same time and I assume had equal success.

## NOTICE

Just a reminder that our annual membership renewal period is coming to a close. April 30, 2012 is the last day to renew your membership.

You may renew by returning the remittance envelop mailed to you in October or mailing a check to:

San Diego Fly Fishers  
Attn: Membership

Better yet, come to the April meeting and stop by the membership table and renew in person.

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year. Alex will also talk about the different rods, reels, lines, and leaders needed to make your trip a success. Alex will point out how the little things help you to catch Bass or Stripers at Diamond Valley and other Southern California lakes



San Diego-Imperial Council

## Powder Horn 2012

***“If You Build It, They Will Come...”***



**August 31 (6 pm) – September 2, 2012 (6 pm) at Youth Aquatic Center**

**September 14 (6 pm) - 16 (3 pm), 2012 at Mataguay Scout Ranch**

**Both weekends are mandatory to complete the course!**

**Course Fee \$215** (after May 1, 2012, fee increases to \$235)

**Max of 48 participants and 2 participants per unit until May 1, 2012**

Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce male and female Youth Leaders and Scout adults to exciting high adventure possibilities for their units and show how to make them a reality. It uses expert consultants from the community to introduce a wide variety of activity and outing possibilities to the leaders of Venturing Crews and Venture Patrols. Crews are formed from the participants and all are able to experience and learn how to get their home units involved. Some of the course possibilities are kayaking, canoeing, sailing, scuba diving, fishing, expedition planning, GPS navigation, backpacking, first aid, rifle, pistol, shotgun, COPE, living history, Geocaching and a number of other surprises! Don't miss out on the fun! Register NOW!

***“If You Build It, They Will Come....”*** This line from a popular motion picture was chosen to illustrate our desire to help crews build a solid program that will attract a solid membership. Use the resources from the course to build a program and new young leaders will come....

Registration online at [www.sdicbsa.org](http://www.sdicbsa.org) under Training

For questions or further information, contact the Course Director, Kevin Gellenbeck, at

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## ***CABELA's EMBROIDERED CLOTHING***



### ***ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS***

Our Club logo may be applied to clothing items purchased at Cabela's. The process is as follows:

Two logo's are available: (1) A logo with blue lettering for light-colored items (logo no. 30016093) and (2) A logo with gold lettering for dark-colored items (logo no. 30015627).

Embroidered items are all ordered directly through the embroidery department, which can be reached at (877) 892-4424 (telephone), 800-237-4401 (facsimile) or [embroidery@cabelas.com](mailto:embroidery@cabelas.com)

San Diego Fly Fishers' customer number is 40479874. When placing an order, provide this number and the number of the logo which you wish to be applied to your item. Application of the logo is \$5.00 per item. However, please note that buyers will receive a credit from 0 - 10% when ordering embroidered items. By way of example provided by Cabela's, if you order the Bahama II Shirt, the regular price is \$34.95. If you order it embroidered, Cabela's will take 10% off the price, charging you \$31.46 plus the \$5.00 embroidery charge. (Your discount may vary depending on the item you order).

If you are ordering by e-mail or facsimile, do not include a credit card number. For security reasons, Cabela's will call you back for that information.

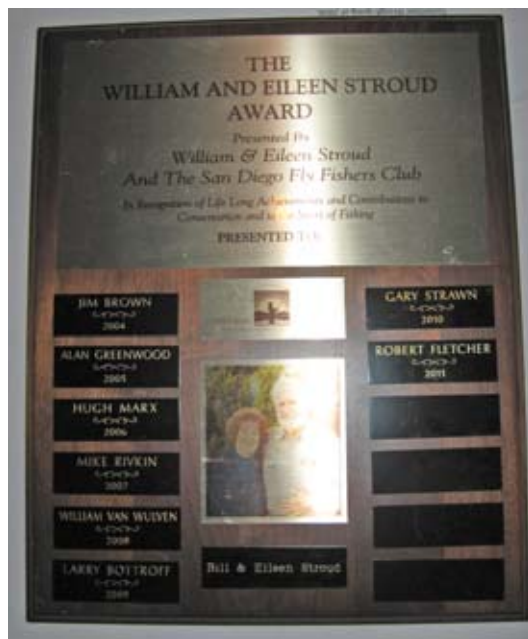
Obviously, the Club assumes no responsibility for your transactions with Cabela's. However, we can relate to you that Cabela's has been most gracious and cooperative in assisting us in this process and your Board would like to get your feedback once you have utilized this service.

Note: Ordering by telephone is by far the easiest way to order. Expect about 15 days for delivery.





Recipients of the  
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 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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Donations are gratefully  
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 Make checks payable to Eileen  
 Stroud Conservation Fund

Mail to:  
 Stroud Conservation Fund  
 1457 Morena Blvd  
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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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Cutoff date for **May FINNY FACTS**  
 articles---**Friday April 13th**

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

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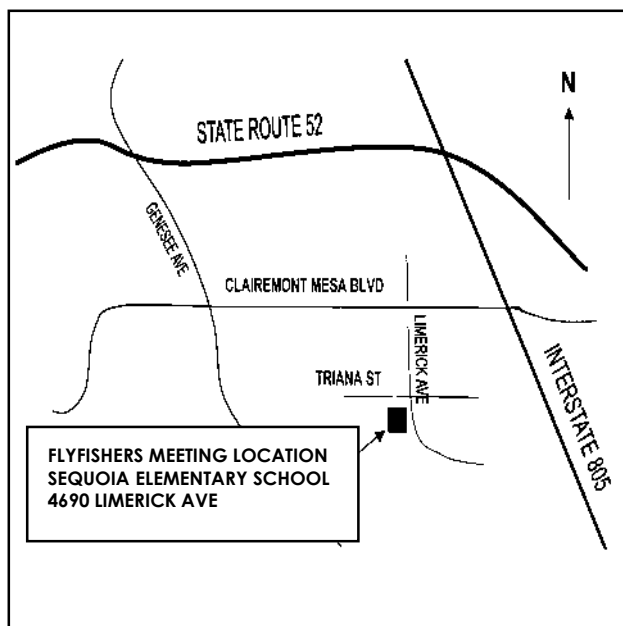
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### Meeting Place for Workshops

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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